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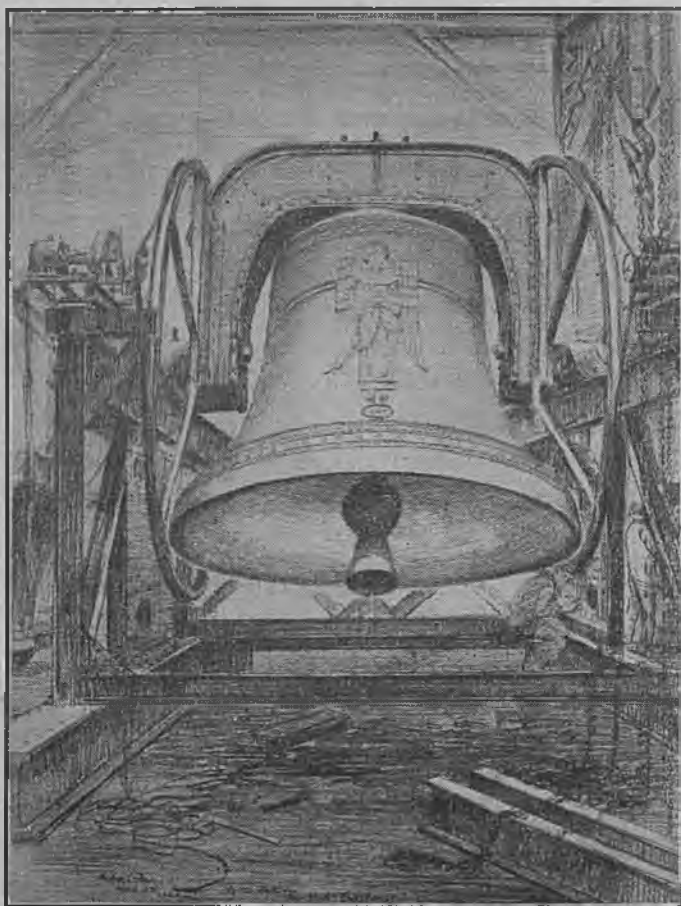
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PROBLEMS OF THE NEW YEAR.

Another year has gone, and ringing associations will be counting up the gains and losses, and balancing the indications of progress against the set-backs. Such stocktaking is, of course, interesting, but it is unprofitable unless the lessons to which it points are taken to heart, and practically applied in the future. The credit items of success should lead to expansion of the same lines of advance; the losses on the debit side should lead to an examination of the causes, and determined effort to counteract them. There is probably no organisation of ringers that can survey the work of the past year and honestly say they are completely satisfied with it. They can see failures as well as successes; links in the chain which have weakened as well as others which have been strengthened. True, perfection is hard to achieve, and disappointments are many, but in carrying on the work of the associations there is a fairly wide margin between present achievement and the complete fulfilment of the highest ambitions of those who have the welfare of the Exercise and the art of ringing closest at heart.

The elevation of bell ringing to its rightful sphere in the service of the church; the promotion of a happier spirit and greater mutual recognition of each other's difficulties between clergy and ringers in many churches; the re-awakening of interest in towers where the bells are now silent or seldom heard for want of men; the kindling of a greater enthusiasm in the art of change ringing among thousands of ringers who are at present content to mark time or even to drift backward and gradually to slip out of the Exercise. These are some of the things to which all those who take their ringing seriously constantly turn their attention and by which they as constantly find themselves baffled. Association officials who appreciate their responsibilities are doing their best, but the great stumbling block is the inertia of such great numbers of the rank and file, some of whom wait for their ringing to be provided for them, while the rest, worse still, do not even take advantage of it when it is offered to them.

It is to these ringers that we would at this time appeal. A little individual effort on the part of everyone would make all the difference to the success of the work of the men, who, year in and year out, devote their time and energies not only to promoting the art of ringing, but in endeavouring to widen the interest of the ringers and the scope of ringing in every tower. If, in this new year, everyone who puts his hand to a rope would also put his shoulder to the wheel of his association's chariot, every organisation would have a vastly different tale to tell in twelve months' time, and the problems which we have enumerated above, and others which we could name, would be in a fair way of eventual solution.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1929, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, REDGLIFFE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

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|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ALFRED E. REEVES Treble | CHARLES R. LILLEY 7 |
| PERCIVAL W. CAVE 2 | WILLIAM KINGHT 8 |
| JESSE GILLET 3 | JOHN A. BURFORD 9 |
| JOHN AUSTIN 4 | WILLIAM A. CAVE 10 |
| RICHARD CLARK 5 | JOSEPH T. DYKE 11 |
| HENRY PRING 6 | URIAH W. BRAVEN Tenor |

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALFRED E. REEVES.
Mr. W. A. Cave has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, December 26, 1929, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

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| FRANK W. PERRINS Treble | JOHN C. ADAMS 7 |
| HERBERT KNIGHT 2 | WILLIAM SAUNDERS 8 |
| JOHN NEAL 3 | EDWARD F. MITCHELL 9 |
| THOMAS H. REEVES 4 | THOMAS J. ELTON 10 |
| CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 5 | JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 11 |
| SIDNEY ELTON 6 | HARRY BOSWELL Tenor |

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by H. KNIGHT.
Rung for the Christmas festival, and as a birthday compliment to C. Wallater.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 28, 1929, in Four Hours and Nine Minutes.

IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER, AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

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| H. LESLIE PASK Treble | HAROLD MARCON 7 |
| REV. H. LAW JAMES 2 | HARRY MORGAN 8 |
| CHARLES MCGUINNESS 3 | JOHN W. WOOD 9 |
| ROBERT RICHARDSON 4 | HAROLD WALKER 10 |
| SIDNEY PROCTOR 5 | JOHN WALDEN 11 |
| FREDERICK W. STOKES 6 | JOHN A. FREEMAN Tenor |

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

First peal on the 12 bells. First peal of Cambridge Maximus by all the band. First peal of Maximus by all but the conductor. The conductor's 200th peal as conductor. All resident members of the Guild.

WALSALL.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 28, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

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| JOSEPH FIGOTT Treble | ROBERT PICKERING 7 |
| HERBERT KNIGHT 2 | JOHN C. ADAMS 8 |
| SIDNEY ELTON 3 | JOHN PERRY 9 |
| *EDGAR T. SMITH 4 | *GILBERT HARDING 10 |
| JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 5 | FRANK W. PERRINS 11 |
| CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 6 | *THOMAS HILL Tenor |

Composed by F. W. PERRINS.

Conducted by H. KNIGHT.

* First peal of Cinques. First peal of Cinques on the bells. The band wish to associate with this peal the name of Mr. T. J. Elton, who was to have called the peal, but was prevented from taking part on account of business pressure at the last moment. The ringers of 3rd, 4th, 8th, 10th and tenor belong to the local band.

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On Saturday, December 28, 1929, in Three Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

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|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| ALBERT WALKER Treble | FRANK E. PERVIN 7 |
| GEORGE R. PYE 2 | WILLIAM A. CAVE 8 |
| ALFRED E. REEVES 3 | JOSEPH T. DYKE 9 |
| CHARLES T. COLES 4 | JAMES BENNETT 10 |
| ALBERT W. COLES 5 | EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 11 |
| SIDNEY T. HOLT 6 | WILLIAM PYE Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal of Cambridge Maximus on the bells. The band desire to record their sincere thanks to Mr. William T. Pates for obtaining permission for this peal to be rung, and for having everything in readiness.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

On Saturday, December 28, 1929, in Three Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVICOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

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| CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble | FRANK BOREHAM 7 |
| MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE 2 | GEORGE MARTIN 8 |
| ROBERT W. GREEN 3 | F. DONALD BOREHAM 9 |
| EDWIN F. PIKE 4 | ALBERT C. DARNELL 10 |
| GEORGE W. FAULKNER 5 | ERNEST BRETT 11 |
| JOSEPH S. HAWKINS 6 | JAMES BULLOCK Tenor |

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by J. BULLOCK.

TEN BELL PEALS.

ST. HELENS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6019 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

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|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| LESTER L. GRAY Treble | THOMAS W. GILMOUR 6 |
| THOMAS HAMMOND 2 | CLAUDE I. DAVIES 7 |
| GEORGE R. NEWION 3 | HERBERT LUDKIN 8 |
| ERNEST JONES 4 | EDWARD CAUNCE 9 |
| JAMES W. GROUNDS 5 | *G. RONALD EDWARDS Tenor |

Composed by G. T. DALTRY. Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON

* First peal on ten bells. This is the first peal on the bells for 37 years. They were then in the tower of St. Peter's Church, Liverpool. The band would like to thank the church authorities at St. Helen's for so kindly allowing them to attempt the peal.

ROCHESTER, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| WILLIAM HAIGH Treble | JOHN T. KENTISH 6 |
| GEORGE R. PYE 2 | ERNEST BRETT 7 |
| *WILLIAM H. HEWETT 3 | JAMES E. DAVIS 8 |
| FREDERICK PIKE 4 | HERBERT E. ADDSLEY 9 |
| CHARLES W. ROBERTS 5 | THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE Tenor |

Composed by FREDK. DENGH. Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

* 350th peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

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| JOSIAH D. HARRIS Treble | HENRY J. TUCKER 6 |
| KENNETH SNELLING 2 | ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 7 |
| NELSON ELLIOTT 3 | RICHARD J. STONE 8 |
| JOHN W. STEDDY 4 | EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. 9 |
| JACK M. CRIPPS 5 | FREDERICK W. ROGERS Tenor |

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1929, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

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|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| FRANK LAWRENCE Treble | WILLIAM LEWIS 6 |
| SIDNEY T. HOLT 2 | WILLIAM RANFORD 7 |
| GORDON W. CHECKETTS 3 | WILLIAM C. JONES 8 |
| ROBERT G. KNOWLES 4 | CYRIL TANSSELL 9 |
| WILLIAM PAGE 5 | CHARLES CANN Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT

First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal by all, and rung as the annual peal for the association, the arrangements being made by the Ringing Master, Mr. R. G. Knowles. First peal by W. Page for over six years.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, December 27, 1929, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE BELL TOWER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 31½ cwt.

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| WILLIAM SHORT Treble | FREDERICK J. JOHNSON 6 |
| JAMES HEMMING 2 | GEOFFREY J. HEMMING 7 |
| JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 3 | HECTOR G. BIRD 8 |
| JOHN HALL 4 | ROBERT MATTHEWS 9 |
| CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 5 | JAMES GEORGE Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by W. SHORT.

NEWPORT, MON.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PRO-CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLOS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5076 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in D.

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| GEORGE POPNELL Treble | FRANK ROWSELL 6 |
| *JAMES W. PIKE 2 | REGINALD LEWIS 7 |
| CHARLES GREEDY 3 | GEORGE COOKE 8 |
| PERCY JONES 4 | ALBERT J. PITMAN 9 |
| †ROYDEN DAVIES 5 | WILLIAM PHILLIPS Tenor |

Composed by J. HOLT.

Conducted by CHARLES GREEDY.

* 50th peal. † First peal of Caters. Arranged for F. Rowell, who is leaving for Yeovil.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, December 18, 1929, in Three Hours and Two-and-a-Half 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.

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| *J. HENRY POLFORD Treble | JOHN BREESE 5 |
| DAVID HUGHES 2 | JOHN HUGHES 6 |
| *WILLIAM JAGO 3 | FRANK WINSTANLEY 7 |
| *JOHN H. DODD 4 | JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor |

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal of Treble Bob and first attempt. † First peal away from the treble. This peal was rung as a welcome to the Rev. H. R. Tomlinson, late Rector of Naborough, Leicester, on the eve of his institution and induction as Vicar of St. Mary's, Liscard. All the above are regular Sunday service ringers at the church, and this is the first eight-bell peal to be rung in Wirral by a band all of whom are regular Sunday ringers at the same church.

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On Saturday, December 21, 1929, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

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| WILLIAM BACON 2 | * WILLIAM PERRY 5 |
| GEORGE E. WILSON 2 | † ALBERT NORTH 6 |
| WILLIAM DUDLEY 3 | STANLEY W. BAYBUT 7 |
| HENRY T. WILSON 4 | GORDON A. BACON Tenor |

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by H. T. WILSON.

* First peal. † First peal of Kent.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 21, 1929, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

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|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... Treble | WILLIAM SHARPLES 5 |
| * ARTHUR HAGGE 2 | FREDERICK HARWOOD 6 |
| * CHARLES SHARPLES 3 | JOHN THOMAS MILLER 7 |
| JAMES MILLER 4 | E. ROGER MARTIN Tenor |

Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. T. Miller, and Mr. A. Knight, of Chesterfield.

CLEVEDON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 21, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| * WILLIAM H. CROCKER ... Treble | JOSEPH T. DYKE 5 |
| ALBERT STOWELL 2 | WILLIAM A. CAVE 6 |
| MISS N. G. WILLIAMS 3 | WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT 7 |
| RICHARD CLARK 4 | GILBERT H. HARDING ... Tenor |

Conducted by G. H. HARDING.

* First peal in the method.

It is sad to record that since this peal was rung, Albert Stowell has died. R.I.P.

CAERPHILLY, GLAM.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 21, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 lb.

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|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| CYRIL DAVIES Treble | * PERCY JONES 5 |
| GEORGE COOKE 2 | † GEORGE POPNELL 6 |
| WILLIAM PIKE 3 | ALBAN E. SLATTER 7 |
| ALBERT ADDICOTT 4 | THOMAS LOVE Tenor |

Conducted by A. E. SLATTER.

* 50th peal. † 100th peal. Rung to commemorate the jubilee of the church.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 21, 1929, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

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| * J. H. R. FREEBORN ... Treble | HENRY HODGETTS 5 |
| GEORGE M. KILBY 2 | * HAROLD G. CASHMORE 6 |
| PHYLLIS M. MAYNE 3 | CECIL C. MAYNE 7 |
| * STEPHEN H. HOARE 4 | MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... Tenor |

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by C. C. MAYNE.

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

SUNBURY, MIDDLESEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 21, 1929, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

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| CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... Treble | MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... 5 |
| HERBERT LANGDON 2 | ALAN R. MACDONALD 6 |
| CHARLES J. CHOOT 3 | WILLIAM T. COCKERILL ... 7 |
| WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 4 | JOSEPH S. HAWKINS Tenor |

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

Rung on the Feast of St. Thomas.

OTLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 21, 1929, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

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| FREDERICK W. DIXON ... Treble | EDWARD JENKINS 5 |
| THOMAS B. KENDALL 2 | ALBERT J. HUGHES 6 |
| JOSEPH BROADLEY 3 | WILLIAM HORAN 7 |
| WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 4 | LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... Tenor |

Composed by C. H. KIPPEN. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

Specially arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. Jenkins.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 21, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, BLOOMSBURY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S

Tenor 18 cwt.

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| ERNEST J. BUTLER ... Treble | * JOHN H. CRAMPION 5 |
| ERNEST BRETT 2 | ERNEST W. FURBANK 6 |
| GEORGE R. PYE 3 | ALBERT W. COLES 7 |
| JAMES E. DAVIS 4 | WILLIAM PYE Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First Surprise peal. Rung to celebrate the induction of the Rev. Albert Henry Lloyd, C.B.E.

REBINGTON, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 21, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| CLAUDE I. DAVIES ... Treble | EDWARD CAUNCE 5 |
| ERNEST JONES 2 | LESTER L. GRAY 6 |
| THOMAS HAMMOND 3 | PERCIVAL W. CAVE 7 |
| * G. RONALD EDWARDS ... 4 | * JOHN BROWN Tenor |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 21, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

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| EDGAR HUMFREY ... Treble | FREDERICK A. EDWARDS ... 5 |
| CHARLES T. COLES 2 | HARRY KILBY 6 |
| * NORMAN W. GENNA 3 | GEORGE A. HUGHES 7 |
| ROY WILKINSON 4 | CHARLES DYKE Tenor |

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

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. Rung as a compliment to the Rector (Rev. W. A. Hewett) on the 5th anniversary of his induction, and to whom, with Mrs. Hewett, the ringers are grateful for their hospitality.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 21, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 10 cwt.

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|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| JOSEPH W. COTTON Treble | CHARLES DRAPER 5 |
| JOHN H. SWINFELD 2 | JAMES GEORGE 5 |
| JOSEPH BAILEY 3 | E. HARRY STONELEY 7 |
| ERNEST W. BRADSMORE 4 | JOHN CURTIS Tenor |

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

Rung on the Festival of St. Thomas, Apostle and Martyr, also as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. W. Worthington, and as a birthday peal for the treble ringer.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 21, 1929, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

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|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| WILLIAM H. COLES Treble | * WILLIAM G. GIGG 5 |
| ALFRED J. WYATT 2 | PERCY MERSON 6 |
| * ARTHUR H. REED 3 | S. GEORGE COLES 7 |
| DAVID G. TAYLOR 4 | JAMES HUNT Tenor |

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

* First peal of Major, also on the bells.

DESBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 21, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

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|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| * ROBERT G. BLACK Treble | JOHN R. MAIN 5 |
| * GEORGE WARREN 2 | * HARRY WARRAN 6 |
| * ROBERT F. TURNER 3 | * CHARLES W. BIRD 7 |
| GEORGE BASFORD 4 | * FREDERICK J. TITE Tenor |

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Oxford on the bells, and the first ever rung in the Kettering Branch.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 21, 1929, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

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| A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS Treble | JOHN THORPE 5 |
| ARTHUR KNIGHTS 2 | * RONALD E. JOHNSON 6 |
| * ALBERT SMITHSON 3 | * ERNEST A. THORPE 7 |
| WILLIAM A. WOOLER 4 | SIDNEY F. PALMER Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

* First peal of Oxford. Rung after meeting short for 5,070 Stedman Caters to commemorate the conductor's 70th birthday, which occurred on December 17th; also the birthdays of Messrs. J. Thorpe and M. E. Wilson, of the Cathedral company, which occurred on December 20th.

BOWNESS, WESTMORLAND.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 26, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE WINDERMERE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| WILLIAM ROBINSON Treble | THOMAS S. JEFFERSON 5 |
| EDWIN JENNINGS 2 | JIM TEBAY 6 |
| * HECTOR T. WOODBURN 3 | FRANK WILSON 7 |
| * GERALD A. SUTTON 4 | * HUBERT RICHARDSON Tenor |

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. The ringers of the 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and tenor are Sunday service ringers, and it was their first attempt for a peal of Triples. The band were kindly entertained to tea after the peal by Mr. J. Tebay, captain of the local company.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ST. NICOLAS' SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, December 24, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

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| ERNEST DUMPER Treble | * JOHN R. RODWELL 5 |
| GEORGE WILLIAMS 2 | D. CECIL WILLIAMS 6 |
| WILLIAM T. TUCKER 3 | OWEN H. GILES 7 |
| CHARLES J. FRAY 4 | † JOHN L. DACOMBE Tenor |

Conducted by D. CECIL WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. E. Brown with Miss Doris M. Tucker (only daughter of the ringer of the 3rd), which was solemnised earlier in the day at the Parish Church, Eastleigh.

DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On St. Stephen's Day, December 26, 1929, in Three Hours,
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

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| GEORGE H. SENTANCE Treble | * CHARLES E. KING 5 |
| BERT F. CALCOTT 2 | GEORGE W. HELEY 6 |
| * GEORGE W. HARRIS 3 | ALBERT G. MATTHEWS 7 |
| * EDWARD B. CHAPPELL 4 | ARTHUR E. SHARMAN Tenor |

Composed by the late E. WIGHTMAN. Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN.

* First peal in the method. The above are all service ringers in this tower.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 26, 1929, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

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| WILLIAM G. THORPE Treble | C. FERGUSON HOWITT 5 |
| ARTHUR MACKEARS 2 | SIDNEY PROCTOR 6 |
| HARRY THORPE 3 | THOMAS H. HALL 7 |
| ARTHUR W. WARD 4 | HENRY SQUIRES Tenor |

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 26, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt.

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| WALTER J. SIMONS Treble | JOHN E. ROOTES 5 |
| THOMAS NORRIS 2 | FREDERICK EDWARDS 6 |
| EDWARD ASHEY 3 | GEORGE A. HUGHES 7 |
| CHARLES COOK 4 | HENRY J. COCHRAN Tenor |

Conducted by FREDERICK EDWARDS.

The ringer of the 2nd was elected a member of the association before starting the peal.

ADDERBURY, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 26, 1929, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt. 14 lb.

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| GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. Treble | JOHN SIMON 5 |
| RUPERT R. LEWIS 2 | HERBERT IMPRY 6 |
| WILLIAM TANDY 3 | GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. 7 |
| MAURICE SMITH 4 | THOMAS IMPRY Tenor |

Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, JUN.

First peal of Grandsire on the bells.

FOLKINGHAM, Lincs.—On Thursday, December 19th, at St. Andrew's Church, 720 Single Court: N. Sharpe 1, P. Humphrey (first 720 in the method) 2, L. Pell 3, A. King 4, C. T. H. Bradley (conductor) 5, C. Wilkinson (first in the method) 6.

MARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| HARRY BAKER Treble | THOMAS E. SONE 5 |
| MRS. H. BAKER 2 | ALEXANDER WADDINGTON ... 6 |
| TOM SAUNDERS 3 | CHARLES W. PLAYER 7 |
| WILLIAM E. PITMAN 4 | ALBERT RELFE Tenor |

Composed by WILLIAM HARRISON. Conducted by ALBERT RELFE

TONBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

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| EDWIN G. BOESDEN Treble | WILLIAM STEED 5 |
| REGINALD E. LAMBERT 2 | WILLIAM BIGNELL 6 |
| ROBERT S. LAMBERT 3 | HARRY PARKES 7 |
| FREDERICK G. BRETT 4 | FREDK. J. LAMBERT, SEN. Tenor |

Conducted by EDWIN G. BOESDEN.

* Fiftieth peal of Stedman Triples. Rung as a farewell to Mr. L. E. East, of the local band.

BREWOOD, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Friday, December 27, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CHAD,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. in E flat.

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| * FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... Treble | HERBERT KNIGHT 5 |
| ROBERT PICKERING 2 | SIDNEY ELTON 6 |
| CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 3 | JOHN PERRY 7 |
| FRANK W. PERRINS 4 | JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor |

Composed by J. S. WILDE (No. 8). Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON
* First peal in any Surprise method. Before and after the peal the band were hospitably entertained by Mr. and Mrs. J. Perry. First peal of New Cambridge by all except the ringer of the 4th, and first for the society.

EXETER, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Friday, December 27, 1929, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

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| * EVERED DAVENPORT ... Treble | REV. E. S. POWELL 5 |
| * MISS J. DAVENPORT 2 | WILLIAM S. LETHBRIDGE ... 6 |
| JOHN ARBURY 3 | FRANK J. DAVEY 7 |
| MRS. E. S. POWELL 4 | † ALBERT WEBBER Tenor |

Conducted by W. S. LETHERIDGE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Triples. A birthday compliment to Mr. C. Carter, a member of the above tower, who was 82 on this date.

RADCLIFFE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5162 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

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| WILLIAM BIBBY Treble | JAMES H. RIDING 5 |
| ALBERT J. HUGHES 2 | WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6 |
| THOMAS WALLWORK 3 | THOMAS B. WORSLEY 7 |
| ROBERT WALLWORK 4 | EDWARD JENKINS Tenor |

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal of London on the bells. In this composition, now rung for the first time, the 2nd never dodges with the tenor in 7-8, and is to be the first ever composed with these qualities.

CHRISTMAS PEALS.

So many peals were rung during the Christmas holidays that we are unable to find room for the reports of them all in this issue, and a large number are consequently held over.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WINKFIELD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 16, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in E.

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| * WILLIAM E. TAYLOR ... Treble | * LEONARD STILWELL 4 |
| * MISS STELLA DAVIS 2 | WILLIAM HENLEY 5 |
| GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 3 | GEORGE GILBERT Tenor |

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal in more than three methods. First peal of Minor on the bells.

OFFENHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 21, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MILBURG,

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 12 cwt.

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| JOHN C. PERKINS Treble | JAMES HEMMING 4 |
| JOHN HALL 2 | RAYMOND JELFS 5 |
| JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 3 | GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... Tenor |

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.

First peal of Minor as conductor.

BLACKWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 24, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 1,440 changes of St. Simon's, 2,400 of Grandsire, 1,200 of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

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| ARTHUR SMITHSON ... Treble | HUBERT BAILEY 3 |
| BERNARD BAILEY 2 | ERNEST MALLENDER 4 |
| FRED W. KNOWLES Tenor | |

Conducted by FRED W. KNOWLES.

HORBLING, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 26, 1929, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Primrose Surprise, London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double and Single Court. Tenor 9 cwt.

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| CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY Treble | JAMES OSBORN 4 |
| JOHN W. LAKE 2 | ALBERT S. ALLEN 5 |
| * HORACE M. DAY 3 | JOSEPH O. LANDON Tenor |

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* 100th peal. First peal on the bells, which have lately been recast, rehung, and augmented to six, by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and are now an excellent ring.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 26, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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 10 cwt.

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| WILLIAM ROSE Treble | ERNEST WAKELING 4 |
| MISS KATHLEEN JUTSON ... 2 | WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... 5 |
| JOHN J. JUTSON 3 | FRANK ROWLINSON Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Grace Rowlinson, youngest daughter of the ringer of the tenor, and also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Dale, mother-in-law of the ringer of the 4th.

ELLAND, YORKS.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's.

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| JACK HALLOS Treble | HERBERT KENT 4 |
| WILFRID AINLEY 2 | WALTER AINLEY 3 |
| ARTHUR BENTLEY 3 | HARRY MITCHELL Tenor |

Conducted by WILFRID AINLEY.

First peal by all the band, who are all Sunday service ringers at the above church.

SOMERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two six-scores, ten different callings.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in G.

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| *HENRY FAULKNER Treble | GEORGE GEARY 3 |
| JOSEPH NORTON 2 | RONALD RUSSELL 4 |
| NORMAN GEARY 3 | Tenor |

Conducted by G. GEARY.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEAL.

WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 20, 1929, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT 20, BEDFORD STREET,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by E. J. HOBBS.

First peal in the method by all the band. The conductor's 100th peal for the Bedfordshire Association.

CHRISTMAS BELLS

WOODCHURCH, CHESHIRE.—On Christmas Day, at the Parish Church, 720 of Plain Bob Minor: E. Lee 1, J. Lee (conductor) 2, J. Johnson 3, R. Bennett 4, F. Martin 5, W. Bennett 6.

HYTHE, KENT.—At St. Leonard's Church, for 6 a.m. Communion service, on Christmas Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins.: W. J. Prebble 1, A. Swan 2, W. Bidnell (conductor) 3, W. J. Bidnell 4, W. Fright 5, R. J. Birch 6, S. A. Gower 7, P. Cooper (first quarter-peal) 8.

STAFFORD.—At St. Mary's Church, on Christmas Eve, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: W. Cowen (first quarter) 1, F. Wiggin 2, R. Warrilow 3, J. Warrilow 4, W. G. Curtis 5, F. V. Haggis 6, W. H. Jones (conductor) 7, Z. Baker 8.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Christmas Day, before morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: A. H. Stebbings 1, S. Bignmore 2, H. Stebbings 3, W. G. Gridley 4, H. S. Barker (conductor) 5, E. Howard 6. First quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles on the bells by a local band.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.—At the Parish Church, on Christmas morning for the eight o'clock Celebration, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: W. Smoothey 1, L. Lilley 2, L. Flitton 3, E. Flitton 4, P. Webb (conductor) 5, R. Clements 6, G. Lilley 7, A. Lilley 8. This composition was picked in the trenches in Flanders by the late A. P. Wakeley.

NEWMARKET.—At St. Mary's Church, on Christmas Day, for morning service, 720 changes of Bob Minor: Mrs. L. Warner 1, R. Heath 2, O. A. Moody 3, A.-A. M. White (R.A.F.) 4, L. Warner (conductor) 5, R. C. Sharpe 6.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Christmas Day, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: F. Stubbs 1, H. Copperwheat 2, W. Whitmore 3, F. Kirk, sen., 4, E. Whitmore 5, H. Sharman 6, F. Kirk, jun. (conductor) 7, C. Whitney (longest length) 8.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Christmas Day, at the Church of St. Bartholomew (the old church), a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: Wm. Dowler 1, J. F. Atkins 2, H. Withers 3, W. Mumford 4, Geo. Pigott 5, E. Boylin 6, Wm. R. Cartwright (conductor) 7, T. Russell 8.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—At the Church of St. Denys, on December 24th, Christmas Eve, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): R. Webb (first quarter) 1, E. C. Marlow (first quarter inside) 2, W. A. Chatfield (conductor) 3, E. F. White 4, E. F. Marlow 5, T. Button (first quarter) 6.

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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 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.

A postal subscriber to 'The Ringing World,' writing in appreciation of the promptness in dispatch, adds, 'One looks for the "R.W." with as much certainty as one looks for the sunrise in the morning.' Those who have difficulty in obtaining 'The Ringing World' promptly and punctually should take the hint and have it sent direct by post.

The first peal on the twelve bells at Lincoln Cathedral was rung on Saturday, and was a noteworthy performance. Under the conductorship of the Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, a Lincolnshire band rang their first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. In the one or two previous attempts that had been made, success eluded the band after it had appeared within grasp.

The peal of Bob Major at Tipton on Saturday was rung as a mark of appreciation to Mr. Alfred Rowley, a prominent member of the Stafford Society, who has completed thirty years' service as a ringer at the 'Pepperbox,' and during the last few years has been Ringing Master and towerkeeper. Mr. Rowley, who is an employee of the Birmingham Canal Company, has recently been transferred from Tipton to Brierley Hill. His duties at the latter place compel him also to reside in that district. The band who rang the peal extend their best wishes to Mr. Rowley in his new abode.

Ring conditions at Folkeham, Lincs, have been greatly improved by the addition of an extra floor.

Mr. John Cobbe Pitman, son of Mr. W. E. Pitman, Mus.Bac., organist of St. Gregory's, Canterbury, and well known in Kent ringing circles, has been ordained deacon at Lichfield Cathedral, and been licensed to the curacy of Hednesford, Staffordshire.

The first time that Bow tenor was turned-in to a peal of Treble Bob Royal was on January 3rd, 1803, when it was rung by James Malton.

On January 4th, 1784, 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 at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields was rung on January 6th, 1785, by the Ancient Society of College Youths.

Henry Johnson, the famous old Birmingham composer and ringer, died at Aston on January 7th, 1890. January 5th is the anniversary of the death of another notable Birmingham ringer, Tom Reynolds, who died in the year 1912.

Alf Grimes, of London, who made a personal record in peal ringing, by scoring exactly 250 in two years, died on January 5th, 1917.

The first peal on the bells at Cirencester, which, as mentioned last week, have the longest unbroken history as a ring of twelve in the provinces, was rung by the College Youths on January 7th, 1767. This was a peal of Grandsire Cinques.

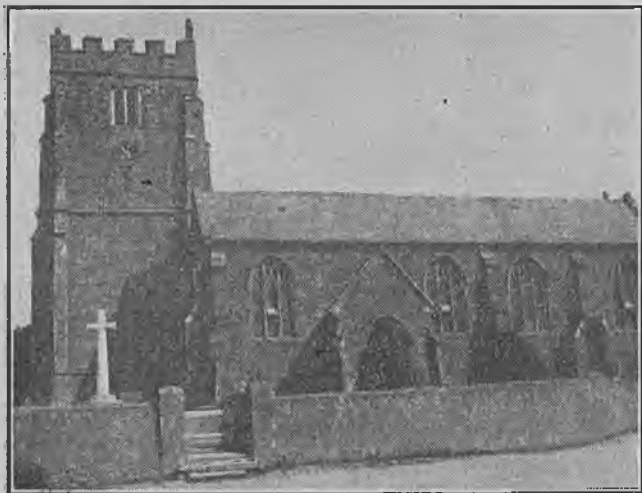
THE BERKSHIRE 12-BELL FUND.

This fund is now closed. There are one or two small amounts promised, which will be gratefully acknowledged, and a final list of subscribers will be printed as soon as these are in hand. With heartfelt gratitude,

(REV.) G. W. O. JENKYN.
RICHARD T. HIBBERT.

A DEVON RESTORATION. WHIMPLE BELLS REDEDICATED.

The rededication of the ring of six bells at Whimble, Devon, took place on Saturday week, and great interest was displayed in the event, both by parishioners and by members of the Devon Guild of Ringers. It was the consummation of several years of earnest effort, particularly on the part of Miss E. Lomas, who is hon. secretary of the Exeter Branch of the Devon Guild, and who has acted as hon. secretary of the Bells Restoration Committee. The bells had not been rung for several years before 1924, but in that year Miss Lomas started a ladies' band of ringers in the village. But their efforts were handicapped by the fact that the bells were badly in need of repair. Instructors of the Devon Guild, who went to the help of the ladies, urged the necessity of a rehanging scheme. Miss Lomas approached the Church Council on the matter, and obtained its consent to getting estimates for the work. A committee of three members of the Church Council was then formed; of this Miss Lomas is now the only representative, one member being deceased, and another having removed from the parish. The amount of the estimates caused a good deal of scepticism on the part of the Church Council, and, indeed, the whole parish, concerning the possibility of raising enough money. However, a fund was started with moneys from jumble sales organised by Miss Lomas and her family, assisted by friends. Early in 1928 the Church Council definitely undertook responsibility for the scheme. A committee, comprising 30 members, was formed, and the money required was eventually raised, from subscriptions, sales of work, fetes, etc., while members of the Devon Guild contributed £22. The total cost of the work has been £306, and it has been carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co. with their customary efficiency. An entirely new steel frame, carried on girders,



WHIMPLE PARISH CHURCH.

has been provided, the old fourth, which was badly out of tune, has been recast, and the others tuned. The ring has been rehung in new fittings, and Whimble has now a greatly improved peal of bells. Of the original six bells, the back four were mediæval, although their actual date was unknown. At first it was hoped to save the fourth, but eventually it had to be recast on account of the additional expense which would have been involved by the provision of a new bell. The trebles were cast in 1886.

Sir Henry Imbert-Terry, who has associations with the parish, put forward a proposal whereby Whimble might have acquired eight bells that were given by members of his family to a London church that has been scheduled for demolition, but the difficulties and delays were regarded as almost insuperable.

There was a large attendance at the special service of dedication which was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. A. Jullian). The other clergy present were the Dean of Exeter (Dr. Gamble), the Rev. E. S. Powell (president of the Devon Guild), the Revs. E. V. Cox (chairman of the Exeter District of the Guild), T. Caldwell (Rockbeare), and J. F. Prowse (Luppitt). The processional hymn, 'Angel voices ever singing,' was followed by the 84th Psalm. The lessons were read by the Revs. E. V. Cox and E. S. Powell. The Dean, clergy, and choir proceeded to the ringing chamber, where the Dean, at the invitation of the churchwardens (Messrs. F. W. Dyer and G. M. Steuart), rededicated the bells, and some rounds were rung by local ringers—Misses R. Manley and E. Lomas, Messrs. S. Please, F. Coleman, G. Hamilton, and J. Coleman. A few more prayers were succeeded by the hymn, 'Lift them proudly to the

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TRAGIC SEQUEL TO A PEAL AT BRISTOL.

SAD DEATH OF MR. ALBERT STOWELL.

Eleven of the hand which took part in the peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, on Boxing Day, mustered at the appointed time, 11 a.m., and waited for the 12th man (Mr. Albert Stowell) to turn up. As the minutes passed without any sign of the missing man, speculation was rife as to the reason for his non-appearance, and eventually, after waiting half an hour, Mr. Jesse Gillett, who had come over from Gloucester specially to listen to the ringing, was asked to fill the vacant place.

Little did the ringers dream that they would never again see the fellow-ringer for whom they had waited, as he was then lying seriously ill in hospital, within sound of Redcliffe bells, and an operation, which took place the following day, unfortunately proved unavailing.

Only on the preceding Saturday Mr. Stowell took part in a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Clevedon with some of the members of the Cinques band. He was taken ill after raising the bells at Brislington Church on Christmas Eve, in preparation for Christmas Day. His immediate removal to hospital was necessary, but despite all that could be done he succumbed. The news of his death came as a very great shock to his colleagues.

Mr. Stowell was a member of Brislington tower, and he will be sadly missed by all who knew him, as his was a most pleasing personality. He leaves with his friends many happy recollections of hours spent in his company, in and out of the belfry, and of his delightful rendering of tales in the Somersetshire dialect, including his most famous 'Ben and the Butter.'

A relative of Mr. Stowell acted in the capacity of substitute for the Christmas Day ringing at Brislington, and the rope of the bell which he rang broke at almost the first pull. This is, to say the least of it, a very tragic coincidence.

A REGISTER OF COMPOSITIONS WANTED.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Your leader in this week's issue (December 20th) is exactly my hackney, which I have periodically trotted out, both by letters to your valuable paper publicly and by writing to individuals.

There appear to be too many budding composers to-day, having no register to refer to, working upon lines already exhausted, say, half a century ago or more.

It will be a pity if the names of the pioneer composers of our Exercise should be lost sight of. As previously mentioned, I am a firm believer in 'honour to whom honour is due.'

Admittedly, this is a difficult question, but the sooner the Central Council tackle it the better.—Yours truly,

G. E. SYMONDS.

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belfry.' Then an address was given by the Dean, and the service concluded with the hymn 'Now thank we all our God.'

The Dean, taking as his text the words 'Praise Him upon the well-tuned cymbals, praise Him upon the loud cymbals,' said cymbals seemed to more nearly resemble bells than any other kind of musical instrument, and they were used in the old days in Egypt to call people to services. He traced the connection of bells with the Church and the many uses to which bells were put. It would, he said, be a thousand pities if bell ringing ceased through carelessness or laziness. Happily, of late years there had been a considerable revival of ringing in Devon. The Cathedral had been presented with two new bells, making a peal of twelve, and many parishes had had rehanging or increase of bells. Ringing was not only an art or amusement, but a religious exercise.

Tea was arranged at the Victory Hall by lady members of the Church Council. A large number attended. The Rector, in welcoming the visitors, said how grateful the parishioners were to all who had helped, and how pleased they were to see so many present.

Mr. F. W. Dyer (Rector's warden) expressed the thanks of the parish to the Devon Guild of Ringers for help and support. He pointed out that bellringers, perhaps beyond any other church-workers, had the non-parochial mind which led them to render help outside their own towers, and from which Whimble had benefited so much. He also spoke of the debt due to Miss Lomas, the bell fund secretary, who had brought about a revival of interest in bellringing in the parish.

Miss Lomas suitably replied, and the Rev. E. S. Powell, on behalf of the Guild, expressed the pleasure all felt that day at the completion of the scheme and the great improvement in the bells. The Rector closed with further thanks to those, including Mr. and Mrs. Lomas and Mrs. Phillips-Browne, who had been mainly instrumental in raising the funds for the work.

During the evening the bells were rung by a large number of hands, including representatives from Winsford, Littleham, Luppitt, Newton St. Cyres, St. Sidwell's and St. David's (Exeter), Heavitree, Kenn, Thorverton, Glast St. George, Ottery St. Mary, Talaton, and Rockbeare. All expressed themselves pleased with the 'go' of the bells.

THE RINGERS' DIRECTORY.

NEW EDITION OF A USEFUL PUBLICATION.

The second edition of the 'Directory of Church Bellringers' has been issued by the Bristol United Ringing Guilds. It is nearly treble the size of the first edition, and it is certainly more than three times as useful.

The alphabetical list of ringers has expanded to twice its previous length—a practical testimony to the value which ringers place upon this work. The classification under associations, which is by no means a simple task in the existing conditions of overlapping among many ringing organisations, has been revised, and in its present arrangement is a considerable improvement upon the former publication, in which the names were arranged under geographical divisions. In a great many cases the number of bells, the weight of the tenor and the name of the tower secretary is given, thus providing a most useful means of reference for a ringer desirous of visiting any place outside his own area. The names of association officials are also given, and in many cases those of the district officials as well, so that the Directory is growing into the complete work of reference which the promoters desire to make it.

A new section gives the numbers of rings of bells in the areas of the various associations, so far as it has been possible to compile them from official returns available. These returns are not quite complete, but so far as they have been compiled it is interesting to learn that there are nearly 3,500 rings of bells, from 5 to 12, coming within the influence of the recognised associations. Accurate statistics of this kind are very difficult to obtain, but with the assistance of association officials doubtless this interesting table will eventually provide us with reliable information.

In the early stages of a venture such as this, many difficulties have to be faced, and while it may be easy to suggest further improvements, it must be recognised that the compilers have placed ringers under a debt of gratitude for the way they have placed the Directory before the Exercise. They are most anxious that the publication should be not only reliable but as comprehensive as possible, and ringers themselves can make it so by giving the venture the support which it deserves.

The Bristol United Guilds Committee, in their preface, ask subscribers to visualise the vast amount of work and time given by six members of the United Guilds to compile the work, and the untiring efforts of the whole committee to bring out a book that must of necessity be extremely useful. We doubt, however, if anyone except those who have applied themselves to the task, will fully realise all that the publication has meant to those who have carried out the task. When the scheme for a Directory was initiated, it was started with a feeling of optimism, and that optimism, we are sure, was not misplaced. The Directory fulfils a most useful purpose, and, with each succeeding edition, will grow more and more indispensable.

Subscribers to the Directory receive a free copy, others can obtain one for a shilling, and no ringer ought to be without a copy. It can be obtained from Mr. E. Guise, 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

DEDICATION OF THATCHAM BELLS.

ANOTHER RING OF EIGHT IN OXFORD DIOCESE.

The dedication of the bells at St. Mary's Church, Thatcham, Berks, took place on Sunday, December 22nd, after the morning service, the ceremony being performed by the Venerable Archdeacon of Berks, Canon R. Wickham Legg. There was a large congregation at the service.

A special ringers' service was held in the afternoon, and was exceptionally well attended. The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, who gave the address, made reference to the number of dedication services held in the diocese since the war. This, in his opinion, was a good sign. It plainly showed that greater interest was being taken in the Church. The speaker addressed encouraging words to the ringers, and outlined their responsibilities. He further urged the congregation to encourage the ringers in their work. The rehanging of Thatcham bells had been carried out exceedingly well, and with the addition of two extra bells a very pretty peal had resulted.

After the service upwards of 70 ringers, churchworkers, etc., sat down to an excellent tea served in the Parish Hall. Mrs. H. Smith, assisted by other ladies, was responsible for the arrangements. The clergy present were the Vicar (Rev. R. C. Moore), Rev. E. Chamberlaine, Rev. A. H. Fergus, Rev. J. F. Hoyle.

The Vicar, in a short speech, referred to the excellent way the work to the bells and church tower had been carried out by the employees of the firm entrusted with the restoration. They had spared no pains in making the work satisfactory.

The cost of the restoration was about £750, which included about £200 spent on the church tower. The amount now required to clear the debt is £180. Two trebles have been added to the old ring of six, and the bells have been rehanging in new fittings in a cast-iron frame. The work was carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, to whom great credit is due. Thatcham now possesses a nice peal of eight.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

MR. J. W. PIKE ELECTED MASTER.

The annual meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association was held at St. Woolos, Newport, on Boxing Day, a large number of members being present from both dioceses. The bells, a fine ring of ten by Taylor, were started early in the afternoon and kept going until 4.30, when service was held, the Vicar (the Ven. Archdeacon D. E. Roberts) officiating. Tea, which had been very kindly provided by the Vicar and churchwardens, followed, the accommodation in the Mission Room being taxed to its utmost, and the churchwardens with their wives were kept busy serving.

The business meeting followed, presided over by the Archdeacon, who at the outset welcomed the association most heartily to Newport.

The hon. secretary's report on augmentations and restorations, and instructors' reports were dealt with, followed by a discussion on the Central Council's constitution.

Various opinions were expressed, and eventually, on the proposition of Mr. W. Pike, it was resolved that in the opinion of this association the election of representatives should take place triennially and not annually.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Mr. J. W. Pike, Master; Mr. J. W. Jones, hon. secretary; Mr. F. Atwell and Mr. C. Greedy, auditors.

The two Central Council representatives were elected.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Llandaff, the next Glamorgan quarterly meeting at Llanbradach, and the next Monmouth quarterly meeting at Abergavenny.

New members were elected, and the usual votes of thanks were passed, which brought to a close a very successful meeting.

The bells were afterwards kept busy in various methods until late in the evening.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT AT WANDSWORTH.

The December meeting of the Southern District of the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild was held on Dec. 21st, when, perhaps owing to the close proximity of Christmas, it was not too well attended, but those who were present made good use of the opportunities which a sparse attendance affords. Ringing commenced soon after three, and was carried on with varying success until five o'clock, when a service was held, conducted by the curate, after which an adjournment was made to the Parish Hall for tea, about twenty partaking of the good things provided. Mr. Mackrill (treasurer) was voted Master (pro tem.), Mr. Mance being unavoidably absent, and presided over the business meeting and the after-ten ringing with efficiency. During the meeting a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar (Rev. Freeman Irwin) for the use of the bells and Parish Hall, and for arranging the service, to the organist, and to Mr. Gray, of the local band, for his willing help.

The bells were kept moving to, among other things, Cambridge and London during the evening, and were finally silent about nine.

A tablet in the tower records that the bells were put in in 1842, and are reputed to be 15 or 16 cwt. They were in 1822 'rehung and modernised' by Mears and Stainbank at the expense of Mr. W. T. Faulkner, of 'Nosegay' fame. There are, curiously, two towers at Wandsworth Parish Church, one of stone being surrounded by a brick casing, so what is apparently a good-sized structure is really quite small inside. On inquiring as to inscriptions, etc., the writer was invited to content himself among the bells and see. Knowing 'summat,' he didn't go. They are, however, a handy and tuneful ring, and 'go' like the proverbial 'tops,' only more so.

APPEAL FOR A LANCASHIRE RINGER.

Previously acknowledged, £5 4s. 6d.; ringers of St. Michael's Church, Blackburn, 16s.; ringers of Parish Church, Colne, Lancs, 10s.; Anonymous, 5s.; Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Moss, Manningtree, 3s. Any further donations to this fund for assisting Mr. Harry Tomlinson, who is totally incapacitated, and has a daughter entirely dependent on him, will be gratefully received by Mr. F. Hindle, hon. secretary, Blackburn Branch, 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

THE FIRST BLIND MAN TO RING A PEAL.

The 'Cambridge Chronicle' for Saturday, December 29th, 1770, recorded the following: 'On Monday last was rung at Great St. Mary's Church in this town, on 12 bells, a complete peal of Grandsire Cinques, consisting of 5,610 changes, which was completed with ease in three hours and fifty minutes by Messrs. Young treble, Laughton 2, Saunders 3, Incarsole 4, Gee 5, Robinson 6, Jones 7, Hinkin 8, Groves 9, Crowther 10, Day, who called the bobs, 11, Banyard tenor.'

It is very remarkable that Mr. Incarsole, who rang the 4th bell, is quite blind. The above is a wonderful feat in peal ringing, for a man to be quite blind and to ring a working bell through a peal of Grandsire Cinques. There is a tradition in Cambridge that this most wonderful man, Mr. John Incarsole, was very remarkable for his great talent and hearing powers, both in change ringing and music.

This peal was rung in the same year that the bells of Great St. Mary's were increased to twelve.

SEVEN DIFFERENT 720's.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am much obliged both to you for your leading article on 'Conditions for peals,' and to Mr. Trollope for his 'Notes by the Way,' dealing with my inquiry as to ringing both Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles in one peal, but no one has yet replied to my other question as to what actually constitutes 'seven different 720's.' May I repeat the inquiry? 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?

I have discussed the question with two ringers who are looked upon as leading men in our district, and they have given me different answers. One said, 'Seven different 720's' means 'seven different compositions'; the other pointed out, logically I think, that if the changes come up in a different order they must be different 720's, so far as it is possible for one 720 to differ from another. He further argued that if a 720 of Bob Minor called W.R.W. with 4th the observation was the same as a 720 with the 6th called W.R.W., then it was not possible to say that 720 of Bob Minor and 720 of Oxford Bob, both called W.R.W., were different 720's.

If I may venture to put forward my own very humble opinion, 720's in which the same calling is used, but from different observation bells, are as much entitled to be called 'different' as are peals of Doubles to the description of having been rung with 'ten different six-scores,' when actually there are only two sets of calling, begun either at a different place or with a different bell as the observation.

It seems obvious, however, that there is a divergence of opinion on the matter, and our band would like to see it cleared up. It may be that all that is necessary is that those who record peals of Minor should distinguish between 'Seven different 720's' and 'Seven different compositions.'—Yours faithfully,

TYRO.

QUICK PEALS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With regard to a letter in this week's 'Ringing World' signed by 'Tyro II.' I think that the majority of the band who took part in the quick peal at Crayford (and many others) will agree with me that anonymous insinuations of this type are beneath contempt.

All peal bands are open to, and should welcome, sane criticism of their performances, but what a pity that 'Tyro II.' had not the courage to challenge the peal in less than four months, and then not openly, and still further, what a pity that he gave a record of his own achievements in that direction in the same letter, thereby laying himself open to the suspicion of measuring other people's performances with his own yardstick.—Yours faithfully,

T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

Dear Sir,—Why has Tyro II. not had the courage to throw out his poisonous hints of doubt before now? (apparently he lacks the pluck to challenge the peal direct), and why act the doubting Thomas behind a nom de plume? I am very sorry if any peal times of 'Tyro' have been lowered, and also that he did not have a band of supermen, such as he must be, so that they could have put on a little more speed when he made his desperate appeal to them! Has he any reason to doubt the word of such men as E. Barnett, T. Groombridge, J. Cheesman, H. Audsley and C. Roberts? If so, why not come into the open. I had the pleasure of ringing the tenor to this peal, and I think if these men could be persuaded to include 'Tyro' in a band, he would, perhaps, not be ashamed to have his name published, if to a peal of about 2 hrs. 1 min. (that is, if he could stick the pace).—Yours faithfully,

W. R. BOND.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

CHELMSFORD.—At the Cathedral, on December 24th, for evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): Miss K. Meadows 1, A. S. Saltmarsh 2, H. Allen 3, H. Devonish 4, R. C. Clark (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, W. Lincoln 6, L. J. Clark 7, G. Cooper 8.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.—On Saturday, December 7th, at the Parish Church, for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: S. Danby 1, W. C. Rhodes 2, J. Prickett 3, G. Mitcheson 4, M. Morris 5, W. Davies 6, F. Rishworth (conductor) 7, E. Starkey 8.

WITNEY, OXON.—On Saturday, November 23rd, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: J. Monk 1, L. Olliff 2, T. W. Bond 3, J. Hope (conductor) 4, G. Brooks 5, A. King 6, H. Acock 7, C. G. Channon 8. Ringers of the 4th and 7th from Fairford, 6th from Lechlade, the remainder local. Rung by kind invitation of Mr. J. Monk.

OVER, CAMBS.—At the Parish Church, 720 Annabie's London Surprise: Wm. Bavin 1, C. Robinson 2, B. Wayman 3, F. C. Gleaves 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6. This is the first 720 in the method on the bells and by all the band, and was rung without previous practice.

SILENT VILLAGE BELLS.

On Friday, December 20th, at the Parish Church, Sherborne, near Northleach, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (ten and a half different extents) in 38 mins., by the following members of the St. Lawrence's Society, Bourton-on-the-Water: Mrs. F. A. Clements 1, Bernard T. Phillips 2, Henry Gillatt 3, A. William Wright 4, Fred A. Clements (conductor) 5, Cecil Pradley 6.

After the quarter-peal the band partook of a substantial supper generously provided by Lady Sherborne, whose hospitality was much appreciated. It is a matter for regret that so many fine rings of bells in the villages remain silent for want of ringers.

FIRST 720 AFTER 50 YEARS.

The first 720 of Minor by the ringers at St. Mary's Church, East Haddon, Northants, was rung on December 20th, and was really a family affair. The method was Bob Minor, and the ringers were: J. Cadd 1, J. Cadd, jun., 2, H. Cadd, sen., 3, H. Cadd, jun., 4, T. Beufield (son-in-law) 5, R. Adams (conductor) 6. It was the first 720 by all, and H. Cadd, sen., will shortly complete his 50th year as a ringer.

The bells were increased to six about twelve months ago, when a treble was added by Messrs. Taylor and Co. The tenor is 18 cwt. (approx.) in E.

RINGING IN GERMANY AND SWITZERLAND.

Writing from Lausanne, Switzerland, the Rev. F. L. Edwards, hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, sends greetings:—

'A happy new year to "The Ringing World" and all ringing friends.

'I have done a little ringing in Germany and Switzerland,' he adds, 'and it may amuse your readers to know that here I have had the novel experience of ringing a bell with a leather rope! Yesterday evening I was surprised to hear in a Swiss cafe a gramophone record of Westminster chimes and the back eight of St. Margaret's bells.'

COALBROOKDALE BELLRINGER MARRIED.

A WEDDING PRESENTATION.

On Saturday, December 21st, Mr. Alfred S. Bayley, a ringer of Coalbrookdale, Salop, and Miss Elsie Harrison, were married at St. Michael's Church, Madeley, Shropshire. Mr. Bayley's fellow-ringers, assisted by several visitors, made an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Grandsire Caters on the bells of Holy Trinity, Coalbrookdale, but after ringing two hours and fifty minutes the bells ran round at hand and the conductor called 'Stand.' The change here should have been 132456789, with nine more courses to ring. However, all taking part kept smiling, and adjourned to the Coalbrookdale Inn, where 'Alf' had very kindly ordered refreshments. The usual social hour was spent. The bridegroom and his gentlemen friends looked in, and readers who know the Dale Inn can guess what sort of reception he had. Not being in the least bashful, he took part in a fine course of Caters on handbells, ringing 3-4 in his usual style. Then he rang the back four of eight very nicely to the 'Blue Bells of Scotland,' much to the astonishment of his wedding friends.

A very pleasing ceremony took place on Sunday morning in the belfry, where the Vicar, the Rev. T. Eland, the churchwardens and the local ringers met to present Mr. Bayley with a solid silver inkstand, suitably inscribed. The Vicar, in making the presentation, spoke of Alfred's good work for the belfry generally, and wished him much happiness and success.

Mr. W. Saunders (head ringer) also spoke of Mr. Bayley's fine work, saying he was always willing to help with anything in connection with the bells, and wished him, on behalf of his colleagues, the very best of luck.—Mr. Bayley suitably replied.

THE LATE MR. J. E. SYKES

HOW MANY PEALS DID HE RING?

A correspondent who rang at the Dockyard Church, Plymouth, with the late Mr. J. E. Sykes a few days before he went to Copenhagen, inquires if it is possible to find out through the columns of 'The Ringing World' how many peals 'Uncle Joe' rang. When ringing at the Dockyard Church on this occasion, he mentioned that it was the 750th tower in which he had rung, and our correspondent thinks it is possible that this was the last time that he rang a bell.

A MEMORIAL TOUCH

On Saturday, December 28th, a muffled 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung in the Tong Parish Church, Bradford, in memory of the late Mr. George Bean Relland, a past-president of the Yorkshire Association: Chas. Sallaway 1, D. Thornton 2, Geo. Lambert 3, Edwin Wheeler (conductor) 4, E. Lambert 5, S. Barron 6.

SOUTH CERNEY, GLOS.—On Thursday, November 21st, at All Hallows' Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: G. Law 1, B. Guy 2, W. C. Cuss 3, J. Hope (conductor) 4, H. Acock 5, J. Smith 6.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

OVER, CAMBS.—On Sunday, December 29th, at the Parish Church, for matins, 720 Plain Bob: G. Whybrow 1, D. Adams 2, Wm. Bavin 3, R. Thoday 4, H. Robinson 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6. For evening service, a quarter-peal (1,272 changes) of Kent Treble Bob: Mansfield Ginn (first quarter and longest length on tower bells) 1, Wm. Bavin 2, F. Warrington (conductor) 3, F. C. Ginn 4, A. J. Ginn 5, C. Robinson 6.

LEWISHAM, KENT.—On Sunday, December 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 41 mins.: H. Warnett, jun., 1, J. Bennett 2, H. James 3, W. W. Fox 4, H. Warnett, sen. (conductor) 5, C. Moulton 6, J. Dafters 7, H. G. Goodwin 8.

BATH.—At St. Michael's Church, for morning service, on December 22nd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 43 mins. by the following members: G. H. Harding 1, T. F. King 2, Miss N. G. Williams 3, R. J. Cousins 4, T. Grant 5, H. W. Brown (conductor) 6, W. H. Crocker 7, H. Ellis 8.

FULHAM.—At the Church of All Saints, on Sunday, December 22nd, for evening service, 1,259 Grandsire Caters in 56 mins.: H. Page 1, W. H. Hollier 2, H. Folkard 3, H. Cook 4, H. Belcher 5, C. Hunt 6, J. Driver 7, A. Harding 8, F. Skevington (conductor) 9, G. Block 10.

TOTTENHAM, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, December 22nd, for morning service, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major in 43 mins.: H. W. H. Strickland 1, Miss P. A. Upsher 2, H. Barnett 3, C. T. Coles (conductor) 4, F. G. Symonds 5, M. Fensom 6, J. G. Nash 7, E. A. Hull 8.

HORNSEY.—On Sunday, December 22nd, at St. Mary's Church, for evensong, 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins.: G. W. Blee 1, C. H. Ross (conductor) 2, E. G. Hibbie 3, H. Blee 4, M. Fensom 5, J. G. Nash 6. Ringing at the above church very seldom takes place, owing to the very bad 'go' of the bells, especially the tenors, notwithstanding the fact that they have recently been relined on ball bearings.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Sunday, December 22nd, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins.: T. Bolton 1, W. H. Ball 2, Robt. Bullen 3, W. Malins (conductor) 4, C. E. Moody 5, Sergt. H. W. Moody, R.A.F., 6, J. Herbert 7, E. Cassell 8. Specially arranged for Sergt. Moody who was home on leave from Cranwell, Lincs.

EXETER, DEVON.—On Sunday, December 22nd, for morning service, at the Church of St. Thomas, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins.: F. Wreford (first quarter-peal) 1, A. W. Searle 2, W. Richardson 3, J. Hosgood 4, C. Routley 5, E. W. Biffin (conductor) 6, A. Goad 7, W. Wills 8.

SHILDON.—At St. John's Church, on December 22nd, for evening service, a 720 Bob Minor with tenor covering: J. Pentland 1, E. Elliott 2, T. Wick 3, E. Hind 4, G. Hutchinson 5, R. Robinson (conductor) 6, J. Henderson 8. First 720 by ringers of treble and 2nd. Also rung as a compliment to the ringer of the 3rd, who took part in the same 720 on the bells of Tibenham, Norfolk, on December 21st, 1881, 48 years ago.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, December 22nd, for morning service at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: L. H. Wilson 1, W. G. Wilson 2, J. A. D. Webb 3, H. Belcher 4, H. Folkard 5, E. C. S. Turner (conductor) 6, A. Harding 7, E. A. J. Coombs 8.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, December 22nd, for morning service, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. W. Bond 1, F. Edwards 2, F. J. Lewis, jun., 3, F. J. Lewis, sen., 4, H. L. Cook 5, H. C. Bond 6, W. H. Hayward (conductor) 7, H. T. J. Roberts 8. Especially arranged as a welcome to the Rev. J. M. Rolleston, who took up his duties as curate-in-charge of Holy Trinity Church on this day.

WORCESTER.—On Sunday, December 22nd, for evening service, at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Cinques (1,319 changes): R. G. Knowles 1, T. Lewis 2, F. Lawrence 3, W. Page 4, W. C. Jones 5, D. Morris 6, W. Ranford 7, S. T. Holt (conductor) 8, W. Lewis 9, G. W. Checketts 10, C. Camm 11, C. Tansell 12.

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—On Sunday, December 15th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Minor (720 of Plain Bob and 600 of Kent Treble Bob) in 45 mins.: Cyril M. Heathcote 1, W. Allin 2, E. A. Wilson 3, E. R. Partridge 4, T. Bettison (conductor) 5, C. M. Beckley 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of the late Canon Adams, formerly Vicar of Sutton.

DARLINGTON.—On Sunday, December 15th, at Holy Trinity Church, for evensong, 720 Chelsea Delight Minor: R. Busby 1, Roland Park 2, R. Gay 3, W. N. Park 4, W. H. Porter 5, G. W. Park (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by ringers of 1, 2, 3, and 4. Rung as a farewell to Mr. R. Busby, who is leaving Darlington to take up an appointment with Messrs. T. Holt and Co., Ltd., Liverpool. — On Sunday, December 22nd, for evensong, 720 London Surprise Minor: R. Jeff (first 720 in a Surprise method) 1, J. T. Titt 2, W. Oliver 3, W. N. Park 4, F. W. Lupton 5, Roland Park (conductor) 6.

KING'S LANGLEY.—At All Saints' Church, on December 15th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. White (first quarter-peal) 1, A. E. Dollimore 2, H. B. Whitney 3, R. S. Cook (conductor) 4, J. W. Lane 5, E. J. Rowe 6, A. E. Rogers 7, T. D. Butler 8.

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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. 16th, 30th; *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. Cock-erill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clap-ham, S.W.4.

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.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely Archdeaconry.—Meetings for 1930: February 15th, Newmarket; March 29th, Longstanton; May 24th, Stapleford; July 5th, Soham; August 16th, Bourn; October 4th, Ickleton; November 15th, Fenditton.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

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.

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.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Padiham on Saturday, January 4th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30. A good attendance requested. Reports to hand. Subscriptions now due.—F. Hindle, Hon. Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at All Saints' Church, Sheffield, Saturday, January 4th. Visitors to make own arrangements for tea.—R. Harrison, Hon. Sec.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Hanley on Saturday, January 4th. Members are asked to make their own arrangements for tea.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meetings for January; St. Clement Danes, Sunday, the 5th, at 10 a.m., Monday, 13th (quarterly meeting), at 6.30 p.m., Monday, 27th, at 7.30 p.m. St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, 21st, at 8 p.m.—S. C. Moye, Gen. Sec.

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.—H. 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.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District—On Saturday, January 11th, a meeting will be held at Graveley. The bells (6) recently rehung will be available at 3 p.m. Tea will be at 5. Some difficulty has arisen over arranging the tea; therefore please notify me not later than Thursday, January 9th. All ringers heartily welcome.—Donald C. Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The annual meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Weston-super-Mare, on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells (8) open 2.30 p.m. Divine Service 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting.—L. G. Tanner, 51, Locking Road, Weston-super-Mare.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Marlborough on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells available 2.30 p.m.: St. Mary's (5), St. Peter's (8). Will visitors kindly notify the secretary if they require tea?—Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec., East Leaze, Baydon, Marlborough.

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.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Islip (6) on Saturday, January 11th. Usual arrangements. Preacher, Rev. J. Goodchild, Rector of Brington. A good attendance is requested.—J. Nickerson, Halford Street, Thrapston.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND SUFFOLK GUILD.—A joint meeting of the South Norfolk and Eye Branches of the above Associations will be held on Saturday, Jan. 11th, at 2.30 p.m. with Diss (8) as centre. The rings of bells at Palgrave (8), Thrandeston (6), Winfarthing (6) and Shelfanger (5) will also be available. Please meet at Diss where arrangements will be made for visiting these towers.—Nolan Golden 13, Sunnyside, Diss, and Alphæus J. Berry, Thornham Magna, Eye, Hon. Dis. Secs.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Moulton on Saturday, January 11th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by January 7th?—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kettering (10) on Saturday, January 11th. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall, Market Place. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Tuesday previous.—H. Baxter, Bredon, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on Saturday, January 11th. Bells (12) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Preacher, Canon Dwelly. Tea by invitation of Archdeacon Howson at the Institute, 6 p.m. Those intending to be present at tea must let me know by Tuesday, Jan. 7th. Wigan Branch members especially invited.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Maidstone, on Saturday, January 11th. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock. Service at 3.45, followed by tea and business meeting. All Saints' tower will be open after tea. Subscriptions for 1930 should be paid at this meeting. Please notify me not later than Tuesday, January 7th. All ringers welcome.—C. H. Sone, District Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Annual meeting at Washingborough (8) on Saturday, January 11th (unveiling of peal board). Tower open 2 p.m. Excellent bus service every quarter of an hour between Lincoln and Washingborough. Good attendance requested. Notification for tea to:—Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, St. Giles, Lincoln.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Helen's, Northwich, on Saturday, January 11th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Tea 5 o'clock at the Temperance Hotel, Northwich, 1/9 per head. Will those who intend to be present kindly notify me before Jan. 8th?—H. Parker, 8, Oak Street, Northwich.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, January 11th. Bells (10) available from 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6.15 p.m.—F. W. Bailey, Local Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Nuneaton on Saturday, January 11th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Service in Church 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock in the Old Grammar School, with business meeting to follow.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Christ Church, Swindon, on Saturday, January 11th. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. St. Mark's (8) after 7.30 if required. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by annual business meeting. Local members please make an effort to come and support your branch, also visitors heartily invited. A card to Hon. Sec. will greatly assist arrangements for tea.—S. Hopper, Hon. Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Lydney, on Saturday, January 11th. Bells (8) open 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Church School Room. All ringers who would like tea must let me know by Tuesday, January 7th.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Secretary.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at Ross on Saturday, January 11th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Service 4 o'clock. Tea 4.45. Business meeting, election of officers, etc., afterwards. All ringers welcome.—Kindly notify J. Clark, Fernlea, Chase Road, Ross, Herefordshire.

BARNSELY & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Barnsley, on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells ready early. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Room. The officials hope to have a record attendance. Tea can only be provided for those who apply in good time by postcard addressed to C. D. Potter, Prospect House, High Street, Royston, near Barnsley. All ringers invited.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The annual meeting for the election of officers, etc., for the ensuing year, will be held at St. Paul's Church, Burton, on Saturday, January 11th. Bells (10) ready 2.30 p.m. A good attendance requested. Tea provided for those who notify me by Jan. 9th at latest.—John Leach, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Vernon Terrace, Burton.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Brierley Hill on Saturday, January 18th. Service in the Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than January 14th.—A. J. Skelding, 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

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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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Crawley on Saturday, January 18th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in the Parish Room. Important: Those who intend to be present please notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday previous to meeting. Half railway fare (max. 1/6).—A. D. Stone, Hon. Div. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Annual general meeting, Guildford, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Cathedral and St. Nicolas' bells available 2.45. Service at St. Nicolas' 4.30. Tea and business meeting at the Prince of Wales 5.30. Please send numbers for tea to me by Monday, January 13th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, near Guildford.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Luke's Church, Sydney Street, Chelsea, on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Proceedings to commence at 3 p.m. Election of officers, etc., after tea, about 5.30 p.m. Names and numbers please.—J. Herbert, 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The annual general district meeting will be held at Godstone on Saturday, January 18th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Those intending to be at tea please notify me by Wednesday, January 15th.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Wokingham, Saturday, January 18th. Divine service in All Saints' Church at 4 p.m. Preacher, Rev. R. W. H. Acworth, M.A., Vicar of Sunningdale. Tea (followed by business meeting) in Church House 4.45 p.m., to all who inform me by Jan. 14th. Members 6d., Visitors 1/-. Usual ringing arrangements.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Merrel, California, Wokingham.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Scarborough, on Saturday, January 25th. Further details later.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Will those who are desirous of contributing to the "Henry W. Jackson Memorial Fund" please forward their contributions as early as possible. The fund is now closing.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton, Lanc.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Yorkshire Association.—Southern Division.—The Hon. Secretary's address is now: F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 56, Broughton Avenue, Bentley Rd., Doncaster.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The address of Mr. R. Harrison, Secretary of the Sheffield and District Society, is now 72, Yew Lane, Ecclesfield.

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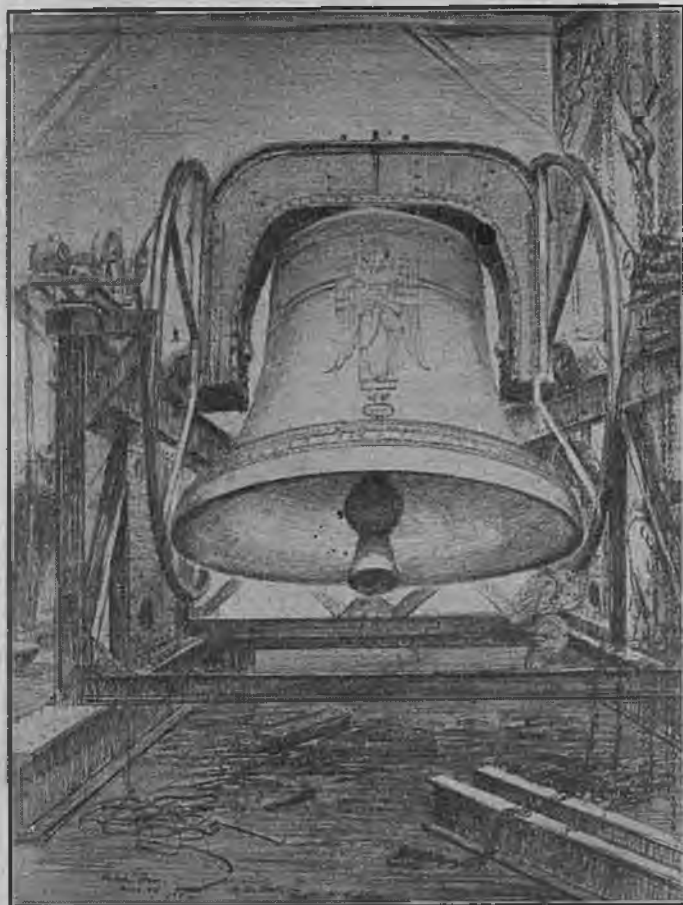
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That bells make a wide claim upon the imagination of English people at this time of the year cannot be gainsaid, and it was typical that the feature of the British Broadcasting Corporation's special programme for the passing of the old year was the ringing of bells. Listeners were enabled, through the marvellous achievements of wireless, to follow the coming of the new year as it advanced across a large part of the continent of Europe, and everywhere, where the celebrations were picked up, the bells were heard. They may have been somewhat 'shouted down' by the ships' sirens of Rotterdam, but the clanging of many bells in a German town, an hour before 1930 reached England, was a striking demonstration of the part which bells play on such occasions throughout Christendom, and to listening ringers in this country revealed in strong contrast the difference between the clanging of bells on the continent and the rhythmic music which is produced from the towers in our own land, and which was admirably demonstrated by the half-muffled twelve-bell ringing at St. Michael's, Cornhill, before midnight and the open ringing on the twelve at Southwark Cathedral after the hour had struck. For the hundreds of thousands—perhaps millions—of listeners on New Year's Eve, in this land of ours, the bells were not only in evidence—they predominated in the celebration.

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less time signals, but we have only to turn to the important place which bells hold in the sentiments of the public at Christmas and the New Year, to know that, deep down in the hearts of the people of this country, church bells really occupy a warm corner and are cherished with an affectionate regard.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1929, in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, REDGLIFFE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5011 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

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| *REV. R. H. WHITFORD ... Treble | *HARRY BENNETT ... 7 |
| WILLIAM A. CAVE ... 2 | *CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... 8 |
| ALFRED E. REEVES ... 3 | HENRY PRING ... 9 |
| RICHARD CLARK ... 4 | CHARLES R. LILLEY ... 10 |
| *STEPHEN H. WOOD ... 5 | JOHN A. BURFORD ... 11 |
| WILLIAM KNIGHT ... 6 | URIAH W. BRAVEN ... Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by JOHN A. BURFORD.

* First peal on twelve. Rung on the 30th anniversary of the first peal of Stedman Cinques in this tower.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 4, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

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| WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... Treble | †JOHN F. TILLET ... 7 |
| *CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 2 | WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 8 |
| GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 3 | CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 9 |
| †HOBART E. SMITH ... 4 | †CECIL W. PIPE ... 10 |
| ROBERT H. BRUNDLE ... 5 | GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 11 |
| †HAROLD E. SYMONDS ... 6 | FREDERICK J. TILLET ... Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* 150th peal. † First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to Mr. W. J. G. Brown.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 4, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

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| SERG. A. LAWRENCE ... Treble | ERNEST BRETT ... 6 |
| CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 2 | EDWIN F. PIKE ... 7 |
| JOHN T. KENTISH ... 3 | JAMES E. DAVIS ... 8 |
| WILLIAM HEWETT ... 4 | CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... 9 |
| ALFRED J. TRAPPIITT ... 5 | RICHARD F. DEAL ... Tenor |

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS

Sergt. A. Lawrence, of the Herts Constabulary, who hails from Hatfield, was elected a life member. It was his first peal of Royal.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, January 4, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

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| *THOMAS TOWNSHEND ... Treble | *HARRY HUBBLE ... 6 |
| SAMUEL J. HUGHES ... 2 | WILLIAM GREEN ... 7 |
| JOHN PRICE ... 3 | HERBERT SHEPPARD ... 8 |
| WILLIAM C. COOPER ... 4 | HARRY GOODMAN ... 9 |
| WILLIAM A. COOPER ... 5 | GILBERT GUEST ... Tenor |

Composed by WM. MICKLEWRIGHT. Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN

* First peal of Grandsire Caters and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. John Goodman, sen., the respected 'father' of the Dudley band; also to Messrs. Harry Goodman and William A. Cooper. Owing to an accident, the conductor was unable to ring a bell in the peal, but he conducted it whilst sitting in the belfry.

APPLETON, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 4, 1930, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Laurence,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5009 CHANGES;

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| ALBERT E. LOCK Treble | JOHN NOBES 6 |
| WILLIAM SIMMONDS 2 | WALTER F. JUDGE 7 |
| REV. C. W. O. JENKYN 3 | RICHARD G. RICE 8 |
| MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK 4 | RICHARD T. HIBBERT 9 |
| JONATHAN HONEY 5 | GORDON CAWDWELL Tenor |

Composed by N. J. Pirstow. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 4, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

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| THOMAS B. KENDALL ... Treble | JAMES COTTERELL 6 |
| EDWARD JENKINS 2 | WILLIAM BARTON 7 |
| *LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 3 | PERCY J. JOHNSON 8 |
| *GEORGE TITTERINGTON 4 | *JOHN PALFRAMAN 9 |
| JOSEPH BROADLEY 5 | *FREDERICK SEAGAR Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

* First peal of Bob Royal. * The band wish to tender their thanks to Mr. G. Titterington, who hospitably entertained them after the peal.

STONHAM ASPAL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 4, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lambert,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 6080 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

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

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

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

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 21, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

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

Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

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| WILLIAM KEEBLE Treble | THOMAS LINCOLN 5 |
| WILLIAM J. NEVARD 2 | WILLIAM LINCOLN 6 |
| HARRY WARNE 3 | GEORGE GREEN 7 |
| PERCY GREEN 4 | ARTHUR HEAD Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First peal in the method away from the treble by Percy Green, and rung as a compliment to him for his 21st birthday.

MALVERN LINK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 28, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthias,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

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| FRANK LAWRENCE ... Treble | GORDON W. CHECKETTS ... 5 |
| CYRIL TANSELL 2 | ERNEST E. BARBER 6 |
| THOMAS LEWIS 3 | CHARLES CAMM 7 |
| WILLIAM NIBLETT 4 | WILLIAM RANFORD Tenor |

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

The arrangements for this peal were made by the association Master, Mr. R. G. Knowles, Grandsire Triples being rung by request of the parishioners.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 23, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| TITUS BARLOW ... Treble | ALBERT PARKER 5 |
| EDWARD WEBSTER 2 | *NORMAN BROWN 6 |
| GEORGE PINCOTT 3 | THOMAS B. WORSLEY 7 |
| WILFRID HALLIWELL 4 | PETER NUTTALL Tenor |

Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.

* First peal.

OXFORD
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, December 26, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Ebbe,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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| *MISS M. REYNOLDS ... Treble | WILLIAM G. COLLETT ... 5 |
| FRANK BECKETT 2 | FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS ... 6 |
| WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS ... 3 | GEORGE HORWOOD 7 |
| WALTER F. JUDGE 4 | CAPT. J. H. R. FREEBORN ... Tenor |

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by J. H. R. FREEBORN.

* First peal of Major.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, December 26, 1929, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Marie (R.C.),

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

Tenor 25½ cwt.

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| ROBERT HARRISON ... Treble | JOHN THORPE 5 |
| ALBERT H. WARD 2 | JOHN H. BROTHWELL 6 |
| ARTHUR KNIGHTS 3 | BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 7 |
| RALPH S. LONG 4 | A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS Tenor |

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

Rung to celebrate the 69th birthday of Canon Dolan, Rector of the above church.

BECKENHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| PERCY J. SPICE ... Treble | *THOMAS FLINT 5 |
| WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS ... 2 | OSCAR GILBERT 6 |
| *WILFRED HOLLAMBY ... 3 | WALTER SMITH 7 |
| FREDERICK LEERKS 4 | EDWARD MOUNTIER Tenor |

Conducted by W. SMITH.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung on the anniversary of the wedding of T. Flint.

WEST HAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1929, in Three Hours,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 28 cwt.

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| GEORGE HAYDEN ... Treble | WILLIAM H. HEWETT 5 |
| EDWARD D. SMITH 2 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS 6 |
| ERNEST W. FURBANK 3 | WILLIAM H. THEOBALD 7 |
| JAMES E. DAVIS 4 | ALBERT J. BAYNES Tenor |

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

This peal was arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to W. H. Theobald, who has now rung every bell in this tower to a peal. Stedman Triples was rung after meeting short for Stedman Caters.

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LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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| JAMES S. HOTCHBY Treble | ERNEST W. BEADSMORE ... 5 |
| LEONARD WHITEHEAD ... 2 | HARRY L. SMITH 6 |
| PERCIVAL PRICE 3 | EDWARD READER 7 |
| EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 4 | RICHARD GRANT Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by EDWARD READER
L. Whitehead's 50th peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. P. Whitehead, brother of 2nd and 4th ringers.

DARLINGTON.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, December 28, 1929, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF GRANOSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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| HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 17 cwt. | |
| GEORGE W. PARK Treble | ERNEST BURNETT 5 |
| ROLAND PARK 2 | WILLIAM BROADLEY 6 |
| JAMES T. TITT 3 | W. NORMAN PARK 7 |
| THOMAS CLARK 4 | LUCIAN VENUS Tenor |

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Dorothy H. Drury, daughter of the Rev. R. F. Drury, Vicar of the above church, whose marriage took place the previous day.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 28, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| *GEORGE HUGHES Treble | BENJAMIN GOUGH 5 |
| ARTHUR E. WHATMORE ... 2 | SAMUEL BAKER 6 |
| CHAS. WILLIAM COOPER ... 3 | *HARRY BOSWELL 7 |
| *FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 4 | ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... Tenor |

Composed by GEO. HUGHES. Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD

* First peal of Bob Major, and first attempt in the method by the treble ringer.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 28, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

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| *JOSEPH E. CHARMAN Treble | WALTER CHARMAN 5 |
| ALFRED H. PULLING ... 2 | †GEORGE E. CLUDE 6 |
| WILLIAM HOOKER 3 | PETER CHARMAN 7 |
| JOHN COOK 4 | C. ERNEST SMITH Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Bob Major. Mr. W. Hooker was elected a member of the Guild prior to the commencement of the peal.

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 28, 1929, in Three Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

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| ROBERT H. BRUNDLE Treble | CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 5 |
| WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 2 | WILLIAM P. GARRETT 6 |
| GEORGE A. FLEMING 3 | GEORGE E. SYMONDS 7 |
| CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 4 | FREDERICK J. TILLET Tenor |

Composed by N. J. FITSROW. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS

First peal in the method on the bells. The conductor is the first to call peals of Major, Royal and Maximus in both variations of Cambridge Surprise.

HYTHE, KENT.—At St. Leonard's Church, on Saturday, November 9th (Mayor's Day), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: F. W. Couchman 1, W. Bidnell 2, T. A. Vincent 3, W. J. Bidnell 4, R. J. Birch 5, S. Mowl (conductor) 6, S. A. Gower 7, A. Swan 8.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 28, 1929, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

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| SIDNEY CHAPMAN Treble | MISS STELLA DAVIS 5 |
| WILLIAM E. TAYLOR ... 2 | HARRY W. SMITH 6 |
| JAMES ABERY 3 | GEORGE GILBERT 7 |
| MISS ROBY M. HAZELL ... 4 | SIDNEY NAILOR Tenor |

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

Rung after meeting short for Treble Bob, Messrs. Nailor and Chapman (local) standing in. After the peal the band were entertained by Mrs. and the Misses Davis to a sumptuous repast.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 28, 1929, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

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| *HARRY WILKINS Treble | TOM TEBBUTT 5 |
| W. JACK DOVE 2 | HARRY ENGLAND 6 |
| †HENRY WILLIAM WOODING 3 | HARRY MARLOW 7 |
| BERTIE O. SODEN 4 | ALFRED MONK Tenor |

Conducted by HARRY MARLOW.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal on eight bells. First peal as conductor, and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor on attaining his 60th year.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

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| FREDERICK BORRETT Treble | GEORGE BAILEY 5 |
| CHARLES T. P. BRICE ... 2 | WILLIAM DUNCAN 6 |
| CHARLES BAKER 3 | *CHARLES LOVETT 7 |
| GEORGE MAYERS 4 | EDWIN GOATE Tenor |

Composed by J. S. WILDE.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

* First peal in the method.

BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 28, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

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| WALTER STEPHENSON ... Treble | RENNIE HARTLEY 5 |
| HERBERT WORMWELL ... 2 | *FRED BENTLEY 6 |
| *W. ROBINSON 3 | WILLIAM H. HUNTER ... 7 |
| T. REDMAN 4 | HARRY ENTWISTLE Tenor |

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by H. ENTWISTLE.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth, who has been a ringer in the above tower for over forty years.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, December 28, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| JOHN FLINT Treble | STANLEY SLANEY 5 |
| JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 2 | CHARLES MASON 6 |
| THOMAS RILEY 3 | JESSE J. MOSS 7 |
| JOSEPH PAXTON 4 | EDWARD ROBBINS Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

Rung to celebrate the 72nd birthday of His Grace the Duke of Portland, and in honour of his holding the title for 50 years.

GATESHEAD, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. PARKER'S ODD-AND-EVEN BOB AND SINGLE TEN-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

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| WILLIAM H. BARBER | Treble | WILLIAM H. JOHNSON | 5 |
| JOHN ANDERSON | 2 | WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON | 6 |
| ARTHUR PAYNE | 3 | ADAM DEAS | 7 |
| ROBERT ANDERSON | 4 | JOHN STUART | Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

This peal was rung to celebrate Mr. J. Stuart's fiftieth anniversary as a ringer at St. Mary's Church.

WEST MALLING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

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| ALBERT RELFE | Treble | TOM SAUNDERS | 5 |
| THOMAS E. SONE | 2 | HARRY BAKER | 6 |
| MRS. H. BAKER | 3 | CHARLES H. SONE | 7 |
| *WILLIAM E. PITMAN | 4 | WILLIAM WENBAN | Tenor |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (254).

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE

* First peal in the method.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Sunday, December 29, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

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| A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS | Treble | GEORGE L. CHAMBERS | 5 |
| ARTHUR KNIGHTS | 2 | BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS | 6 |
| NORMAN C. LEWIS | 3 | PERCY JERVIS | 7 |
| FREDERICK E. PARSONS | 4 | WILLIAM T. PALMER | Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1929, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

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| JOSIAH D. HARRIS | Treble | ALFRED T. GREENWOOD | 5 |
| *CECIL GUY | 2 | EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. | 6 |
| EDWIN J. HARDING, JUN. | 3 | FREDERICK W. ROGERS | 7 |
| RICHARD J. STONE | 4 | SAMUEL J. HARDING | Tenor |

Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung with half-muffled clappers for the watchnight service.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| JOHN EVANS | Treble | ARTHUR G. JAMES | 5 |
| JOHN KIMBER | 2 | RALPH H. BIGGS | 6 |
| RICHARD M. KIMBER | 3 | ROLAND BIGGS | 7 |
| FREDERICK G. BIGGS | 4 | JOSEPH EVANS | Tenor |

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.

This was a midnight peal and a 'farewell' to R. Kimber, who is leaving the district for Ireland. All the ringers belong to the local band. The previous local peal of Stedman was a midnight peal on December 24th, 1911, conducted by John Evans.

BRAUNSTON.—At All Saints' Church, on Saturday, November 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (ten different callings) in 56 mins.: J. M. Hancock 1, M. Smith 2, G. H. Hancock (conductor) 3, F. W. Hancock 4, H. Shimmell 5, F. W. Smart (first quarter-peal) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

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| *FREDERICK T. RAINBIRD | Treble | *RONALD ONG | 5 |
| †ALBERT RAINBIRD | 2 | ERNEST J. BUTLER | 6 |
| GEORGE R. PYE | 3 | ERNEST W. FORBANK | 7 |
| †FRANK G. RINGE | 4 | HARRY TURNER | Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by H. TURNER.

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

LUTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1929, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

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| *ERIC SHANE | Treble | FREDERICK HUNT | 5 |
| ALFRED KING | 2 | HARRY WOOD | 6 |
| ARTHUR SMITH | 3 | LEWIS A. GOODENOUGH | 7 |
| HARRY WALKER | 4 | ARTHUR ROOKWOOD | Tenor |

Conducted by L. A. GOODENOUGH.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung for the watchnight service.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE CATHEDRAL SOCIETY—PAST AND PRESENT MEMBERS.)

On Tuesday, December 31, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

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

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| GEORGE E. CLODE | Treble | RAYMOND PHILPOTT | 5 |
| GEORGE WILSON | 2 | WILLIAM R. MELVILLE | 6 |
| WILLIAM J. ROBINSON | 3 | GEORGE W. STEERE | 7 |
| *C. ERNEST SMITH | 4 | ALFRED H. PULLING | Tenor |

Composed by FRED HOLDEN.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method for the Guild. Rung with the bells half-muffled for the watchnight service.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 3, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

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| COLIN HARRISON | Treble | PERCIVAL PRICE | 5 |
| WALTER P. WHITEHEAD | 2 | J. FREDERICK MILNER | 6 |
| *LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD | 3 | ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN | 7 |
| JAMES HUTCHES | 4 | F. HORACE STUBBS | Tenor |

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

* 100th peal. Rung with clappers half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of Mrs. J. W. Taylor (widow of the late John William Taylor, bell founder), who died December 27th, 1929.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 4, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'

Tenor 18½ cwt.

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| WILLIAM HOLLIER | Treble | WILLIAM FUSSELL | 5 |
| WILLIAM JODD | 2 | WILLIAM WELLING | 6 |
| WILLIAM LEWIS | 3 | WILLIAM HENLEY | 7 |
| WILLIAM BOWELL | 4 | WILLIAM BRANTS | Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

The REV. WILLIAM P. COLE SHEANE (Vicar).

The 'Bills' greatly appreciated the kind thought and action of the local steeplekeeper (Mr. J. Lovell), who arrived at the end of the peal with hot tea and snacks, for which he received their heartiest thanks.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

FOLKINGHAM, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 21, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

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| *MRS. PHILLIS HUMPHREY ... Treble | HORACE M. DAY ... 4 |
| CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY ... 2 | ARTHUR I. HOLMES ... 5 |
| JOHN W. LAKE ... 3 | THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... Tenor |

Conducted by J. W. LAKE.

* First peal in seven methods. Rung for the festival of St. Thomas.

TEMPLECOMBE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 21, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob.
Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| FRANK J. HAZZARD ... Treble | FRANK PRICE ... 4 |
| HARRY ANDREWS ... 2 | WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... 5 |
| EDWARD G. L. COWARD ... 3 | PERCY H. HAZZARD ... Tenor |

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

Arranged and rung on the occasion of the laying of the foundation stone of the new Parish Hall. Also as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd, and for Patrick, son of the ringer of the 2nd, and in honour of the birth of a daughter to the ringer of the tenor.

BABCARY, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With ten different callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

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| *F. COLLIN ... Treble | *A. J. CALLOW ... 4 |
| A. H. S. RAINEY ... 2 | P. N. G. RAINEY ... 5 |
| W. G. HODGES ... 3 | *W. SQUIRE ... Tenor |

Conducted by P. N. G. RAINEY.

* First peal and first attempt.

SHILLINGSTONE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 26, 1929, in Three Hours,

At the Church of the Holy Rood,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten callings. Tenor 16 cwt. (approx.).

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| *F. H. GEORGE HART ... Treble | WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... 3 |
| *WALTER G. HART ... 2 | FREDERICK H. HART ... 4 |
| EDWARD G. L. COWARD ... Tenor | |

Conducted by EDWARD G. L. COWARD.

* First attempt for a peal. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells, which have recently been rehung by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

ALDINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, December 28, 1929, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Martin

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

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| KENNETH PATTENDEN ... Treble | ALFRED DAW ... 4 |
| CYRIL WENHAM ... 2 | CHARLES TRIBE ... 5 |
| WILLIAM FRIGHT ... 3 | CHARLES W. PLAYER ... Tenor |

Conducted by C. W. PLAYER.

Cyril Wenham was re-elected a member of the above previous to peal. First peal on the bells since restoration and recasting of the cracked tenor by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

NORTH CHERITON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 27, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

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| W. JOHN YOUNG ... Treble | JAMES F. HATCHBY ... 3 |
| PERCY C. CARPENTER ... 2 | CHRISTOPHER C. HOLLWAY ... 4 |

WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

First peal on the bells.

BREDWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 28, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being thirty-two 120's and five 240's of Morris' arrangement.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

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| DENNIS J. SHARPLES ... Treble | GEORGE BREEZE ... 4 |
| JAMES P. HYETT ... 2 | *JOSEPH T. MORRIS ... 5 |
| EDGAR R. JONES ... 3 | CHARLES R. SMITH ... Tenor |

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal 'inside.' + First peal. Rung in honour of the Christmas festival.

STONE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 28, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 extents. Tenor 5½ cwt.

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| *THOMAS J. SALTER ... Treble | *THOMAS HENNING ... 4 |
| WILLIAM SHORT ... 2 | *ROBERT MATTHEWS ... 5 |
| *CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 3 | JOHN BASS ... Tenor |

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles, and first in the county of Worcestershire. Rung on the 69th birthday of Mr. Thomas Pratt, a local ringer of many years' standing, who kindly entertained the band to refreshments after the peal.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

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| JOHN MALYAN ... Treble | ALBERT HALSEY ... 4 |
| BERT HALSEY ... 2 | LEONARD TURNER ... 5 |
| SAMUEL FARMER ... 3 | ERNEST HUNT ... Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN MALYAN.

With the exception of the conductor, the ringers are all members of St. Michael's band. Rung as a farewell to the curate (the Rev. H. Y. Necker), who is leaving for Darfield, Yorkshire.

GREAT HAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 30, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

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| FREDERICK J. JORDAN ... Treble | JOHN HALL ... 4 |
| JAMES HEMMING ... 2 | HERBERT JORDAN ... 5 |
| JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 3 | GEORGE J. HEMMING ... Tenor |

Conducted by G. J. HEMMING.

Quarterly peal for the Southern Branch.

DOVER, KENT.—On Wednesday evening, November 20th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: G. Eagles 1, S. A. Wells 2, J. Eagles 3, C. George 4, C. R. Millway (conductor) 5, C. Turner 6, H. J. Saunders 7, E. J. Walker 8. This was the first quarter-peal by ringers of the 4th and tenor, who have come along and strengthened local ringing, and are now filling gaps caused by change, death, etc., recently. The above are all Sunday service ringers.

**HORSMONDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Tuesday, December 31, 1929, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,*

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 19½ cwt.

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| EDWIN BROMLEY Treble | REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 4 |
| FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ... 2 | GEORGE BURT 5 |
| ALAN BROMLEY 3 | ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... Tenor |

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

This is the first peal of London by all the band, on the bells, and is believed to be the first peal of London by a resident band in the Tonbridge district of the association. It was rung to 'ring out' the old year.

**LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

On Tuesday, December 31, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Beverley, Surfleet, London, Wells, York, Durham and Ipswich Surprise.

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| WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... Treble | GEORGE DAWSON 4 |
| ALFRED PRIOR 2 | WILLIAM MILLER 5 |
| EDWARD D. SMITH 3 | JOHN MOULE Tenor |

Conducted by EDWARD D. SMITH.

Rung with bells half-muffled prior to the watchnight service.

TILSWORTH, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.

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| GEORGE H. SENTANCE ... Treble | BERT F. CALCOTT 4 |
| *GEORGE W. HARRIS 2 | GEORGE W. HELEY 5 |
| ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... 3 | ALBERT G. MATTHEWS ... Tenor |

Conducted by ARTHUR E. SHARMAN.

* First peal of Minor. First peal ever rung in Tilsworth.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Cambridge Surprise, and two 720's each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| *HARRY EDWARDS Treble | MISS K. BURCHNALL 4 |
| MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 2 | ERNEST A. MIDWINTER ... 5 |
| TOM BARTHOLOMEW 3 | LEONARD PIERREPONT ... Tenor |

Conducted by LEONARD PIERREPONT.

* First peal. First peal of Treble Bob Minor by all the band. All are Sunday Service ringers at the above church. Rung with half-muffled clappers to ring out the old year.

HANDBELL PEAL.

SILVER END, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 29, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT 33, VALENTINE WAY,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*ALBERT WIFFEN... .. 9-10

Composed by CHAS. H. FOWLER. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

* First peal on ten bells.

THE TWELVE-BELL RECORD.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I consider your correspondent, Mr. Dyke, who is well known as a good ringer, is a little severe on the band who attempted the long peal of Grandsire Cinques. If the peal had been accomplished, it could not be in competition with any peal of Maximus. In my opinion it would only stand as a record of eleven-bell method ringing. The difficulty is in agreeing what would constitute a standard for peals. I have heard all sorts.

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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 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.

A long-felt want has been removed by a gift of a set of new ropes for the Parish Church, Hagley, Worcs. The generous donor is Mr. Harry Mason, who has become highly popular since coming to reside in the village.

It is never too late to—begin peal ringing. Mr. E. W. Hutchinson has just rung his first peal at the age of 73 years, at Penwortham.

The first peal of Grandsire Caters was rung at St. Bride's Church, Fleet Street, on January 11th, 1716-17, by the London Scholars. In the Osborne MSS. in the British Museum it is recorded that 'the first known performance of the London Scholars was a peal of 5,040 Grandsire Caters, at St. Bride's in Fleet Street, Friday, January 11th, 1716-17. The frame put up was taken down and destroyed when the church was repaired in 1796. This was supposed to be the only peal of Caters rung whilst St. Bride's contained ten bells, and was said to be the first known peal of Caters ever completed by any company in the kingdom; which was probably the case, as no other peal upon ten bells appears upon record to precede this performance.'

The Ancient Ringing Society of Redenhall was established on January 13th, 1736, and the anniversary was celebrated for a long period of time. We do not know whether, like Saffron Walden and Lavenham, the day is still commemorated.

James Barham died on January 14th, 1818, at the age of 93 years. He was buried in the churchyard at Leeds, Kent, and a headstone records something of his ringing prowess.

The two Central Council representatives elected by the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association at their annual meeting on Boxing Day were Messrs. J. W. Jones and John Phillips.

THE BERKSHIRE 12-BELL FUND.

SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE EFFORT.

Amount previously acknowledged, £157 9s. 3d.; Mr. H. Tucker, £1 1s.; Newport Pagnell ringers, 8s.; Standlake ringers, 10s.; Whaddon ringers, 10s.; G. Holifield, 5s.; R. White, 5s.; R. J. Richardson, 5s.; Tilehurst ringers, 11s.; C. W. Clarke, 2s. 6d.; Rev. Dr. Archer-Houblon, £2 2s.; North Bucks Branch, O.D.C., £5; Benson ringers, 14s.; E. Humphrey, 7s. 6d.; J. H. Shepherd, £1 1s.; Hagbourne ringers, £1; Beauchampton ringers, 5s.; F. Wheeler, 5s.; St. Ebbe's ringers, Oxford, 10s.; Henley-on-Thames ringers, 10s.; Central Bucks Branch, O.D.G., 5s.; S. Loxton, 2s. 6d.; W. A. Cave, 2s. 6d.; A. E. Reeves, 2s. 6d.; E. Wilkins, 2s. 6d.; W. Knight, 3s.; T. F. King, 2s.; Miss E. Sumson, 1s. 6d.; U. Braven, 1s.; B. Brean, 3s.; College Youths' subscription list, £2 10s.; collected by G. Gilbert, £2 9s. 6d.; F. J. Owen, 2s.; H. Mayes, £1; All Saints' ringers, Oxford, 4s.; Oxford City Branch, O.D.G., £3 3s.; Bletchley ringers, 12s.; Miss Radcliffe, 5s.; J. H. R. Freeborn, 10s.; Very Rev. Dean R. H. Robinson, 5s.; Mrs. R. Bishop, 2s.; C. Caudwell, 10s.; O.D.G. Restoration Fund grant, £5 5s.; total, £191 4s. 3d.

These accounts will be audited, and after expenses are paid and a few items done in the tower the surplus will be handed to the churchwardens of St. Lawrence's for the upkeep of ropes.—With thanks,

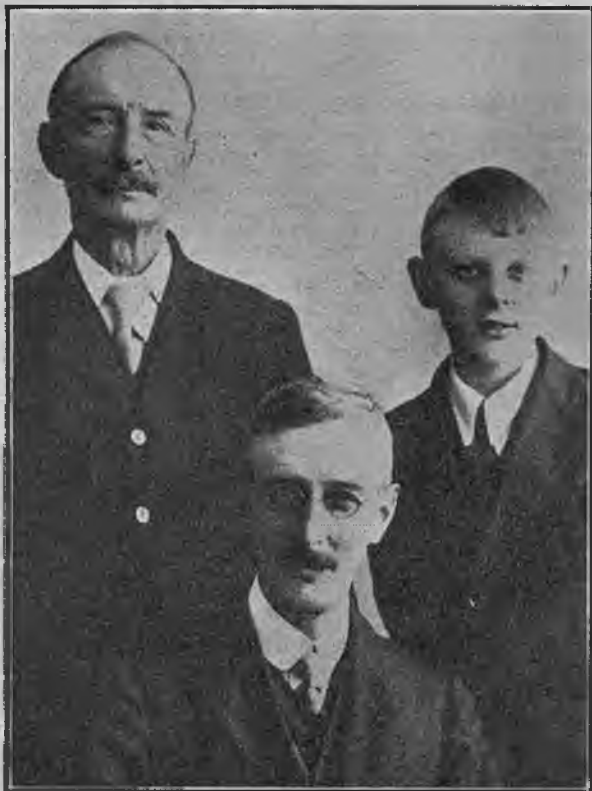
REV. C. W. O. JENKYN.
RICHARD T. HIBBERT.

THREE GENERATIONS OF RINGERS.

EDWIN BARNETT I., II., AND III.

We recorded in our issue of December 27th a peal of Grandsire rung on December 20th at Crayford, Kent, in which three generations of one family took part. Edwin A. Barnett, at the age of eleven years, rang his first peal, and with him in this performance was his father, Edwin Barnett, jun., and his grandfather, Edwin Barnett, sen., who was the conductor of the peal.

The name of Barnett has been prominently associated with ringing for nearly fifty years, and the encouragement given to young ringers by Edwin Barnett, sen., throughout his long career has been as great as any man has ever given, for he is as ready to help a youngster through a peal of Grandsire Triples—as he did his grandson on this occasion—as he is to ring a peal in any of the higher methods.



THE THREE GENERATIONS.

Mr. E. Barnett, sen., rang his first peal at West Ham as long ago as April, 1882, and his score is now over 800. His son rang his first peal in 1899, and now, thirty years later, to the great delight of 'grandad,' as well as of his father, Edwin III. has taken his place among peal ringers. He was eleven years of age on October 15th, and with this early start he will have a good chance of beating his grandfather's fine record, if only he can maintain the same interest and enthusiasm and the same will to succeed.

PEAL BOARDS AND A PRESENTATION.

A pleasing little ceremony took place at S. Nicolas' tower, Guildford, on Sunday morning, when the Rector (Rev. G. M. Wheeler) unveiled two peal boards. They are of polished oak and written in gilt letters, one recording the last peal on the bells before their restoration (Grandsire Caters on January 30th, 1926), and the first peal on the bells after rehanging and recasting several of them (Grandsire Caters on January 5th, 1929). The second board records a peal of Bob Royal rung on March 3rd, 1906, and a peal of Stedman Caters on November 12th, 1908.

After the boards had been unveiled, a silver bell inkstand, suitably inscribed (supplied by Mr. T. E. Russell, Woking), was presented by the ringers to the Rector as a parting gift on his shortly leaving the parish to take up a chaplaincy at Mentone.

SAMLESBURY, LANCs.—On Sunday, December 22nd, 1,264 Double Norwich: J. T. Bimson 1, E. Timbrell (composer) 2, B. A. Knights (conductor) 3, J. R. Armstrong 4, J. R. Taylor 5, F. Harwood 6, E. R. Martin 7, S. Bleasdale 8.

CLERGY AND RINGING.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Ringers, I am sure, have appreciated the tone and manner of the Rev. F. A. Roughton's letter, and if I add one or two remarks, it is not in the spirit of criticism, but in order to supplement what he says.

In the first place, it is by no means necessary for a clergyman to become an efficient change ringer before he can show an intelligent interest in his band. As soon as he can ring rounds, he will probably be a useful member of the band, even if he is not equal to managing the 'tenor behind,' while it will not take him much longer with a good band to coach him to be able to hunt the treble.

With such an elementary knowledge of the art, he will be able to appreciate many of the ringers' difficulties, and himself avoid so many causes of offence to these, his most faithful churchworkers. In fact, it is quite possible that he may be more thought of if he can only ring a little than if he is 'an efficient change ringer.' We do not expect a parson to be a solo singer himself, but we do expect him to know enough about music to avoid giving offence needlessly to his choir. In the case of the ringers, such an elementary knowledge is even more urgently required. For while the work of the choir is done before everyone, and it is rarely very difficult to get someone who is sufficiently musical to supplement any defects in the parson, neither of these things applies to the ringers.

Some time ago I went up into a belfry, where I was a stranger. After some preliminary difficulties, we had just settled down to a good touch when the parson, who had seen me go up, came in with a number of young fellows—apparently a Confirmation class, or part of one. He waited for some minutes, and then went down looking rather annoyed.

It looked as though he had expected us to stop as soon as he arrived. He would not have expected his choir or an orchestra to stop in the middle of a piece they were rehearsing. What ringers feel, and I think rightly feel, is that a parson ought not to undertake work in a church where there are bells until he has learnt enough about ringing to avoid making such a mistake.

As for preparation before a service, I have found nothing better than the gentle and regular exercise of ringing for the body, or the skill required for easy changes for the mind. If a parson can manage to find time for it, I am sure he will never consider it time ill spent, even in a busy day. Peal ringing on Sunday is quite another matter.

HERBERT DRAKE.

PROPOSED AUGMENTATION OF OVER BELLS.

NEW YEAR'S EVE GATHERING REVEALS SUPPORT FOR SCHEME.

The Over Society of Church Bellringers held their annual supper on New Year's Eve in the schoolroom, about 35 members and friends being present, including the president (Rev. F. G. Weston), Mr. H. Asplin (vice-president), Mr. W. I. Ginn (secretary), Mr. F. C. Ginn (treasurer), Mr. A. J. Ginn (captain), Mr. B. Wayman (vice-captain), Mr. F. G. Gleaves, Mr. F. Warrington (district secretary and Ringing Master of the Ely Archdeaconry). To the general regret, Mr. H. Edwards, Vicar's warden and vice-president, was absent, having been taken ill on the previous Saturday. After supper, Mr. A. J. Ginn spoke of the past year's work, which, he said, had given him satisfaction, and he expressed the hope, that before long Over would have a ring of eight bells.

The Vicar (Rev. F. G. Weston) responded and thanked the ringers for their services during the year, and also promised to support the movement for the peal to be increased to eight.—Mr. H. Asplin supported the Vicar, and added he was pleased to hear the bells rung, specially for service.

Mr. B. Wayman, Mr. F. Warrington and Mr. F. C. Ginn also urged the augmentation. Associating his remarks with Mr. Asplin, Mr. Warrington said Over had a fine church, and was worthy of a peal of eight bells. There were 17 ringing members, about fifty 720's had been rung for service, and about 100 720's rung during the year.

Mr. A. J. Ginn, commenting on Surprise ringing, added yet another surprise when he stated that someone had promised to start an augmentation fund with a gift of £10, and the Vicar and Mr. Asplin promised to bring this before the Church Council at the first opportunity.

During the evening games were indulged in, also handbell ringing, etc., a 720 Cambridge Surprise being rung by A. W. T. Ginn 1, F. C. Ginn 2, B. Wayman 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. Warrington 6. This was F. Warrington's 133rd 720 during 1929, the 685th since January, 1925, and the 200th of Cambridge Surprise. About 11.45 p.m. the ringers adjourned to the church tower to toll out the old year and ring in the new, when two touches were brought round. The bells having then been lowered, the ringers returned to the schoolroom, where the party, joining crossed hands, sang 'Auld Lang Syne' before finally dispersing about 1 a.m., everyone having had a good time. It is believed this annual supper has, with the exception of war years, been held for nearly a century.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**DEVIZES BRANCH.**

The annual meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Devizes on Saturday. The bells of St. John's (8), St. Mary's (6) and St. James', Southbroom (6) were all available for ringing, which commenced about 2.45 p.m. At 4.40 p.m. the Guild service was held in St. James' Church, and was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Tudor Jefferys, the lesson being read by the chairman of the branch (Mr. C. D. Heginbotham). Mr. Wicks was the organist, and the service was largely attended. The Vicar spoke a few words of welcome to those present. He expressed his pleasure that a meeting had been arranged at that church, it being the first time during his four years' incumbency that such a gathering had been held there, and spoke of the encouragement it gave one to have a faithful band of ringers such as he was pleased to say he had.

Tea followed, to which between 70 and 80 sat down, including the Rev. Tudor Jefferys, Rev. Tiney Bassett (Rector of Beechingstoke), a former chairman of the branch, Mr. C. F. Johnston (of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon), the grand old veteran of the branch, Mr. H. Brownlee West, Mrs. C. D. Heginbotham, Mrs. F. Green, Mr. W. Shute and Mr. L. Wilson.

A business meeting followed, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham presiding. At the outset, the Chairman wished all present a happy new year. He drew attention to the leading article in that week's issue of 'The Ringing World' on problems to be faced, and said there were always new ones, and he appealed to all to face them in a spirit of goodwill. In his resumé of the work in the branch during the year, the Chairman thanked the officers for their help, and said the work of restoring the bells at All Cannings and Bishop's Lavington had been completed. Among those which required attention were Edington, Erlestoke, and South Wroxall. He also congratulated those members who had rung peals during the year, and noted with pleasure those who had been 'first pealers.'—The secretary (Mr. F. Green) produced the balance sheet for the past year, which showed a small balance in hand. In his report, the Secretary thanked the incumbents of the parishes for the use of the bells, and the correspondents of the towers for their help during the past year.

The following new members were elected: Mr. C. Springford and Mr. F. Springford, of Devizes, as hon. members; Messrs. F. May, G. F. Mead, Swift, Vincent and C. Drewett as ringing members.

The election of officers for the coming year resulted in the whole of the retiring officers being re-elected, with thanks for their services.

On the motion of the Chairman, a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and other incumbents in the town for the use of the bells, to the organist, and to those who prepared the tea. The Vicar acknowledged the vote, and Mr. Johnston and Mr. Shute replied on behalf of the visitors.

This concluded the business.

Ringers were present from Devizes, Bradford-on-Avon, Bromham, Chirton, All Cannings, Bratton, Trowbridge, Melksham and Warminster, Mere, Buckhorn Weston, Wootton Bassett and Swindon.

It would be a very great help indeed to the secretary if the correspondents of towers would try and get the subscriptions in earlier in the year, so as to enable him to complete the balance sheet for audit before the annual meeting.

The Church of St. James, Devizes, is the garrison church of the Wilts Regiment, and contains memorials to officers and men of that regiment, and some old colours. It has a fine perpendicular tower, which, until 22 or 23 years ago, contained only four bells. Then two trebles were added, and the third recast by Messrs. Taylor and Co. The tenor is a bell of about 9 cwt.

THE BRISTOL UNITED GUILDS' DINNER.**FREE MOTOR TRIP FOR VISITORS.**

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The committee of the Bristol United Ringing Guilds have placed at the disposal of visitors attending the ninth annual dinner (without any charge) a charabanc, which will tour around the city and surrounding district during the afternoon. The conveyance will leave St. Thomas' Church, Victoria Street, about 2.30 p.m. (five minutes from Temple Meads), and proceed to tramways centre via Queen's Road, Promenade, Bridgevalley Road, Portway (Avon Gorge), Shirehampton, Kingweston, Blaise Castle, Henbury, Westbury Lea Walls (Downs), Zoological Gardens, Clifton College, Jacobs Wells, College Green, St. Thomas' Church, where tea can be had (free).

Ten minutes' stop at the Clifton Suspension Bridge is allowed. Accommodation is limited, and should be applied for on or before January 11th.

All-weather coaches are being provided, and the trip will be free of cost (even tips). The time of starting depends upon visitors' trains.—On behalf of the committee, yours faithfully,

EDGAR GUISE,

Hon. Secretary.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**DERBY DISTRICT DECIDES ON QUARTERLY MEETINGS.**

The annual meeting of the Derby District was held on Saturday afternoon in the Cathedral belfry. The splendid ring of ten bells was kept going during the afternoon and evening, touches in a variety of methods being rung, members being present from most of the surrounding belfries. At the business meeting, which was presided over by Mr. H. Fletcher (vice-president), the retiring officers were thanked for their past services and again elected, viz., Mr. H. Fletcher (vice-president), Messrs. C. Draper and E. Clarke (committee), and Mr. George Freebrey (secretary).

Some discussion arose as to whether it was advisable to continue the monthly meetings or to hold meetings once a quarter, and on the proposition of Mr. Draper, seconded by Mr. E. H. Clarke it was decided to hold quarterly meetings, the first to be held in Derby.

A hearty vote of thanks to Canon Ham for the use of the bells, to Mr. James Pagett as Ringing Master, and Mr. George Holmes, towerkeeper, was proposed by Mr. W. Wallace, and carried unanimously.

HOW STAGSDEN RINGERS PATCHED UP THEIR BELLS.

On Thursday evening, January 2nd, the ringers of St. Leonard's Church, Stagdsen, were entertained to supper and a social evening by their Vicar (the Rev. E. E. Nickisson) and Mrs. Nickisson. The meal was partaken of at the residence of Mrs. R. Bonnett, who kindly undertook to prepare the supper, which consisted of good old English fare. After full justice had been done, the company adjourned to the Church Room, where handbells and games passed away a very pleasant evening. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and Mrs. Nickisson, to Mrs. R. Bonnett, and all those who helped to make the evening so enjoyable.

Stagdsen bells are a poor peal of five, and for some twenty years only the front three were used, chimed by one man. However, when he died, a young hand set to work to improve matters. The clapper staples of the 4th and 5th were broken, making the bells unringable, but the ringers determined to put matters right, spent many hours inside the bells with specially shaped pieces of iron and 'u' bolts, nuts, etc., and in the end successfully fixed in the clappers. The outcome of this is that the bells have been rung ever since—over five years—change ringing is practised, and the bells rung regularly for Sunday service.

The time has now come when a thorough restoration will have to be effected, as the 'go' of the bells is very bad, and the fittings very dilapidated. A fund has been started, and subscriptions will be gratefully received by the Vicar, Stagdsen, Beds.

BICESTER BELLRINGERS' SUPPER.

The annual supper of the Bicester ringers took place on New Year's Eve. After a pull on the bells, the party made their way to the Rose and Crown Inn, where they sat down to an excellent repast, presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. O'Reilly). Those present were Messrs. T. Clifton, E. A. Clifton, J. Evans, L. Evans, W. Scarrott, B. Cox, H. Hatfield, F. Neale, G. Auger, G. Keeves and A. Tuffrey. After the supper, the loyal toast was honoured, and touches and tunes were then rung on the handbells.

The Vicar gave the toast of 'The Bicester Ringers,' which was responded to by Mr. E. A. Clifton.

A vote of condolence was passed with Mr. Cox on the death of his father, the company standing in silence a few moments. Mr. Cox thanked the ringers for their sympathy, and also for the muffled peal which was rung the previous evening.

Community singing was next the order of the evening, and then followed the toast of 'The Vicar,' which was accorded musical honours.

Mr. L. Evans then gave the company a recital of his own composition, entitled 'The Bicester Bellringers,' in which each member of the band came in for his share of criticism or otherwise.

A few tunes on the gramophone, the toast of 'The Hostess,' proposed by Mr. Clifton, who thanked Mrs. Neale for her kind regard for them at all times, a duet by the brothers Evans, followed by Auld Lang Syne and the National Anthem, brought an end to the happy proceedings, and the ringers then went to the belfry for muffled ringing until midnight, after which followed open ringing until 12.15 a.m. Thus was the new year ushered in.

APPEAL FOR A LANCASHIRE RINGER.

Previously acknowledged, £8 18s. 6d.; ringers of Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, 8s. 6d.; ringers of Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, 5s.; Mr. A. E. Wrecks 5s.

Any further donations to this fund for assisting Mr. Harry Tomlinson, who is totally incapacitated and has a daughter entirely dependent on him, will be gratefully received by Mr. F. Hindle, hon. secretary, Blackburn Branch, 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

NEW BELLS AT TILSWORTH, BEDS.**A FINE RING OF SIX.**

Sunday, December 29th, was a 'red-letter' day in the history of the hamlet of Tilsworth, Bedfordshire, the recast and augmented peal of bells being on that occasion solemnly dedicated by Bishop Lander, in the presence of a crowded congregation. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. E. R. Souper), assisted by the Rev. G. C. Rolfe, Rector of Dunstable (Rural Dean). After the dedication of the bells, rounds were rung, as the Bishop and choir returned to the chancel, by a band from the Priory Church, Dunstable, who had been specially asked to open the bells.

At the close of evensong, the crowded congregation stayed to hear the ringing. Touches of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Kent Treble Bob, and Grandsire Doubles were brought round, the ringing concluding with the first 720 on the bells, a well-struck extent of Bob Minor being rung.

Originally a peal of five by Russell, of Wolton, the bells have now been recast, and a new treble added, the whole now making a lovely ring of six, upon which Messrs. Taylor and Co., the founders, are to be heartily congratulated. The whole of the work has been carried out with the well-known thoroughness of the firm, who were represented at the opening by Mr. J. P. Fidler. Everyone was loud in their praise of the beautiful tone of the bells. The 'go,' too, is everything a ringer could desire.

On Tuesday, December 31st, the first peal was rung on the bells.

RE-OPENING OF WHITSTONE CHURCH BELLS.**A MIDNIGHT CEREMONY.**

The five bells of Whitstone Church, Devon, have been quarter-turned and rehung (two being recast) and a sixth bell added by Mr. and Mrs. Roderick Fry (of Bristol and Bude), to the glory of God, and in loving memory of their son, Dennis Grierson Fry, who entered into rest on St. George's Day, 1929. The new treble bell was anointed and blessed at the Sung Mass on Sunday, November 24th, and was rung for the first time at the elevation of the Host and at the Angelus by Mrs. Fry. The rehanging bells were officially reopened with prayers and a muffled peal at 11.30 p.m. on Christmas Eve, followed by a festal peal at 11.45 p.m. before the Midnight Mass. At this service Mr. and Mrs. Fry were present, and there was a very large congregation. An address was given by the Rector (the Rev. C. D. Kingdon) from the text, Exodus xxviii. 35, 'Bells of gold.' Ninety people made their Christmas Communion.

There were merry peals after the service. The work of the rehanging, etc., has been splendidly executed by the firm of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. At the close of the service all those present were given a memorial card of the re-opening, and an original poem on the Christmas Bells of St. Anne's, Whitstone.

As there was little opportunity for ringing at the re-opening, the Rector and ringers extended a hearty welcome to the ringers of the neighbouring towers to meet at Whitstone Church on Monday last (Old Christmas Day) for a ringers' gathering. Tea was served in the Church Hall for ringers and friends.

CLAUDE D. KINGDON,

An old 'College Youth.'

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**BEDFORD DISTRICT AT THURLEIGH.**

The Bedford District held a meeting at St. Peter's Church, Thurleigh, on Saturday, and about 24 members attended, which was considered quite good for the time of year. The bells at this church are rung in full sight of the congregation, the tower being central. The ringing during the afternoon and evening was of the usual meeting character—some good touches, some indifferent. Nevertheless good spade work was done, some of the members ringing their first touch inside.

Tea was served in the Village Hall, the members being the guests of the Vicar (the Rev. C. Hemsley), who, although unable to be present through indifferent health, sent his best wishes.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for his generosity.

A short business meeting was held, Mr. R. Shimmans being in the chair. Mr. R. Lovell, of Thurleigh, was elected a member of the association, and Mr. W. Whitmore, of Raunds, an hon. resident member. Mr. H. Cockings, of Stagsden, was re-elected a member.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Cardington (8) on February 1st, if the bells are available, Wootton (6) being chosen as an alternative tower.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the local ringers and their wives for making arrangements and preparing the tea, was heartily accorded.

Ringings in methods from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise was carried on till 8 p.m.

Members were present from Bedford, Bromham, Cardington, Keysoe, Riseley, Clapham, Stagsden, Kempston and the local tower. Other welcome visitors were Mr. and Mrs. H. Chapman and Messrs. W. and E. Whitmore, Raunds.

RINGER'S DEATH AFTER MOTOR ACCIDENT.

It is with very deep regret we have to announce the death of Mr. Thomas William Emsden, of Chislehurst, which occurred on December 20th, the result of a motoring accident, announced in 'The Ringing World' of December 13th. The deceased never fully regained consciousness.

Mr. Emsden was returning from Bromley to Chislehurst 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, and were removed to hospital. Mr. Emsden's injuries consisted of a fractured skull, a broken leg and a badly lacerated hand.

A native of Barking, near Needham Market, and a carpenter by trade, he had only done a little six-bell ringing before coming to Chislehurst, but he joined the Chislehurst band, and soon made good headway in ringing Grandsire Triples (two peals), Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, and Treble Bob Major, a few touches on ten bells, and rounds on several of the city twelves, his last being at St. Paul's Cathedral.

A man of more lovable and kindly disposition never walked, and he will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

A half-muffled peal was rung on Saturday under the auspices of the two societies, in which he took such an interest—the Kent County Association and the Ancient Society of College Youths.—R.I.P.

SEVEN-BELL METHODS.**To the Editor.**

Sir,—While thanking those gentlemen who wrote letters on the subject of 'Silvester,' I would point out that I made no claim to originality, and only sent you the figures and the peal, as I wanted to refer to them in a short article on 'Q sets,' intended for beginners, which I hope shortly to publish, if you can find room for them.

Mr. Craven may be interested to know that Silchester is a 'legitimate seven-bell method,' and as such it is docketed in the Central Council Library, where it has been in manuscript form for the last twenty years or more.

It pleased the Central Council to draw a distinction between a 'legitimate seven-bell method' and a 'legitimate Triple method,' which doubtless was the reason that made him think that such methods had been condemned.—Yours truly, E. BANKES JAMES.

THE PEAL AT STONE.**STEDMAN DOUBLES COMPLETES INTERESTING SEQUENCE.**

The first peal of Stedman Doubles in the county of Worcester was rung on Saturday week for the 69th birthday of Mr. Thomas Pratt, a ringer at Stone for many years. This peal completes the circuit of Doubles, Triples, Caters and Cinques in the Stedman method by T. J. Salter, Clifford Skidmore and Robert Matthews. It also brings to mind the fact that W. Short was the first to achieve this performance. Further, Mr. J. Bass has rung Stedman and Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques, and Plain Bob and Treble Bob from Minor to Maximus. The conductor, Mr. Robert Matthews, has now done the same thing with the addition of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.

ANOTHER PORTISHEAD LADY RINGER MARRIED.

On Boxing Day, the marriage took place at the Parish Church, Portishead, of Miss Alice Stokes and Mr. Harold E. Gale, the Rector (Preb. H. W. Jukes) and the Rev. H. S. Briggs officiating. The bride had been for ten years a valued member of the Portishead band. She had rung three peals of Grandsire Triples, which she conducted, and one peal of Stedman Triples.

To show their appreciation and esteem, all the members of the local company met in the belfry to send forth their good wishes on the bells. Their present to the bride was a dinner service.

SOUTHGATE RINGERS WEDDED.

At Christ Church, Southgate, on Dec. 28th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: A. R. Glasscock 1, D. Pink 2, J. Armstrong (conductor) 3, D. Orington 4, H. Miller 5, J. Miller 6, W. Pickworth 7, A. G. Crane 8. Rung in honour of the marriage earlier in the day at All Saints' Church, Edmonton, of Miss Phoebe Ann Upsher to Mr. Norman Tomlinson, both members of the Southgate Society. The Southgate ringers, after the wedding, were the guests of the mother of the bride.

A PINCHBECK RINGER'S WEDDING.

In honour of the wedding of Mr. W. Worthington, of Pinchbeck, and Miss A. G. Overton, of Gosberton, which took place on Boxing Day at Gosberton, the Pinchbeck ringers rang a 720 Bob Minor, also 240 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and 120 Double Court. The ringers taking part were W. Hudson, J. Curry, G. Sewell, A. Ground, G. Ladd, Maurice E. Wilson (of Sheffield), F. Dewey (Boston), and H. Nichols (Spalding). The ringers greatly appreciated being allowed to ring.

These bells have recently been rehung in a new iron frame with ball bearings by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and the 'go' of them is all one could wish for. The weight of the tenor has always been given as 21 cwt. The correct weight, however, is 17 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

NOTICES.

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. 16th, 30th; *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.

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.—H. 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.—J. Sparrow, Sec., 5 Bandon Rise, Wallington, Surrey.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—On Saturday, January 11th, a meeting will be held at Graveley. The bells (6) recently rehung will be available at 3 p.m. Tea will be at 5. All ringers heartily welcome.—Donald C. Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The annual meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Weston-super-Mare, on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells (8) open 2.30 p.m. Divine Service 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting.—L. G. Tanner, 51, Locking Road, Weston-super-Mare.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Marlborough on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells available 2.30 p.m.: St. Mary's (5), St. Peter's (8). Will visitors kindly notify the secretary if they require tea?—Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec., East Leaze, Baydon, Marlborough.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Islip (6) on Saturday, January 11th. Usual arrangements. Preacher, Rev. J. Goodchild, Rector of Brington. A good attendance is requested.—J. Nickerson, Halford Street, Thrapston.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND SUFFOLK GUILD.—A joint meeting of the South Norfolk and Eye Branches of the above Associations will be held on Saturday, Jan. 11th, at 2.30 p.m. with Diss (8) as centre. The rings of bells at Palgrave (8), Thrandeston (6), Winfarthing (6) and Shelfanger (5) will also be available. Please meet at Diss where arrangements will be made for visiting these towers.—Nolan Golden 13, Sunnyside, Diss, and Alphæus J. Berry, Thornham Magna, Eye, Hon. Dis. Secs.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Moulton on Saturday, January 11th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

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.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on Saturday, January 11th. Bells (12) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Preacher, Canon Dwelly. Tea by invitation of Archdeacon Howson at the Institute, 6 p.m. Wigan Branch members especially invited.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Rd., Wavertree.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Maidstone, on Saturday, January 11th. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock. Service at 3.45, followed by tea and business meeting. All Saints' tower will be open after tea. Subscriptions for 1930 should be paid at this meeting. All ringers welcome.—C. H. Sone, District Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Annual meeting at Washingborough (8) on Saturday, January 11th (unveiling of peal board). Tower open 2 p.m. Excellent bus service every quarter of an hour between Lincoln and Washingborough. Good attendance requested. Notification for tea to:—Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, St. Giles, Lincoln.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, January 11th. Bells (10) available from 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6.15 p.m.—F. W. Bailey, Local Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Nuneaton on Saturday, January 11th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Service in Church 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock in the Old Grammar School, with business meeting to follow.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at Ross on Saturday, January 11th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Service 4 o'clock. Tea 4.45. Business meeting, election of officers, etc., afterwards. All ringers welcome.—Kindly notify J. Clark, Fernlea, Chase Road, Ross, Herefordshire.

BARNESLEY & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Barnsley, on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells ready early. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Room. The officials hope to have a record attendance. Tea can only be provided for those who apply in good time by postcard addressed to C. D. Potter, Prospect House, High Street, Royston, near Barnsley. All ringers invited.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 11th. The Cathedral bells and St. Maurice's will be available from 2.30 p.m. Guild service at St. Maurice's Church 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow at Dumper's Restaurant.—C. A. Smith, Hon. Sec.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS' Ninth Annual Dinner will be held at the Grand Hotel at 6 p.m. on Jan. 18th. Inquiries at St. Thomas' Parish Room from 2 p.m. onwards as to bells available. Tea and bun at 4.30 p.m. Charabanc tour free to visitors around Bristol at 2.30 to 3 p.m. from St. Thomas' Church, Victoria Street. Please give notice. Tickets 5/6. Only a few now left and can only be obtained from the Hon. Sec. Edgar Guise, 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Brierley Hill on Saturday, January 18th. Service in the Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than January 14th.—A. J. Skelding, 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

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.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the Preston, Blackburn, Fylde and Wigan Branches will be held at Preston on Saturday, January 18th, when the bells at Preston Parish, Preston St. Mark's and Penwortham Churches will be available from 2.30 p.m. If desired Mr. Wm. Taylor will continue his lecture on coursing order at this meeting. All ringers welcome.—On behalf of the various branch secs., F. Rigby, Hon. Sec., Preston Branch.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Crawley on Saturday, January 18th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in the Parish Room. Important: Those who intend to be present please notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday previous to meeting. Half railway fare (max. 1/6).—A. D. Stone, Hon. Div. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Annual general meeting, Guildford, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Cathedral and St. Nicolas' bells available 2.45. Service at St. Nicolas' 4.30. Tea and business meeting at the Prince of Wales 5.30. Please send numbers for tea to me by Monday, January 13th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, near Guildford.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Luke's Church, Sydney Street, Chelsea, on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Proceedings to commence at 3 p.m. Election of officers, etc., after tea, about 5.30 p.m. Names and numbers please.—J. Herbert, 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The annual general district meeting will be held at Godstone on Saturday, January 18th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Those intending to be at tea please notify me by Wednesday, January 15th.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Wokingham, Saturday, January 18th. Divine service in All Saints' Church at 4 p.m. Preacher, Rev. R. W. H. Acworth, M.A., Vicar of Sunningdale. Tea (followed by business meeting) in Church House 4.45 p.m., to all who inform me by Jan. 14th. Members 6d., Visitors 1/-. Usual ringing arrangements.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Merrel, California, Wokingham.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Eastern District will be held at Gateshead on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells of St. Mary's Church available from 2.30 p.m. Tea in 'Anchorage' 5 p.m. for those ringers informing Mr. R. Pattinson, 22, Alfred St., Gateshead, by Jan. 16th. All ringers welcome.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Water St., West Hartlepool.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—A meeting will be held at Wymondham on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Will those requiring tea send word to Mr. W. Clover, Wymondham, by Jan. 16th. Members are reminded that subscriptions for this year are now due.—W. B. Duncan, Hon. Branch Sec., Reepham, Norwich.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Midsomer Norton on Jan. 18th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me by the 15th inst.—R. T. Clark, Hon. Sec., High Street, Timsbury, near Bath.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely Archdeaconry.—A meeting at Fulbourn, by invitation, on Jan. 18th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m., service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. to those who notify Mr. B. D. Buttress, Balsham Rd., Fulbourn, Cambs., by 16th.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual general meeting of the above Guild will be held at Appledore on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells ready from 2 p.m. Service at 4.30 by the President, the Rev. M. N. Vischer, the Guild's new form of service to be used. Tea at 5 p.m. All members are earnestly requested to attend. Important business.—A. J. Batten, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at St. George's, Doncaster, on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells ready early. Service 4.30 followed by tea and business meeting. Will all members please make a special effort to be present?—P. Gledstone, Hon. Sec., 34, Silverwood View, Conisborough.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 18th, at Grantham. Bells (10) available from 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in St. Wulfram's Church House at 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. It is hoped that a good attendance will be made; all ringers welcome. Will those who intend to be present for tea, please notify me by Wednesday, Jan. 15th?—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., The Lodge, Folkingham, Lincs.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The first meeting of the year will be held at Shireoaks on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells (6) have been recently rehung; available at 2.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Those who require tea must notify Mr. F. Hargreaves, 4, Shireoaks, Worksop, before Jan. 15th. All ringers welcome, good train and bus services from all directions.—R. W. Stockdale and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The first annual meeting of the above district, for the election of officers, and other important business, will be held at Bakewell, on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Church of All Saints (8 bells, tenor 18 cwt.) available afternoon and evening. Tea about 5 p.m. at the Wheatsheaf. A large attendance is earnestly desired. Visitors from other districts especially welcome.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Liscard, on Saturday, January 18th. Service at 6 o'clock. Tea and meeting in Parish Hall. Tower open at 3 o'clock.—H. S. Brocklebank, 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting of the above will be held at Frodsham on Jan. 18th. Bells (8) ready at 3 o'clock; meeting at 4.30.—G. A. Taylor, Hon. Sec., Grappenhall Village.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Southampton district of the above Guild will be held at Southampton on Saturday, Jan. 18th. St. Mary's and St. Michael's bells from 2.30. Tea in the Chantry Hall at 5 p.m. Service in St. Mary's Church at 4.15. All ringers welcome, but please notify me for tea by Jan. 14th.—W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells ready 5 o'clock; meeting 7 p.m. Important business to be transacted.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Guilborough on Jan. 18th. Usual arrangements.—R. Adams, Branch Sec., East Haddon.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Chippenham, on Saturday, January 18th, at 3 o'clock. St. Andrew's bells will also be available.—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., The Woodlands, Chippenham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The annual meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells (10) available from 4.30 p.m. Business meeting (election of officers for the ensuing year, etc.) in the belfry at 6.30 p.m.—Alban Disney, Local Sec., 3, Highgate, Aylestone Lane, Leicester.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Harbord, near Sidmouth, on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in the Parish Room 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, January 25th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting 6.30. Subscriptions now due. Reports and diagrams to hand. A good attendance is requested. Bells are in good order.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—General quarterly meeting, Saturday, January 25th, at Bolsover. Bells (8) available all the afternoon. Committee meet 3.30. Tea 5 o'clock, followed by general meeting in Church Hall. A peal tablet will be dedicated at 4.45. Tea, 1/6 each, only arranged for those who notify Mr. J. Moss, 14, Welbeck Road, Bolsover, not later than 23rd. Will all local Secs. send me nominations for general and local officers for ensuing year, also any corrections for report, by this date?—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District. The annual district meeting will be held at Kingston-on-Thames on Saturday, January 25th. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea, followed by business meeting, 5.30 in the Church Hall. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, January 22nd. A good attendance of members is desired at this meeting.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, on Saturday, January 25th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45. Tea at Lyons Restaurant, Queen Square, at 5.30. All are welcome. Please send word by Tuesday, 21st inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The annual general meeting will be held at Farnham on Saturday, January 25th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30., followed by tea and business meeting in Church House. Those requiring tea, notify Mr. R. Hasted, 1, Victoria Villas, St. George's Road, Farnham, by Wed., January 22nd.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chislehurst on Saturday, January 25th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea, kindly provided by the Rector and churchwardens, only for those who notify me by Monday, January 20th, the latest. Subscriptions are now due and should be paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. James', Taunton, on Saturday, January 25th. Bells from 2.30. Divine Service 4.30. Tea and business after in the Schools. Please notify by Tuesday, January 21st, those who require tea.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Bathwick, on Saturday, January 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Guild service 4.30 with tea and meeting to follow. Notifications for tea must reach me not later than January 22nd.—T. Grant, Branch Sec., Swainswick, Bath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Todmorden Unitarian Church on Saturday, January 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand.—Wm. Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Scarborough, on Saturday, January 25th. Further details later.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Annual meeting at Southgate, Saturday, February 1st. Full particulars next week.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Will those who are desirous of contributing to the 'Henry W. Jackson Memorial Fund' please forward their contributions as early as possible. The fund is now closing.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton, Lanc.

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The Hon. Secretary then spoke of the excellent progress made during the year, when the bells were rung at least twice every Sunday without exception. Mr. G. Hughes set a good example by making 109 attendances, being closely followed by his son with 106. Five quarter-peals were rung, and Mr. Hill congratulated the band that had rung the first peal of Stedman Triples on the bells that afternoon.

The Rector then presented a barometer to Mr. R. Wilkinson, as a gift from the Stanmore ringers on the occasion of his marriage. A silver inkstand, in the shape of a bell, was presented to Mr. F. Edwards as a token of appreciation of his services as instructor.

Mr. Edwards, in returning thanks, took occasion to thank the visitors who had stood in the peal that afternoon to enable him to call the first in the method on the Stanmore bells.

Mr. G. A. Hughes proposed the toast of 'The Rector and Churchwardens.' Their Rector, he said, was the best they could have, and was one who took a great interest in the ringers. He (Mr. Hughes) was especially pleased that the bells were rung for all Sunday services without fail, and hoped such a state of affairs would continue. He also spoke a few words of appreciation of the support given by the Middlesex Association, and said they looked forward to the summer meeting of the association at Stanmore.

The Rector, in his reply, took occasion to thank the ringers for their excellent services, for which both he and the churchwardens were grateful.

Mr. Hill toasted 'Our guests,' who included Mr. Bozier, for over 30 years a ringer at Stanmore, but now retired.—Mr. C. T. Coles replied, thanking the Stanmore ringers, on behalf of the visitors, for an excellent dinner. The secret of success at Stanmore was the good fellowship prevailing, and the Rector was fortunate in his ringers. Mr. Coles also thanked Mr. Edwards for the work he put in at Stanmore, which they of the Middlesex Association much appreciated.

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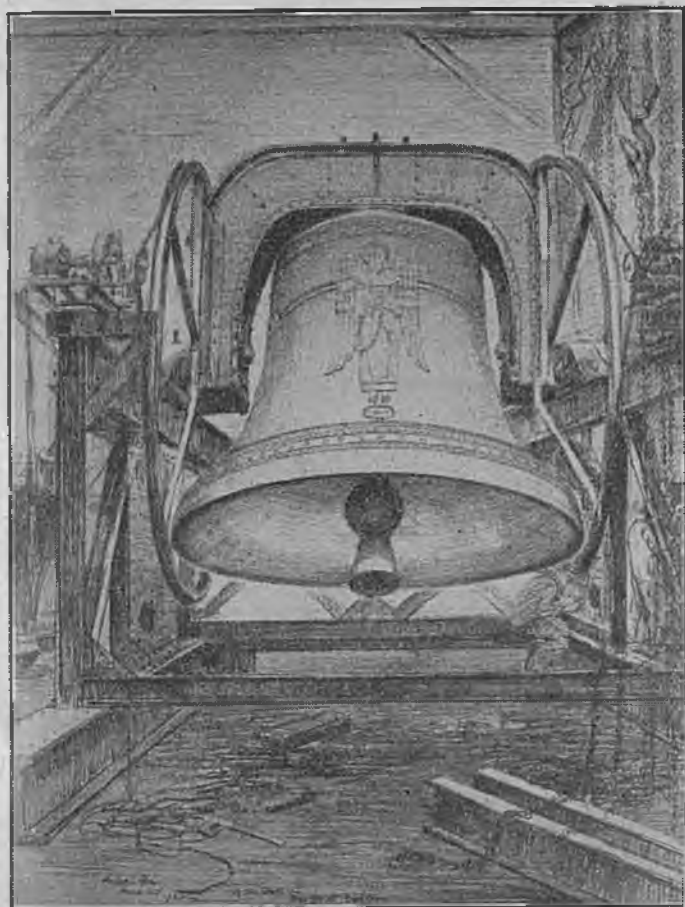
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In all probability the records for the year 1929 will show a falling off in the number of peals rung, compared with the preceding year. It would be interesting, if it were possible, to know whether these peals have been rung in as many towers as in the previous year, and by as many different ringers. If they were, there would be no need to regret the falling off in the peal total, but in the absence of such statistics it is impossible to say what has been the reason for the decline. If we may make a suggestion on the subject, we should like to see appointed in every association a statistical officer (where the secretary is unable to undertake the additional work) who would get out all the necessary information, based upon an agreed form. The details would then be available for the use of the association in planning their own campaign and could be sent on also to the Central Council, by whom they could be collated. Ringers would then have comprehensive and reliable information on the general position of the Exercise, which would be available for a variety of purposes. If each association undertook its own portion of the work, it would impose no great burden on anyone, and the resulting statistics would be not only interesting but illuminating. The falling off in peal ringing last year may or may not be symptomatic of a general decline in the art;

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 3, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| JOHN WHEADON Treble | WILFRED WILLIAMS 5 |
| EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 2 | HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 6 |
| CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 3 | EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 7 |
| JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4 | THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor |

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Wheadon.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 4, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicolas,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 25 lb. in G.

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| JOSEPH D. HARRIS Treble | WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... 5 |
| * ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 2 | FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 6 |
| D. CECIL WILLIAMS 3 | * EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ... 7 |
| FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 4 | GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS

* First peal in the method.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 4, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt. (approx.).

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| FREDERICK J. WHITWORTH Treble | HARRY PRICE 5 |
| * ARTHUR J. MARTIN 2 | † ROBERT LEWIS 6 |
| MISS AMY JOHNSON 3 | HAROLD F. MARTIN 7 |
| A. OLIVER LEWIS 4 | GEORGE PERRY Tenor |

Conducted by HAROLD F. MARTIN.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal of Grandsire Triples 'inside.' Rung as a farewell peal to Miss Johnson, who is shortly leaving the district. Miss Johnson, who has been a highly esteemed member of the local band for the past seven years, is now returning to Evesham. All the above ringers are members of the local band.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

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

On Saturday, January 4, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

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| MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... Treble | ALAN R. MACDONALD ... 5 |
| HERBERT LANGDON 2 | ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 6 |
| JOSEPH S. HAWKINS 3 | THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7 |
| THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 4 | ALBERT A. HUGHES Tenor |

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

This peal was rung with clappers half-muffled as a last token of respect to the memory of Thomas Emsden, who died on December 20th, and was interred at Barking, near Needham Market, on December 27th.

WILLESDEN.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 4, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

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| EDWARD LANCASTER ... Treble | * JOHN H. CRAMPION ... 5 |
| GEORGE R. PYE 2 | WILLIAM PYE 6 |
| ERNEST J. BUTLER 3 | HARRY KILBY 7 |
| * THOMAS LOCK 4 | JAMES BENNETT Tenor |

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 4, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| OSWALD CLAYBROOK ... Treble | CYRIL VALENTINE ... 5 |
| ARTHUR BERRINGTON ... 2 | WILLIAM BIBBY ... 6 |
| MISS NORAH M. BIBBY ... 3 | GEORGE R. JONES ... 7 |
| JOHN E. BIBBY 4 | HENRY W. WILDE Tenor |

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by J. E. BIBBY.

Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Bibby.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 4, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

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| REGINALD C. KERSEY ... Treble | JAMES M. BAILEY ... 5 |
| ALFRED KERBE 2 | JAMES G. RUMSEY ... 6 |
| LEONARD P. BAILEY 3 | FREDERICK J. SMITH ... 7 |
| ERNEST S. BAILEY 4 | CHARLES F. BAILEY ... Tenor |

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

Rung on the 10th anniversary of the first peal of London on the bells, also a birthday compliment to the conductor.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 4, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Helen,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

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| * THOMAS W. LEWIS ... Treble | WILLIAM RANFORD ... 5 |
| † DENNIS R. MORRIS 2 | SIDNEY T. HOLT 6 |
| FRANK LAWRENCE 3 | CYRIL TANSELL 7 |
| ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... 4 | CHARLES CAMM Tenor |

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

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

CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 4, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

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

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

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| HARRY MORGAN Treble | J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 5 |
| WILLIAM A. WOOLER 2 | ALBERT NASH 6 |
| MISS NOEL CAWTHORNE ... 3 | PERCY GLEDSTONE ... 7 |
| MILTON C. FOWLER 4 | ARNOLD HILL Tenor |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 46). Conducted by J. E. CAWSE

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FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 4, 1930, in Three Hours and Sixteen-and-a-Half Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

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| *ERNEST MINGAY Treble | WILLIAM KEEBLE 5 |
| JOHN C. NEWMAN 2 | FREDERICK FLUDDER 6 |
| *STANLEY PYE 3 | LESLIE A. CLARK 7 |
| †PERCY GREEN 4 | CHARLES BUTTON Tenor |

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in the method.

PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 4, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| CHARLES E. LAWSON Treble | WILLIAM PEARSON 5 |
| ARTHUR WALKER, SEN. 2 | HARRY MARSDEN 6 |
| *WILLIAM H. SENIOR 3 | THOMAS WM. STRANGEWAY 7 |
| HARRY C. WALTERS 4 | GEORGE WM. STEEL Tenor |

Conducted by THOMAS WM. STRANGEWAY.

* First peal of Stedman.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 4, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb.

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| GEORGE M. KILBY Treble | GILBERT R. GOODSHIP 5 |
| NORMAN W. GENNA 2 | CHARLES DYKE 6 |
| EDWARD ASHEY 3 | FREDERICK EDWARDS 7 |
| CHARLES T. COLES 4 | GEORGE A. HUGHES Tenor |

Conducted by FREDERICK EDWARDS.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. H. Goodship, of St. Giles', Reading.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 5, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

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| WALTER CHARMAN Treble | *ROBERT SWIFT 5 |
| GEORGE OLLIVER 2 | GEORGE ELLIS 6 |
| KENNETH SNELLING 3 | OLIVER SIFFETTS 7 |
| NELSON ELLIOTT 4 | CECIL NICE Tenor |

Composed by FREDK. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by O. SIFFETTS.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' A birthday peal for the ringer of the 3rd.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, January 5, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

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| JAMES BENNETT Treble | GEORGE BENNETT 5 |
| WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 2 | GEORGE FLEMMING 6 |
| GEORGE PRYKE 3 | WILLIAM T. LAST 7 |
| LESLIE WIGHTMAN 4 | CECIL W. PIPE Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM T. LAST.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BOWDON & STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Monday, January 6, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

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| RICHARD E. JONES Treble | WILLIAM FERNLEY 5 |
| ERNEST BENNETT 2 | WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 6 |
| JAMES FERNLEY, JDN. 3 | TOM WILDE 7 |
| JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. 4 | JOHN W. HARTLEY Tenor |

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE.

Conducted by TOM WILDE.

First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band. Rung at the first attempt, after a short touch for practice.

TURNER'S HILL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

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| GEORGE OLLIVER Treble | GEORGE ELLIS 5 |
| ROBERT SWIFT 2 | CECIL NICE 6 |
| KENNETH SNELLING 3 | NELSON ELLIOTT 7 |
| WALTER CHARMAN 4 | OLIVER SIFFETTS Tenor |

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN.

Conducted by O. SIFFETTS.

First peal of Double Norwich on the bells. Mr. Walter Charman's 200th peal.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 9, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

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| ROBERT BRETT-SMITH Treble | THOMAS R. FLINT 5 |
| OSCAR GILBEY 2 | ISAAC EMERY 6 |
| HERBERT NEVILLE 3 | THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7 |
| JOHN LYDDIARD 4 | PERCY J. SPICE Tenor |

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

This is the first peal on the bells, since they were rehung by Taylor and Co. in hall bearings, the expense being borne by Mrs. Wheeler-Bennett, widow of the donor of the bells.

USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 10, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

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| *G. KNIGHT Treble | L. JONES 5 |
| A. HAWKINS 2 | A. L. LUCAS 6 |
| E. PERRY 3 | D. G. CLIFT 7 |
| E. W. LOFF 4 | G. HAWKINS Tenor |

Conducted by A. HAWKINS.

* First peal on eight bells. All the band are Sunday service ringers at the above church. Rung at the ninth attempt. First peal on the bells by a purely local band.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 11, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 11½ cwt. in A.

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| GEORGE GREEN Treble | WILLIAM LINCOLN 5 |
| WILLIAM J. NEVARD 2 | WALTER ARNOLD 6 |
| THOMAS LINCOLN 3 | WILLIAM BURGESS 7 |
| WILLIAM KEEBLE 4 | ARTHUR HEAD Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

The conductor has now called a peal from each bell in the tower, making the 8th tower in which he has completed the circle and calling peals of Major from each bell with the exception of three bells in one tower.

HEADCORN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 10, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

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| PHILIP HODGKIN Treble | ALBERT RELFE 5 |
| CHARLES H. SONE 2 | KENNETH PATTENDEN ... 6 |
| CHARLES W. PLAYER 3 | WILLIAM WENBAN 7 |
| THOMAS E. SONE 4 | GEORGE H. DAYNES ... Tenor |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (271). Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

Specially arranged at short notice for Mr. G. H. Daynes, of Deptford.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 11, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

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| MISS NOEL CAWTHORNE ... Treble | HAROLD TAYLOR 5 |
| MISS K. BURCHNALL 2 | ARTHUR FIRTH 6 |
| MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 3 | T. COLIN RYDER 7 |
| JOSEPH GARTH 4 | FRED WATKINSON ... Tenor |

Composed by GEO. LEWIS. Conducted by F. WATKINSON.

First peal in the method by all except ringer of 7th.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 11, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

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| HENRY SYCAMORE Treble | EDWARD T. GROVE 5 |
| JOHN BEAMS 2 | ALBERT HARMAN 6 |
| ARTHUR H. SMITH 3 | CHARLES E. READ 7 |
| JOHN E. BEAMS 4 | WILLIAM POPLITT ... Tenor |

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

NORTHLEACH, GLOS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 11, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

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| MRS. F. A. CLEMENT ... Treble | HENRY GILLET 5 |
| FREDERICK A. CLEMENT ... 2 | ALFRED W. CLAYTON ... 6 |
| JOHN W. SLV 3 | JOHN C. ACOCK 7 |
| A. WILLIAM WRIGHT ... 4 | † EDWARD G. MUSTOE ... Tenor |

Conducted by FREDK. A. CLEMENTS.

* First peal on a bob bell. † First peal. First peal of Triples as conductor. Ringers of treble, 2nd, 4th and 5th come from Bourton-on-the-Water, the remainder belong to Northleach. Thanks are due to Mr. J. C. Acock, captain of the Northleach band, for having everything in readiness.

FARNHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 11, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

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| * HARRY KEMP Treble | * ERNEST BEAGLEY 5 |
| * JESSE BEAGLEY 2 | * FRANK KEMP 6 |
| * CHARLES WELLS 3 | * RICHARD HASTED 7 |
| GEORGE UPSHALL 4 | THOMAS UPSHALL ... Tenor |

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by R. HASTED.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. First peal on eight bells by the brothers Beagley. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Hasted, wife of the conductor, and rung by an entirely local band. On the completion of the peal the band were congratulated by the Rector (Rev. Canon E. M. Girling) on their success and the good striking throughout the peal.

LOWER HEYFORD, OXON.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: J. Slatter 1, C. Scarrott 2, W. Baggett 3, R. Brock 4, F. Pritchett (conductor) 5, E. Eaglestone 6. First quarter-peal by all the band. All are regular service ringers.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

PENWORTHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 23, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 8½ cwt.

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| * EDWARD W. HUTCHINSON Treble | * JOHN ROSKELL 4 |
| WILLIAM TAYLOR 2 | JOHN R. TAYLOR 5 |
| H. STANLEY ROBINSON ... 3 | JOHN GORNALL Tenor |

Conducted by W. TAYLOR.

* First peal. Mr. E. W. Hutchinson is 73 years of age, and the band congratulate him on attaining his first peal. Mr. H. S. Robinson is shortly leaving the district and commencing new duties in London. The band wish him health and prosperity.

MEDBOURNE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings.

Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.)

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| J. NORTON Treble | J. G. GEARY 3 |
| A. E. MARSH 2 | R. RUSSELL 4 |
| A. N. GEARY Tenor | |

Conducted by J. G. GEARY.

This is the first time the bells have been rung since the day the Armistice was signed. It was the first peal on the bells.

BRANSTON.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 28, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and a 720 each of Single Court, Oxford Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

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| * JACK BIXON Treble | MOSES BILLINGS 4 |
| † CYRIL SPEED 2 | HARRY CARTER 5 |
| HERBERT PEARSON 3 | CHARLES CLAYDON ... Tenor |

Conducted by C. CLAYDON.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor, also first on the bells by a resident band.

WATFORD, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(GUILDSBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 28, 1929, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With ten different callings.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

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| CHARLES GREEN Treble | ARTHUR MARLOW 3 |
| JOHN CADD 2 | ANDREW BROWN 4 |
| ROWLAND ADAMS Tenor | |

Conducted by ARTHUR MARLOW.

First peal on the bells.

KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 28, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of the following: Primrose, Hull, Bourne, Annable's London, Netherseale, Norwich and Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt.

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| FRED PARR Treble | GEORGE BURNHAM 4 |
| * ALFRED PARR 2 | W. H. TURTON 5 |
| HARRY GREAVES 3 | CHARLES SEVERN Tenor |

Conducted by C. SEVERN.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

Pressure on our space has again necessitated the holding over of a number of peal reports.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, January 1, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Surfleet, York, Durham, Ipswich, Bourne, Cambridge and 960 of Beverley. Tenor 14 cwt.

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| WILLIAM GREEN Treble | ALBERT NASH 4 |
| *CHARLES WALSH 2 | HERBERT S. B. CHAMBERLIN 5 |
| ARTHUR PANTHER 3 | ARTHUR GILL Tenor |

Conducted by ARTHUR GILL.

First peal as conductor, and rung in honour of his wife's birthday, which occurred on that date, and of the 29th anniversary of Arthur Panther's wedding, which took place on the last day of the last month of the last year of last century. * First peal of Surprise.

PRISTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| *WILFRED CANVIN Treble | *DENNIS WHEELER 4 |
| †OWEN WRINTMORE 2 | HAROLD E. BLACKER 5 |
| *FRANK HARDING... .. 3 | *STANLEY MILVERTON ... Tenor |

Conducted by H. E. BLACKER.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' All except the conductor are Sunday service ringers at Camerton, a neighbouring parish.

TRYSULL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 4, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 extents, 10 callings.

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| RALPH LITTLER... .. Treble | HERBERT PICKERING 4 |
| *HAROLD L. FLAVELL 2 | ALFRED FALLON 5 |
| ALBERT D. COLLINS 3 | D. A. JAMES Tenor |

Conducted by A. D. COLLINS.

* First peal away from treble. First peal as conductor.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 4, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise and of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in F.

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| WALTER J. BATTLE Treble | JOHN COOKE 4 |
| JOSEPH LESLIE 2 | LESTER L. GRAY 5 |
| G. RONALD EDWARDS 3 | JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor |

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

Rung after meeting short for Double Norwich Major.

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 4, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, three 720's Kent Treble Bob, each called differently, and one 720 Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

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| T. ERNEST MALLENDER ... Treble | HAROLD FRADGELEY 4 |
| WILSON ALLIN, SEN. 2 | WILLIAM SWAIN 5 |
| ERNEST A. WILSON 3 | JOHN W. ENGLAND Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN W. ENGLAND.

DEVONIANS.

At the annual service for Devonians held at St. Clement Danes Church in the Strand, London, the ringers were Devonshire men as follows: Sidney Godfrey (Ottery St. Mary) 1, W. Nelder (Yealmp-ton) 2, Frank A. Smith (Honiton) 3, J. A. Dart (Winkleigh) 4, E. H. Oxenham (Bampton) 5, L. A. Wilson (Ottery St. Mary) 6, A. Newman (Dartmouth) 7, C. Walner (Heavitree) 8, George R. Chan-ner (Hartland) 9, Harold Drawer (Ottery St. Mary) 10.

ARCHDEACON HOWSON'S GOLDEN WEDDING

Liverpool has been celebrating the golden wedding of the Venerable Archdeacon and Mrs. Howson. The Archdeacon is warden of the Liverpool Diocesan Guild, which comprises the Liverpool and Wigan Branches of the Lancashire Association, and the ringers have commemorated the auspicious event in their own way by ringing the following peals:—

WALTON, LIVERPOOL.

ANTIEN'T FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 4, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Single Court, Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

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| BRO. ARTHUR JACKSON, Kirkdale Lodge, No. 1,756 Treble | |
| BRO. JOHN WILKINSON, Mariner's Lodge, No. 249 2 | |
| BRO. GEORGE LUNT, Dominion Lodge, No. 4,289 3 | |
| BRO. GEORGE R. NEWTON, Temperance Lodge, No. 2,714 4 | |
| BRO. HERBERT LUDKIN, Equity Lodge, No. 1,384 5 | |
| BRO. CLAUDE I. DAVIES, Lancastrian Lodge, No. 3,631 Tenor | |

Conducted by BRO. G. R. NEWTON.

All the above lodges are situated in the Province of Lancashire (Western Division).

GARSTON, LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 6, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

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| ERNEST JONES Treble | HERBERT LUDKIN... .. 5 |
| THOMAS HAMMOND 2 | LESTER L. GRAY 6 |
| GEORGE R. NEWTON... .. 3 | JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 7 |
| *ERNEST L. HUMPHRIS 4 | EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor |

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON

* First peal in the method away from the treble.

WOOLTON, LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

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| *GEORGE HESKETH Treble | HARRY GRACE 5 |
| SIDNEY G. HUMPHRIS 2 | JOHN BROWN... .. 6 |
| THOMAS HESKETH 3 | PERCY GRINDY 7 |
| GEORGE R. NEWTON... .. 4 | ERNEST L. HUMPHRIS ... Tenor |

Composed by J. BARKER.

Conducted by E. L. HUMPHRIS.

* First peal. First peal of Bob Major for all the band excepting the ringers of the 4th and tenor. First peal in the method as conductor. Mr. George Hesketh was elected a member of the Lancashire Association before the commencement of the peal.

LIVERPOOL.—The Lancashire Association.—On Tuesday, January 7th, in 50 mins., at the Church of St. Nicholas, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,248 changes): Claude I. Davies 1, Thomas Hammond 2, Ernest Jones 3, Edward Caunce 4, George R. Newton 5, Lester L. Gray 6, John Brown 7, James C. E. Simpson (conductor) 8.

GILLINGHAM RINGERS' LOSS.

The many friends of Mr. William Haigh, leader of Rochester Cathedral and Gillingham Parish Church bellringers, will learn with regret of the death of his wife on January 4th, after much suffering patiently borne. The sympathy of the whole Exercise is extended to him and to his family in their bereavement.

The funeral took place on Thursday, January 9th, the first part of the service being held in Gillingham Parish Church, the Vicar, Rev. C. Webb officiating, and the interment at Gillingham Cemetery being conducted by the Rev. Buckingham, a member of the Gillingham band of ringers.

The Kent County Association was represented at the funeral, and among the many beautiful wreaths were three sent by the Rochester District, the Rochester Cathedral, and the Gillingham Parish Church bellringers.

A representative company of the Kent County Association assembled at Gillingham Church in the evening, the bells being half-muffled in memory of the deceased lady. A quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was attempted, but was unfortunately lost.

THE TWELVE-BELL RECORD.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Your anonymous correspondent, who signs himself 'An ordinary ringer' is surely mistaken when he states that had the long peal of Grandsire Cinques been accomplished it could not be in competition with any peal of Maximus. I would refer him to recent issues of 'The Ringing World.' Writing without reference (my copies being at the binders), I have a distinct recollection of it being stated that the Painswick ringers were attempting to achieve the 'greatest number of changes on twelve bells.' Again, in the report of the failure of the attempt there is reference to the twelve-bell record. Further, if the peal was being attempted to beat the existing eleven-bell record—well, the Painswick men already hold that, so why trouble?

As I did not hear any of the ringing at Painswick, I cannot say whether or not Mr. Dyke was justified in his comments, but if he was, I do think something better ought to be put up in an attempt to beat the Ashton peal. And why not ring Maximus to beat Maximus?—Yours faithfully,

C. T. COLES.

21, Vincent Road, E.4.

DEATH OF JOSEPH W. SMITH, OF WORCESTER.

The death took place on Sunday, January 5th, of Mr. Joseph William Smith, at The Limes, Bromyard Road, Worcester. The deceased was well known to Worcestershire ringers, and he will be sadly missed. He has held the position of clerk of the works at Worcester Cathedral for the past 20 years, during which time he has done some valuable work. When the Cathedral bells were recast in 1928 he took quite a lot of interest in their removal and return, and the Dean and Chapter, as a reward for his services, had his name inscribed on one of the bells.

Archdeacon Piele, in his address on Sunday, January 5th, spoke very highly of his valuable work, and the Cathedral Guild of Bell ringers rang the bells muffled for evening service on that date.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, January 8th, the Dean of Worcester (Dr. Moore Ede) being present, together with several clergy and a great number of friends and relatives. On the same date members of the Cathedral Guild rang 593 Grandsire Cinques: F. Neate 1, J. Morris 2, B. Hill 3, W. Powell 4, W. C. Jones 5, D. Morris 6, W. Page 7, A. Hill 8, W. Lewis 9, J. J. Jefferies (conductor) 10, S. T. Holt 11, W. H. Johnson 12. This was followed by 'the whole pull and stand' 59 times, representing the age of the deceased.

'Q SETS' FOR BEGINNERS*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I read with interest that you may publish an article on 'Q sets' from the pen of the Rev. E. Bankes James. This will undoubtedly be welcomed, and should prove to be instructive to those who care to study it. I should, however, like to offer advance comment, if I may.

Firstly, if specific reference is to be made to the figures and peal of 'Silvester,' they should be embodied in the article itself, as many of us do not keep a 'file' of back numbers, and I do not remember that mention was made of the forthcoming article, when the figures were published.

Secondly, some years back I sat long with an article on 'Proof' by the same gentleman, and found complete understanding very difficult, for two reasons:—

(1) Certain figures were printed in 'heavier type,' the 'heaviness' of which did not happen to mature in my copy. I would suggest that any such 'marking' should be done in another manner.

(2) There was an error in the text—an important one—which remained uncorrected in your following issues. In publishing instructive matter, I think that the author should have errors corrected as soon as possible.

I trust that these remarks offer no offence, and apologise for my pseudonym; it is less obscure than my name, and, in any case, should hide nothing from the gentleman mentioned.—Yours sincerely,

MINORMANIA.

COMPLETE RINGERS' DIRECTORY.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—As notified on page 329, May 24th, 1929, in 'The Ringing World,' I suggested at the Central Council meeting that a ringers' directory would be useful. The 'Bristol United Ringing Guilds Committee' have provided a very useful directory. The one for 1928 contained 489 names, whereas for 1929 it has 1,005, an increase of 516 in one year. I have therefore decided, with very great pleasure, to withdraw my suggestion to the Council.

Mr. Edgar Guise and others of the committee must have worked very hard to form such a useful and valuable directory, and the thanks of the ringing Exercise is due to them.

In conclusion may I ask each and every ringer to support this valuable and necessary cause. If this is done, I see no reason why the Directory for 1930 should not contain at least 20,000 names.—

JAMES GEORGE,

Hon. Member of the Central Council.

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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.

Mr. Tom Lewis has been a ringer at the Parish Church, Eastbourne for 72 years. At the age of 85 years he claims to be one of the oldest, if not the oldest, active bellringers in the country. He rang for the weddings of King Edward VII. and Queen Alexandra, the present King and Queen and the Duke and Duchess of York. He told an interviewer the other day that bells were better than doctor's physic. 'Be a ringer,' he said, 'and you'll never be ill.'

The bells at West Cranmore, Somerset, have been condemned for ringing, and unfortunately it is not likely they will be rehung for a considerable time, as the village is already faced with a big expense in repairing the tower and church.

When the Essex Association met at Bishop's Stortford on December 14th, and nearly 40 ringers were present, ringing in the evening was stopped. The explanation is given in this month's issue of St. Michael's Parish Magazine, which says: 'Owing to a complete misunderstanding on the part of the Vicar as to the object of the gathering, the bells were stopped, and the gentlemen assembled left for home without any further ringing. We hope that next year some amends may be made for a perfectly unintentional discourtesy to our guests.'

After 31 weeks in hospital at Chalfont, Bucks, as a result of a motor-cycle accident, Mr. Bernard Clark, formerly one of the district secretaries of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, has now been able to return to Farnham.

The first peal by a purely local band at Usk, Monmouthshire, was rung last Friday at the ninth attempt. We congratulate the ringers on their success and perseverance.

The first peal on twelve bells was rung at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, London, on January 19th, 1724, when 'the Society of College Youths rung completely a peal of 5,060 Grandsire Cinques, being the first that ever was done.' Benjamin Annable probably called the peal, although the records do not give the name of the conductor, and Matthew East, who rang the 11th, became Master of the Society ten years later.

A peal of Norwich Maximus was rung for the first time on January 20th, 1817, appropriately at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich.

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

A peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal was rung at Cheltenham on January 21st, 1898, the first in the method since the peal at Wakefield in 1822.

Harry Bastable, who was Ringing Master at St. Martin's, Birmingham, for eleven years, died on January 19th, 1899; James Motts, of Ipswich, died on January 21st, 1923.

APPEAL FOR A LANCASHIRE RINGER.

Previously acknowledged, £7 17s.; ringers of St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool, 15s.; S.M.B., 6d. Any further donations to this fund for assisting Mr. Harry Tomlinson will be gratefully received by Mr. F. Hindle, hon. secretary, Blackburn Branch, 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

THE ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

PRESENTATION TO THE MASTER.

There was a memorable gathering of members of the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths and friends at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, when, on the occasion of the annual meeting, opportunity was taken to acknowledge the services rendered to the society by the popular Master, Mr. John D. Matthews, who, for twenty years, has been guiding the destinies of the old society, and has, during that time, done a great deal to raise it to its present successful position. Mr. Matthews has been able not only to keep an active interest in the society in the matter of peal ringing, in which recent peals of Cambridge Surprise Maximus have been fine evidence of the consistent work which has been done, but the bells at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, and, in a rather less degree, those at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, have been rung regularly for the Sunday services. Not only have Mr. Matthews' efforts been appreciated by the society, but also by the authorities at both these churches, and they joined with the members in presenting him with some token of their appreciation. In addition to the presentation on Saturday, there was the unveiling of a marble peal tablet in St. Martin's belfry recording the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus by the society. There was a large gathering of members from far and near for the occasion—men who had grown old in their membership of the society, youths only just on the threshold of their ringing careers, but all assembled for the one purpose of doing honour to the Master, who was accompanied by Mrs. Matthews. It was interesting to note that among those present were three generations of the Barnett family—all members of the society—Mr. E. Barnett, sen., having joined the Royal Cumberlands over 48 years ago. The Master's family was also represented by three generations, but in this case the youngest representative was only able to watch the proceedings from his mother's arms. Another old member present was Mr. Joseph Waghorn, sen., who carries his 88 years with wonderful vigour. Several members of the Ancient Society of College Youths attended, and the company included Mr. C. Clarke (Bedford), Mr. W. Ayre (Hemel Hempstead), Mr. A. H. Pulling (Guildford), and about 50 ringers from churches in the London area. The Rev. Pat McCormick, Vicar of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, came to perform the two ceremonies.

Mr. E. Barnett, as the oldest member of the society present, made an introductory speech. He said they had gathered there primarily for their annual meeting, but they had also assembled for the purpose of doing honour to their worthy Master, Mr. J. D. Matthews, and the band which rang the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus for the society. When he looked back on his nearly fifty years of membership of the society, said Mr. Barnett, and thought of how the society declined after the lamented death of Mr. George Newson, whose name they would always revere, and when he looked at the proud position the society had attained to-day under the leadership of Mr. Matthews, he realised all that their Master had done for them, but he felt incapable of doing justice to that important occasion. Mr. Matthews had been Master for 20 years, and he had raised the society, which was almost dormant at that time, to a most prominent and important position among the London ringing societies. Where at any other tower in London could they find Cambridge Twelve rung for the church services, except at St. Martin's and Shoreditch? And who had made this possible, except their worthy Master? The members were proud of him, and they thanked him heartily for all he had done for them. They hoped he would be spared to them many years to preside over the ringing at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, and to be the leader of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths (hear, hear). Mr. Barnett then asked the Rev. P. McCormick to unveil the peal tablet, and to present to Mr. Matthews a small token of the great esteem in which they held him.

The Rev. Pat McCormick then pulled aside the flags which hitherto had hidden the marble tablet bearing the record of the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus rung by the Royal Cumberlands, and expressed his pleasure at being invited to perform the ceremony. The tablet, he said, recorded a very meritorious achievement, and would take its place among many others on the walls of that tower. They were very proud that the peal should have been rung on the bells of St. Martin's Church, and that it should have been accomplished under the leadership of Mr. Matthews. It gave him great pleasure to be able to say just a word or two to the members of the society, and especially to Mr. and Mrs. Matthews. It was a real joy to find a band who were really working in harmony and living in harmony. Mr. Barnett had told them what Mr. Matthews had done for the Royal Cumberland Youths. It was really a fine record. Mr. Matthews had worked up the society from a more or less dormant state until it had become what it was to-day. They at St. Martin's appreciated what had been done—it meant a great deal to them. He supposed the peal of Maximus was the finest thing the society had done, and it was to Mr. Matthews that they owed this success. They desired to mark that special occasion by presenting him with the fine clock they saw before them, and by giving Mrs. Matthews a nice watch, which he hoped they would both live long and appreciate. They were small things, but they carried with them not only their congratulations and good wishes but their heartfelt thanks for all Mr. Matthews had done, and to Mrs. Matthews for the help she had given him. A man could not do a job like Mr. Matthews had done, said the speaker, unless he had the co-operation of his wife. Without it he would have to stay at home (laughter).

The Rector then, amid applause, presented the clock to Mr. Matthews and the watch to Mrs. Matthews.

Mrs. Matthews first acknowledged her present by expressing thanks, and adding, 'I do not know that I have done anything, except to get up and get Mr. Matthews off in the morning' (laughter and applause).

Mr. J. D. Matthews, in replying, said the members had got him 'out of course,' for he did not anticipate anything of the kind. What he had tried to do in his small way at St. Martin's and for the society had been done wholeheartedly. Mr. Matthews added that that was a very proud moment for himself, and perhaps he might be allowed to tell them a little story which to some extent represented his own feelings. In an old country town they elected a Mayor named Hooley, and when he responded to the toast of his health at the banquet he told the guests that when he started work as a boy on a farm it was 'Hooley this' and 'Hooley that.' Later, when he became a stockman, they called him 'Jack Hooley,' and then, when he became bailiff to the squire, they called him 'Mr. Hooley.' Afterwards, he took a farm himself, and gradually added other farms to it, and in time they called him 'Squire Hooley.' But he had come that day to the proudest moment of his life, for when he went to church at the head of the Corporation he heard all the congregation singing, 'Hooley, Hooley, Hooley, Lord God Almighty' (loud laughter). That, said Mr. Matthews, was somewhat the position he felt in that evening (laughter). He felt that he did not deserve their kindness. If they thought he had endeavoured to do his best, that was his satisfaction. He thanked the members for the spirit in which the gifts had been given, and if they wished it he would be only too glad to continue to do his best for them (applause).

The handsome mantel clock, in mahogany case (supplied by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston), bore, under the dial, the inscription:—

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

(Previous to 1745 known as London Scholars.)

Presented to Mr. J. D. Matthews, January 11th, 1930, by the Vicar and Churchwardens of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields and St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, and members of the above society, in recognition of valuable services rendered during his many years as Ringing Master.

The clock strikes the Westminster quarters and the hours.

A musical service being in progress, it was not possible for much ringing to be done until early evening, but in no way did it mar the arrangements which had been made, for the speeches occupied most of the time, and after two courses of Stedman Cinques had been rung for the five o'clock service for the Girls' Friendly Society, the company assembled for tea. This was served in the Fellowship Room, in the crypt, under the supervision of the Misses Magniac and Wise, who received the thanks of the Master for their kind services and tea provided.

The business meeting, which was held in the Vestry Hall, was presided over by the Vicar.

The treasurer (Mr. G. Steere) next presented the balance sheet, which was received with great satisfaction.

The Secretary, in reporting on the society's business for the year, mentioned that subscriptions to various funds during the past three years had amounted to £30 9s. In thanking the members for the splendid response to his appeal for a gift for Mr. Matthews, he said that he had received the sum of £18 14s., of which £18 1s. had been spent. Thus he had in hand the sum of 13s., which he suggested should be held for the purpose of meeting the cost of printing—a suggestion which was favourably received by all present.

The officers for the year were then elected, and, there being no change, they are as follows: Mr. J. D. Matthews, Master; Mr. J. Sparrow, hon. secretary; Mr. G. W. Steere, hon. treasurer; Messrs. T. Newman and R. Bevan, auditors; Messrs. F. Smith and A. Hardy, trustees; and Messrs. C. Matthews and T. Bevan, senior and junior steward respectively.

The members to represent the society on the Central Council are the Master, hon. secretary, Messrs. J. Parker and F. Smith.

New members having been elected, various discussions on items of interest to the society followed, one of which was a request from members that the secretary should see if it were possible to revive the annual cricket match with the College Youths, which had always been looked upon with pleasure and enthusiasm by all London ringers.

The Master thanked the Rev. Pat McCormick for his kindness in unveiling the tablet and presiding over the meeting.

The Vicar, in reply, said that it had given him great pleasure to be with them that day. The duties he had performed had been most pleasing, and he only wished that he had gone into the art of ringing himself, for it seemed to be a most attractive and interesting pastime, and he wished the society continued success.

A vote of thanks to the officers for the services given the society during the past year concluded the meeting, and a return was then made to the belfry, where among the many friends who were waiting to congratulate Mr. Matthews were Messrs. C. Pipe, C. W. Roberts, R. Deal, B. Langdon and W. Hewett, members of the 'rival' London society who had turned up to show what the word 'rival' actually meant. Their presence added greatly to what already had been a most excellent meeting.

EXETER RINGER'S JUBILEE.

MR. EDWIN SHEPHERD'S 50 YEARS AT ST. SIDWELL'S.

The jubilee of Mr. Edwin Shepherd as a ringer at the Parish Church of St. Sidwell, Exeter, was celebrated last week, and at St. Sidwell's Institute about fifty ringers and friends, with their wives, assembled for supper as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd. A good many ringers can point to 50 or more years' service, but very few, in towns at any rate, are able to boast of unbroken connection with one church for half a century. Mr. Shepherd is the survivor of four very capable ringing brothers—Ferris, Alfred, Frank and himself—who played a conspicuous part in the development of scientific ringing in the Exeter district. Mr. Ferris Shepherd was for many years the leading local conductor; in later years Mr. Edwin Shepherd has excelled his brother's achievements, participated in over 100 peals, and 'called' about half of them, including the four standard methods—Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Treble Bob—with pronounced success in Stedman. The Shepherd family has had a long association with the parish of St. Sidwell; the brothers were born in it; Ferris and Edwin were partners in a building business there for a good period; later, when Ferris went to Ireland, Edwin carried it on until he retired about five years ago. Mr. Edwin Shepherd, besides being a ringer (and for a long time Ringing Master) at St. Sidwell's Church, was for several years chairman of the Exeter District of the Devonshire Guild; has been churchwarden for two periods, and is still one of the parish feoffees. Both Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd have taken much interest in general church work in the parish. To mark the jubilee the ringers, both ordinary and honorary, subscribed to a silver-mounted umbrella for Mr. Shepherd and a handsome handbag for Mrs. Shepherd. The arrangements for the gifts were carried out by Mr. and Mrs. W. Richardson and Mr. and Mrs. W. Drake, of St. Sidwell's. Mr. C. Panter assisted at the supper as steward.

Mr. Shepherd presided over the company, which included the Rector and Mrs. Lanyon Owen, the Revs. J. Cawley (curate) and T. G. Blackwood-Price (assistant curate), Messrs. J. D. Hellier and S. G. Stanbury (churchwardens), Mrs. Stanbury, Messrs. C. Panter, S. Panter, and D. J. Reed (organist, St. Sidwell's). The ringers consisted mainly of St. Sidwell's band, but there were representatives of St. David's and St. Thomas'.

The Rector, after 'The King' had been honoured, gave the health of Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd. He said it was impossible to pay adequate tribute to all the work that Mr. Shepherd had done in many capacities in the parish during a long period, but all connected with the parish highly appreciated and were thankful for it. They also gladly recognised that in all of it Mr. Shepherd had been ably backed by Mrs. Shepherd (applause). The supper was unique in more than one sense. He supposed that in the many phases of its history St. Sidwell's had never known before the 50th anniversary of the chief ringer. It was also unique in that it was a ladies' night. He (the Rector) thought he could claim to be the first to start a supper for the ringers of the parish; he forgot, however, to include the ringers' better halves. Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd had the loyal friendship of not only the ringers and their wives, but the whole of St. Sidwell's congregation and St. Sidwell's parishioners generally (applause).

The toast was accorded musical honours.

WORK IN THE CHURCH.

Mr. Shepherd, in replying, said that, born in 1862, he went in 1867 to St. Sidwell's Church schools, which were provided through the generosity of the well-to-do people of the parish for the benefit of large families. The rule then was that where there were several children from one family attending the schools, the eldest should pay 2d. per week and the others 1d. each. He had always looked upon the foundation of the schools as one of the finest acts ever accomplished by the better-off parishioners for the benefit of fellow-residents of the parish. St. Sidwell's churchpeople had regarded it as a privilege to keep the schools going to enable children to have a good education that fitted them to go through life with credit to themselves and the community (applause). After being a clerk for six months he entered the building trade. In 1878 he joined St. Sidwell's belfry, and in 1879 qualified as a member of the Devon Guild. In 1890 he became a sidesman, and continued until 1904, when he was elected churchwarden with Mr. Archibald Lucas, and served until 1911, when he retired, but was reappointed in 1918, and continued, with Mr. C. Panter as his colleague, until 1922. It was not so easy a job to be churchwarden as some people imagined; there were many charities, and they often caused trouble. But he had thoroughly enjoyed his association with the ringing, and his wife and himself highly appreciated the presence of so many ringing and other friends and their wives to celebrate with them a great landmark (applause).

Mr. Richardson (hon. secretary of St. Sidwell's Society), who said he started ringing in 1876, then asked the Rector and Mrs. Owen to make the presentations to Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd, and said they represented the kindly feelings and best wishes of the ringers and some friends to the host and hostess. The Rector and Mrs. Owen complied in a few appropriate words, and the recipients made heartfelt acknowledgments.

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FIFTY PEALS OF SURPRISE MAXIMUS.

These are days of great records in ringing, and among the first of the noteworthy performances of the new year is the fiftieth peal of Surprise Maximus by Messrs. William Pye and George R. Pye. They completed the achievement on Saturday by taking part in a peal of Spliced Superlative and Cambridge Surprise at Southwark Cathedral. These peals consist of 43 of Cambridge, five of Superlative and two with the two methods spliced. They have been rung in 20 towers, and in 19 of these Mr. William Pye has rung the tenor. They have included some big tasks, among them the 15,312 at Ashton-under-Lyne last August—which constituted the twelve-bell record—and the 7,392 at Bow, Cheapside, where the tenor is 53 cwt. Then there was the herculean task at Worcester and the peal at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, while there have been several peals at Southwark, where the tenor is 50 cwt.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT IN THE DOLDRUMS.

The Nottingham District annual meeting was held in St. Mary's belfry, Nottingham, on Saturday last, but was so poorly attended that some ringers went away disgusted. After tea, however, the bells were got going to Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Treble Bob Royal, Double Norwich and Cambridge Major until 7 p.m.

At the business meeting, Mr. L. Chadburn (the vice-president) presided, and after the minutes of the last meeting had been approved, the Vice-President informed those present that he wished to resign office, and the secretary (Mr. F. Bailey), owing to ill-health, also wished to resign.

Mr. W. E. White was elected vice-president, and Mr. E. C. Gobey (Ilkeston) was elected secretary.

Miss I. Thompson and Mr. J. W. Kirton were elected to serve on the committee.

A long discussion took place with regard to continuing the monthly meetings, and eventually it was decided to try and carry on for another year.

The first monthly meeting is to be held on February 1st at Ilkeston.

A hearty vote of thanks to Canon Gordon for the use of the bells, also to the St. Mary's band for having things ready, closed the meeting.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Winchester District was held at Winchester on Saturday. The bells of the Cathedral were set going about three o'clock, and several members made their first attempt with 12 bells. At the same time the bells of St. Maurice were open, and offered an attraction to many. After an hour and a half's practice, service took place at St. Maurice's Church, which was placed at the use of the Guild by the Vicar, who, however, had an appointment elsewhere and could not take the service. The secretary found it very difficult to get a clergyman, but the gap was filled at the last minute by the Rev. W. H. Hellier, Vicar of Micheldever, who is himself a ringer. The secretary presided at the organ.

After service a splendid tea was served at Messrs. Dumper's Restaurant, where 52 members from various towers sat down.

The business meeting followed, the Master of the Guild, Mr. Williams, being elected to the chair.

The officers were re-elected for the coming year.

A letter was received from the general secretary, Mr. Pullinger, stating that through the illness of his wife he was unable to attend. Apologies were also received from Mrs. Farquhar, an hon. member, who has recently lost her husband, and Canon Braithwaite, who was away from Winchester.

The meeting proposed that letters of condolence should be sent to Mr. Pullinger and Mrs. Farquhar. The following new members were elected: Honorary, Mrs. Wynne and Rev. Morley, both of Stockbridge; ringing members, Messrs. W. Lee, S. White, E. Harfield, A. Hutchings, D. Livingstone, C. Pierce, M. Derrick, all of Owslebury; Rev. W. H. Hellier, Vicar of Micheldever; R. Barnes, E. Keith, E. E. Keith, sen., of Bishop's Sutton; and M. Field, of Winchester.

The secretary was unable to present a balance sheet, as there were several outstanding accounts, and it was agreed that it should be completed as early as possible, audited and passed by the Central Committee. The following meetings were arranged: Annual meeting, Winchester, second Saturday in January, 1931; Alresford and Bishop's Sutton, May 3rd, 1930; Owslebury and Twyford, July 12th; Stockbridge and Longstock, October 11th.

After discussing various subjects, a vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter for the use of the Cathedral bells, Rev. Watson for the use of St. Maurice's Church, the Rev. W. H. Hellier for taking the service, and the chairman, was passed, and a move was then made to the towers, where further ringing was done.

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Mr. Shepherd gave some reminiscences of ringing, and claimed that, despite the inroads of death in recent years, the St. Sidwell's band was not excelled by any other tower in Devon as regarded six, eight or ten-bell ringing in scientific methods. He acknowledged the kindness and sympathy of the Rector for the ringers, but pointed out that the mainstays were good attendance, perseverance, and unity. A lot was heard of football, but the kicking of a ball did not require a tenth of the science necessary to properly ring a church bell.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**DATE OF ANNUAL MEETING CHANGED.**

The quarterly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild held at Nuneaton on Saturday was well attended by members from Allesley, Bulkington, Chilvers Coton, Croft, Husbands Bosworth, Leamington, Lillington, Rugby, Shilton, Smethwick and Stoke, together with the local and several visiting ringers. The bells were raised in peal at 3.30, and ringing was continued in various methods until 4.30, when a service was held in the Lady Chapel of the Parish Church. This was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. J. L. White), president of the Guild, and the Guild's form of service was used.

About forty members sat down to a splendid tea served in the Old Grammar School, and kindly provided by the president. Upon the suggestion of the local ladies, a collection was taken, resulting in the sum of £1, which was added to the Parish Hall Building Fund, and the Vicar cordially thanked all those who had subscribed.

The business meeting followed the tea, the president taking the chair.

The places for the February and March meetings provided some discussion, but Bulkington for February and Stoke for March were eventually decided upon.

The advisability of altering the date of the annual meeting was then brought up. The third Saturday being Easter Eve, it was thought that a postponement would enable more members to be present, therefore, by consent, the date was altered to May 3rd.

A vote of thanks was proposed to the president for his welcome, for conducting the service, for his generous hospitality, and for presiding at the business meeting; to the ladies for preparing tea; and to the organist for his part in the service.—This was seconded and carried unanimously.—The Vicar suitably responded.

A few of the members stayed in the tearoom to indulge in hand-bell ringing, while the majority returned to the tower, where ringing in most of the standard methods up to and including London and Bristol Surprise Major continued until about 8.30.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**ENTHUSIASTS FACE RAIN AND SNOW.**

A meeting of the South and West District was held at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, when in spite of the heavy rain and the blinding snowstorm 27 ringing enthusiasts attended, and were rewarded by a variety of ringing. The bells pealed forth soon after 3 p.m., Mr. Frank Corke, assistant Ringing Master, being in charge. The methods rung before tea were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Major, Double Norwich, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major.

The company adjourned to the Zetland Cafe for refreshments, Mr. C. S. Bird (vice-president) presiding. The other officers present were Messrs. J. H. Hunnisett, W. G. Wilson and Wm. H. Hollier. The Ringing Master (Mr. Fred Goodfellow), arrived after tea, business having prevented his earlier attendance.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the vice-president, and to Mr. Frank Corke for making arrangements which ensured success.

The Hon. Secretary thanked the company for their attendance. The annual meeting was announced for February 15th, and the secretary will arrange a meeting for March. Due notice of both meetings will appear in 'The Ringing World.' The tower was again visited, and London and Bristol Surprise Major and other methods were rung until 9 p.m.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A most successful meeting of the Northern District was held at Graveley on Saturday. The peal of six have recently been rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and they were set going about 3 p.m., various touches being brought round ranging from Grandsire and Stedman Doubles to Cambridge Minor.

Ringers were present from Baldock, Benington, Clifton, Croydon, Graveley, Henlow, Kingswalden, Offley, Hitchin, Southill, Stevenage, Welwyn and Watton-at-Stone. At 5 p.m. the company adjourned to Graveley Bury, where some twenty-six members found themselves the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gardner, who take a keen interest in the local band. After enjoying an excellent tea, the short business meeting was conducted, Mr. T. Gardner being unanimously elected to the chair.

At the conclusion of the meeting a very hearty vote of thanks was passed with applause to Mr. and Mrs. Gardner and family for their hospitality.

Some of the members returned to the tower to continue ringing on the tower bells, whilst others adjourned to the drawing-room with the handbells and 'brought home' several touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Grandsire Doubles.

Ringings continued until 8.30 in the tower, when the bells were lowered in peal, bringing a very enjoyable meeting to a close.

NEWDIGATE, SURREY.—At St. Peter's Church, on January 9th, a 720 Bob Minor in 23 mins.: Miss M. Wilkins (first 720) 1, Mrs. W. Spooner 2, W. Spooner 3, Miss H. Darville 4, C. Mitchell 5, R. Brett (conductor) 6.

'ANNABLE AND THE 1689 PEAL.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—A few months ago you were good enough to publish a letter from 'Collegian,' pointing out that Annable only joined the 'College Youths' in 1721, and inferring that the statement in the society's records that he composed and conducted a peal in 1689 was in error. Of course, it may be. The subject is one of difficulty, and, for the benefit of your readers, I give below a few extracts from the peal book containing the record. For myself, I am certain that our predecessors were not wilfully lying.

The book appears to have been compiled about 90 years ago, when it was realised that many MSS. and books had then been lost or stolen, amongst the latter the valuable peal book bound in silver. It is headed thus:—

A Copy
of the
PEALS
that have been rung
by the
SOCIETY
of
COLLEGE YOUTHS.

The first few pages contain a lengthy statement as to early change ringing and the origin of the society, written in a fair 'long hand,' and from them I abstract the following:—

'On Jan'y. 7th, 1689-90, the whole Peal of Bob Triples was rung at St. Sepulchre's without Newgate, London, in 3 hrs. and 45 minutes (and the first trial), being the first 5,040 that was ever rung, and soon after the ringing of this Peal they began to practice Grandsire Caters, but we have no account of any doing peals of Caters till the London Scholars rung 5,040 at St. Bride's in Fleet Street.'

The above peal follows in the book, and was obviously copied from the foregoing particulars. It reads thus:—

No. 1.
St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill,
on January 7th, 1689.

The Company rung the full peal on eight bells; the method being PLAIN BOB TRIPLES (containing 5,040 changes) with 200 singles; it was accomplished in three hours and forty-five minutes.

Composed and conducted by
Mr. Benjamin Annable.

Such is the 'statement.' It will be seen that there are omissions and additions, both instructive, as I have before suggested. Very interesting, too, are the following extracts:—

'It is thought to be about 96 years ago when changes were first attempted to be rung, which was in 1642.'

The original MSS. would thus appear to be one of the year 1738. The copyist ends, however, thus:—

'This account was taken from the Oxford Ringers' Register Book, and communicated by Mr. George Scarsbrook, 1796.'

May I end too long a letter by a suggestion to 'Collegian' that we should be glad to see him in name and person at all our meetings? He could then give us in full the benefit of his knowledge.—Yours faithfully,

E. ALEX YOUNG.

THE WELLINGTON CARILLON.**A RINGER'S IMPRESSIONS.**

Here are the views of a well-known ringer, Mr. Stafford H. Green, written after hearing the New Year's Day recital of the Wellington carillon, now in London:—

'I spent my luncheon hour to-day,' he says, 'by visiting Hyde Park and listening to the new carillon for New Zealand temporarily erected there, and, for what they are worth, I send you my impressions of what I heard. Imagine, if you will, a very fine grand piano—but spending its last days in the dim parlour of some of the inns we find and love in country towns—the felts very worn by constant thumping, and the loud pedal permanently on owing to the wearing out of its spring, the tuning not too good. That, to my mind, is how harmonised melodies on bells sound—no matter how fine the individual notes. I feel sure that carillon music should be confined to fugues and arpeggios, unless some stopping device has been fitted which will prevent the vibrations of one chord clashing with other chords following, and so producing the horrible flattening of the notes which now mars bell music. It is very much the same with bells in an orchestra—they do not represent bell tones. If the New Zealanders heard Worcester or Cheltenham Mendips or Harlow Common bells they would form a far better opinion of English bell-founding skill.'

'While I am writing this gratuitous criticism of carillons, I would beg you, if you can do so, to try and dissuade the B.B.C. from broadcasting any bellringing except that done by experts. Hymn tunes may suit pianos, but they don't give the bells at St. Martin's a fair show, and do real ringing a grievous wrong.'

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of rs. 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. 30th; *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.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS' Ninth Annual Dinner will be held at the Grand Hotel at 6 p.m. on Jan. 18th. Inquiries at St. Thomas' Parish Room from 2 p.m. onwards as to bells available. Tea and bun at 4.30 p.m. Charabanc tour free to visitors around Bristol at 2.30 to 3 p.m. from St. Thomas' Church, Victoria Street. Please give notice. Tickets 5/6. Only a few now left and can only be obtained from the Hon. Sec. Edgar Guise, 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

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.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the Preston, Blackburn, Fylde and Wigan Branches will be held at Preston on Saturday, January 18th, when the bells at Preston Parish, Preston St. Mark's and Penwortham Churches will be available from 2.30 p.m. If desired Mr. Wm. Taylor will continue his lecture on coursing order at this meeting. All ringers welcome.—On behalf of the various branch secs., F. Rigby, Hon. Sec., Preston Branch.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Crawley on Saturday, January 18th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in the Parish Room. Half railway fare (max. 1s. 6d.).—A. D. Stone, Hon. Div. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Annual general meeting, Guildford, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Cathedral and St. Nicolas' bells available 2.45. Service at St. Nicolas' 4.30. Tea and business meeting at the Prince of Wales 5.30.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, near Guildford.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Luke's Church, Sydney Street, Chelsea, on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Proceedings to commence at 3 p.m. Election of officers, etc., after tea, about 5.30 p.m. Names and numbers please.—J. Herbert, 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The annual general district meeting will be held at Godstone on Saturday, January 18th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Wokingham, Saturday, January 18th. Divine service in All Saints' Church at 4 p.m. Preacher, Rev. R. W. H. Acworth, M.A., Vicar of Sunningdale. Tea (followed by business meeting) in Church House 4.45 p.m. Members 6d., Visitors 1s. Usual ringing arrangements.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Merrel, California, Wokingham.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Eastern District will be held at Gateshead on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells of St. Mary's Church available from 2.30 p.m. Tea in 'Anchorage' 5. All ringers welcome.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Water St., West Hartlepool.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—A meeting will be held at Wymondham on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Members are reminded that subscriptions for this year are now due.—W. B. Duncan, Hon. Branch Sec., Reepham, Norwich.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Midsomer Norton on Jan. 18th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m.—R. T. Clark, Hon. Sec., High Street, Timsbury, near Bath.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at St. George's, Doncaster, on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells ready early. Service 4.30 followed by tea and business meeting. Will all members please make a special effort to be present?—P. Gledstone, Hon. Sec., 34, Silverwood View, Conisborough.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 18th, at Grantham. Bells (10) available from 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in St. Wulfram's Church House at 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. It is hoped that a good attendance will be made; all ringers welcome.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., The Lodge, Folkingham, Lincs.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The first meeting of the year will be held at Shireoaks on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells (6) have been recently rehung; available at 2.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. All ringers welcome, good train and bus services from all directions.—R. W. Stockdale and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The first annual meeting of the above district, for the election of officers, and other important business, will be held at Bakewell, on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Church of All Saints (8 bells, tenor 18 cwt.) available afternoon and evening. Tea about 5 p.m. at the Wheatsheaf. A large attendance is earnestly desired. Visitors from other districts especially welcome.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Southampton district of the above Guild will be held at Southampton on Saturday, Jan. 18th. St. Mary's and St. Michael's bells from 2.30. Tea in the Chantry Hall at 5 p.m. Service in St. Mary's Church at 4.15.—W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells ready 5 o'clock; meeting 7 p.m. Important business to be transacted.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—East Norfolk Branch.—A meeting of the above branch for practice will be held at St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells available at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. J. Lee, Branch Hon. Sec., 20, Stanley Road, Great Yarmouth.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely Archdeaconry.—A meeting at Fulbourn, by invitation, on Jan. 18th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m., service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The annual meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells (10) available from 4.30 p.m. Business meeting (election of officers for the ensuing year, etc.) in the belfry at 6.30 p.m.—Alban Disney, Local Sec., 3, Highgate, Aylestone Lane, Leicester.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Harphord, near Sidmouth, on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in the Parish Room 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—General quarterly meeting, Saturday, January 25th, at Bolsover. Bells (8) available all the afternoon. Committee meet 3.30. Tea 5 o'clock, followed by general meeting in Church Hall. A peal tablet will be dedicated at 4.45. Tea, 1/6 each, only arranged for those who notify Mr. J. Moss, 14, Welbeck Road, Bolsover, not later than 23rd. Will all local Secs. send me nominations for general and local officers for ensuing year, also any corrections for report, by this date? —Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District. The annual district meeting will be held at Kingston-on-Thames on Saturday, January 25th. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea, followed by business meeting, 5.30 in the Church Hall. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, January 22nd. A good attendance of members is desired at this meeting.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, on Saturday, January 25th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45. Tea at Lyons Restaurant, Queen Square, at 5.30. All are welcome. Please send word by Tuesday, 21st inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The annual general meeting will be held at Farnham on Saturday, January 25th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30., followed by tea and business meeting in Church House. Those requiring tea, notify Mr. R. Hasted, 1, Victoria Villas, St. George's Road, Farnham, by Wed., January 22nd.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chislehurst on Saturday, January 25th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea, kindly provided by the Rector and churchwardens, only for those who notify me by Monday, January 20th, the latest. Subscriptions are now due and should be paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Cirencester on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Water-moor bells open 3 p.m. Tea, Viner's Restaurant, 4.45, followed by business meeting. Service, Parish Church, 6 o'clock. Parish Church bells open after service. Will those who require tea please let me know by 21st inst.—F. J. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., 67, Chester Street, Cirencester.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Bathwick, on Saturday, January 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Guild service 4.30 with tea and meeting to follow. Notifications for tea must reach me not later than January 22nd.—T. Grant, Branch Sec., Swainswick, Bath.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. James', Taunton, on Saturday, January 25th. Bells from 2.30. Divine Service 4.30. Tea and business after in the Schools. Please notify by Tuesday, January 21st, those who require tea.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Todmorden Unitarian Church on Saturday, January 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand.—Wm. Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The annual meeting will be held at Hinckley on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells available from 4 to 7 p.m., with business meeting to follow. A good attendance is requested, all ringers being cordially welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—Annual district meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 25th, at Whitechapel. Bells available: St. Olave's, Hart Street (8), 3.30-4.30; Whitechapel (8), before and after meeting. Service, tea and meeting at Whitechapel, at 5.30 p.m. Everyone welcome.—J. A. Waugh, Dis. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—The annual meeting will be held at Alverstoke on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in the Brodrick Hall at 5.15, followed by business meeting. Will those requiring tea kindly inform me by Wednesday, 22nd? All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The next annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 25th, at St. Michael's, Teignmouth. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, 5 pm., Addison's Café. Business meeting to follow; all welcome. Those who intend to be present please notify me by the previous Wednesday.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Bridgwater on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Please let me know not later than previous Tuesday how many will require tea from your tower. All ringers welcome.—C. Evans, Hon. Sec., 14, Redgate Street, Bridgwater.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—The next meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made on the day. All are welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Bray (6 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Bells available 6.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—A meeting will be held at St. Neots (8) on Saturday, January 25th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Church Room at 5. Eynesbury bells (6) also available. Will those who hope to be present please let me know by Jan. 22nd?—C Fields, High Street, St. Neots.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kissingbury on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Will all who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Jan. 21st?—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's Church, Colchester, on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Ringing to commence about 3 p.m., and service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting at the Parish Room at 5.15 p.m. Tea, 1s. each. All wishing to attend the tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, Jan. 22nd? It is hoped to have the bells of St. Leonard's Church, Colchester, between 3 and 4 p.m., also in the evening at 7 p.m.—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held at St. Ambrose, Bristol (near St. George's Park), on Jan. 25th. No. 19 bus, Old Market, passes park gates. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Will those intending to be present for tea let me know not later than the 20th? All ringers welcome. — Harry Bennett, Branch Hon. Sec., Highfield, Runswick Road, Brislington.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Presteign District.—The annual meeting will be held at Lyonsball on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (6) available 3.30. Service 5. Tea 5.30, free to those who notify me not later than Wednesday, 22nd. Business meeting after tea.—Jabez Preece, Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembridge.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—The annual meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. A short service 4.30. Tea at 5. A good attendance is requested. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (12) available 2.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea (1s. each) in St. Chad's Room at 5.45, followed by business meeting. Please send number for tea before the 21st to the Rev. F. Tennyson, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Fordington, Dorchester, on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Also St. Peter's (8) from 6. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in the Moule Institute.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Higham Ferrers on Saturday, Jan. 25th. 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 for tea kindly notify me by Tuesday, Jan. 21st?—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 25th, at Evercreech. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in the Schoolroom 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.—E. F. Creed, 6, West Park, Castle Cary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting at the White Cot Dairy.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Jan. 25th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Meeting 5 p.m. — D. L. Board, Dis. Sec., Wolverton Rectory.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bowdon and Stockport Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Cheadle on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Will all who require tea please notify Mr. A. Carr, 12, Church Street, Cheadle, near Stockport, before Jan. 22nd?—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Scarborough on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Divine service at 4 p.m. Preacher, Rev. J. W. Capron, Vicar of Scarborough. Tea will be served at the Arcadian Restaurant at 5 p.m., at a charge of 2s. per head, and applications for same must reach Mr. J. R. Barton, 71, Caledonia, Scarborough, not later than first post Tuesday, Jan. 21st. Annual subscriptions are now due and should be paid at the earliest convenient date.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Broomfield on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (6) 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, January 29th. Annual subscriptions are now due.—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Christ Church, Crewe, on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells ready at 2.30. Service at 4. Tea and meeting to follow. Those intending being present, kindly notify me on or before Jan. 28th.—R. D. Langford, Hon. Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Swanscombe on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea in the Church Room at 5.30 p.m., kindly provided by the Rector, the Rev. Campbell Ward. Members intending to be present must notify me not later than Tuesday, 28th. Subscriptions are now due and should be paid at this meeting.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The annual general meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at the Institute 5 p.m., to be followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea please send names to Mr. A. Dean, 24, Church Walk, Leatherhead, by Wednesday, Jan. 29th.—Alan R. Pink, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Martock on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea at 4.30. Meeting to follow. — F. Farrant, Hon. Local Sec., North Street, Martock.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. A good attendance requested. Reports to hand. Subscriptions now due.—F. Hindle, Hon. Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Annual meeting at Southgate, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells from 3 p.m. Meeting of District Committee in Vestry at 4. Service at 5. Tea at the Cherry Tree at 5.30, 1s. each, to those who advise W. Pickworth, 2, Balaam's Lane, N.14, by Thursday, Jan. 30th. This is important. Business meeting afterwards. Members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30 (at which the Archdeacon of Tonbridge has kindly consented to give the address). Tea after service (free), followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, Feb. 4th. 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.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Will those who are desirous of contributing to the 'Henry W. Jackson Memorial Fund' please forward their contributions as early as possible. The fund is now closing.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton, Lanc.

DEATH.

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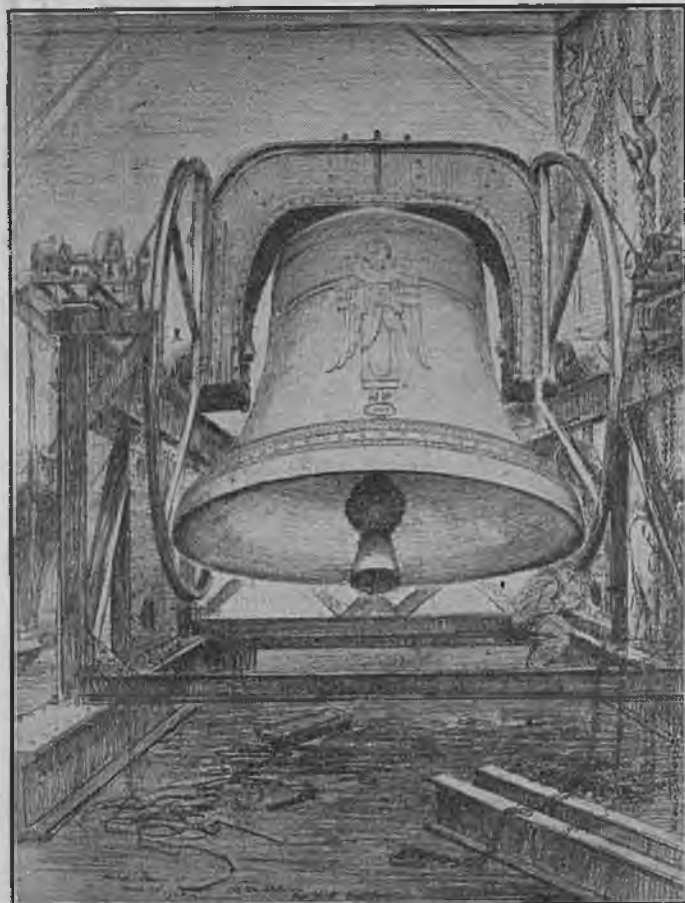
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| ARTHUR FIRTH 5 | T. COLIN RYDER Tenor |

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

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| GEORGE POPNELL Treble | FRED CHAMBERLAIN 6 |
| MISS D. RICHARDS 2 | GEORGE COOK 7 |
| GEORGE LARGE 3 | PETER HEATH 8 |
| CHARLES PERRY 4 | JOHN PHILLIPS 9 |
| HARRY BROUGHTON 5 | ERNEST STITCH Tenor |

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

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| CHARLES DRAPER Treble | GEORGE FREEBREY 6 |
| *REGINALD H. BOULTON 2 | ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE 7 |
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Tenor 24½ cwt.

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| J. EDWARD CAWSE Treble | *ARNOLD HILL 6 |
| *MISS NOEL CAWTHORNE ... 2 | *HAROLD MARCON 7 |
| CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3 | *H. LESLIE PASK 8 |
| ALBERT H. WARD 4 | *HAROLD WALKER 9 |
| JOHN THORPE 5 | *HAYDEN THORPE Tenor |

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Tenor 13 cwt.

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| *HERBERT WATTS Treble | THOMAS J. WATTS 5 |
| GEORGE JORDAN 2 | THOMAS JORDAN 6 |
| LEONARD E. PITSTOW ... 3 | WALTER AYRE 7 |
| WALTER PRIOR 4 | ARTHUR JORDAN Tenor |

Conducted by W. AYRE.

* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to the 5th ringer. It was intended to ring Cambridge, but owing to an error in correspondence the above had to be substituted, the tenor man making up the band at very short notice.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 11, 1930, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

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| FREDERICK F. MORTLOCK ... Treble | MAURICE T. SYMONDS 5 |
| STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 2 | ARTHUR SYMONDS 6 |
| WILLIAM R. J. POULSON ... 3 | LAWRENCE POULSON 7 |
| WILFRED JARVIS 4 | FREDERICK A. POULSON ... Tenor |

Composed by H. HUBBARD.
First peal in the method by all the band, and in the county of Suffolk, and rung at the first attempt. W. Jarvis kindly took a rope at a last minute's notice.

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On Saturday, January 11, 1930, in Three Hours,

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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

MORRIS' TRANSPOSITION OF MATTHEW'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb.

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| ARTHUR LEWIS Treble | WILLIAM A. TARGETTS ... 5 |
| WILLIAM HOOPER 2 | SAMUEL JONES 6 |
| CYRIL G. HOOPER 3 | WILLIAM PHILLIPS 7 |
| WILLIAM ALSOP 4 | ALBERT THOMAS Tenor |

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A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

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| FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... Treble | *ALFRED J. TRAPPITT 5 |
| FREDERICK W. HOODSEN ... 2 | FRANK E. DARBY 6 |
| HAROLD N. PITSTOW 3 | DANIEL COOPER 7 |
| HERBERT J. SKELT 4 | CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor |

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal in the method.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, January 12, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

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| LEONARD STILWELL Treble | WILLIAM WELLING 5 |
| *STEPHEN H. HOARE 2 | HARRY WINGROVE 6 |
| PHYLLIS M. MAYNE 3 | WILLIAM HENLEY 7 |
| GEORGE GILBERT 4 | CECIL C. MAYNE Tenor |

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by C. C. MAYNE.

* First peal in the method.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, January 16, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

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| *WILLIAM BLAKE Treble | WILLIAM SIMMONDS 5 |
| WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS ... 2 | HARRY MILES 6 |
| *WALTER BRIGHAM 3 | WALTER F. JUDGE 7 |
| WILLIAM G. COLLETT 4 | *VICTOR J. F. BENNETT ... Tenor |

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal of Major on the bells.

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

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AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

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| *FRANK ELLIS Treble | PERCY MASSAM 5 |
| ARTHUR G. WOOD 2 | ALBERT WORMALD 6 |
| CHARLES E. LAWSON 3 | GEORGE W. STEEL 7 |
| *GEORGE COPLEY 4 | THOMAS W. STRANGWAY ... Tenor |

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Conducted by T. W. STRANGWAY

* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major. Specially arranged and rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. R. A. Elliott and Miss A. M. Dobson, who were married prior to the commencement of the peal.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

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| JACK CARMAN Treble | HENRY PRING 5 |
| RICHARD CLARK 2 | CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... 6 |
| RONALD G. BECK 3 | JOSEPH T. DYKE 7 |
| ALFRED E. REEVES 4 | WILLIAM A. CAVE Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by W. A. CAVE.

First peal of New Cambridge by all except Mr. Dyke, and rung at the first attempt.

TWERTON-ON-AVON.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 17, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5080 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

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| *WILLIAM CROCKER Treble | THEODORE GRANT 5 |
| *MISS IRENE L. HASTIE ... 2 | GILBERT H. HARDING ... 6 |
| MISS N. G. WILLIAMS ... 3 | WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... 7 |
| RONALD G. BECK 4 | JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor |

Composed by JAMES HUNT.

Conducted by W. J. PRESCOTT.

* First peal in the method. Specially arranged for Miss Hastie, of Leatherhead.

'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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CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 17, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble | JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 5 |
| EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 2 | THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... 6 |
| WILFRED WILLIAMS ... 3 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7 |
| JOHN WHEADON ... 4 | THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Friday, January 17, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

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| ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... Treble | PETER CROOK ... 5 |
| ARTHUR HEYWOOD ... 2 | WILLIAM PENNINGTON ... 6 |
| PETER CROOK, JUN. ... 3 | JOHN POTTER ... 7 |
| GEORGE PINCOIT ... 4 | ARTHUR SEWART ... Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

Rung as a memorial peal to the late treasurer and captain of the band at the above church, Henry W. Jackson.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1930, 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 15 cwt. in G.

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| JOHN WHEADON ... Treble | HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... 5 |
| HARRY HOVERD ... 2 | FREDERICK A. COLEY ... 6 |
| WILLIAM A. MARTIN ... 3 | BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE ... 7 |
| JOHN J. LAMB ... 4 | FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. ... Tenor |

Composed by the late I. SHADE. Conducted by F. J. CULLUM, JUN.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

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| *WALTER J. SIMONS ... Treble | *JOHN E. ROOTES ... 5 |
| *CHARLES COOK ... 2 | FREDERICK EDWARDS ... 6 |
| *EDWARD ASHEY ... 3 | GEORGE A. HUGHES ... 7 |
| GEORGE R. PYE ... 4 | CHARLES DYKE ... Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR T. KING. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal of Major.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 18, 1930, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

JAMES GEORGE'S TRANSPOSITION OF JOHN CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

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| ALBERT TAYLOR ... Treble | ARTHUR E. WHATMORE ... 5 |
| ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 2 | CHARLES WM. COOPER ... 6 |
| THOMAS E. TAYLOR ... 3 | HARRY BOSWELL ... 7 |
| FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 4 | JAMES SHAW ... Tenor |

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

The ringer of the treble was proposed a member in the belfry. Rung as a compliment to the Vicar (Rev. F. J. Cheverton) on the completion of ten years' ministry in the parish. Also as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. E. Whatmore, Mr. Ben Fullwood (All Saints', Sedgley), Mr. H. T. Piper (St. Peter's, Wolverhampton), and Mrs. A. Greenfield, wife of the conductor, also to Mrs. Boswell, mother of the 7th ringer.

SIX BELL PEALS.

THE CHART, LIMPSPFIELD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, January 4, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Westminster, Violet, College Exercise, Woodbine, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 10½ cwt.

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| *HARRY K. HOOPER ... Treble | H. BERNARD WELLS ... 4 |
| KENNETH SNELLING ... 2 | ALFRED J. BULL ... 5 |
| GEORGE ELLIS ... 3 | LEONARD A. TIDY ... Tenor |

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal 'inside' in seven Treble Bob methods. This was the quarterly peal for the above association.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, January 5, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Six 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.

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| ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... Treble | CYRIL TANSSELL ... 4 |
| FRANK LAWRENCE ... 2 | CHARLES CAMM ... 5 |
| WILLIAM RANFORD ... 3 | SIDNEY T. HOLT ... Tenor |

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

REDGRAVE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, January 5, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph,

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.

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| RAYMOND GRANT ... Treble | DAVID WHITING ... 4 |
| CHARLES F. GOODMAN ... 2 | ERIC G. BENNETT ... 5 |
| ALFRED J. BERRY ... 3 | GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor |

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 8, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

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| FRANK W. PERRINS ... Treble | ABRAHAM WILKERSON ... 4 |
| FRANK E. PERVIN ... 2 | JOHN W. TAYLOR ... 5 |
| THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 3 | JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... Tenor |

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRINS.

LANE END, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 11, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's each of Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob rung alternately. Tenor 6 cwt.

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| WILLIAM E. TAYLOR ... Treble | ROLAND BIGGS ... 4 |
| *FREDERICK G. BIGGS ... 2 | †THOMAS J. FOWLER ... 5 |
| JAMES W. WILKINS ... 3 | GEORGE GILBERT ... Tenor |

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal in three methods. † First peal of Minor away from the treble.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 7 cwt. in A flat.

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| ROBERT HOWARD ... Treble | ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... 4 |
| MISS KITTY WILLERS ... 2 | FRANK HARPER ... 5 |
| ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... 3 | EDWARD H. FINCH ... Tenor |

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

CALVERTON, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 11, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With ten different callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

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| *ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... Treble | *THOMAS E. ROBERTS... .. 4 |
| WILLIAM FRENCH 2 | ALEXANDER COLEY 5 |
| EDWARD WHITLOCK 3 | CHARLES G. ALDERMAN ... Tenor |

Conducted by ALEXANDER COLEY.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles. First peal as conductor. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

LEAKE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 11, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 Single Oxford, one 720 Kent Treble Bob, one 720 Oxford Treble Bob, one 720 Single Court, one 720 Canterbury Pleasure and two 720's Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

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| *HAROLD HARPER ... Treble | *WILLIAM WILKINSON ... 4 |
| *GEORGE W. HOUGHTON ... 2 | *FRANK P. HARWOOD... .. 5 |
| †FRANK DEWEY 3 | WILLIAM E. CLARKE... .. Tenor |

Conducted by W. E. CLARKE.

* First peal in six methods. † First peal in six methods on an inside bell. The conductor's 25th peal.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 11, 1930, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

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| *WILLIAM A. HOLMES ... Treble | JAMES OSBORN 4 |
| JOHN W. LAKE 2 | ALBERT S. ALLEN 5 |
| *ARTHUR E. HOLMES 3 | ARTHUR I. HOLMES Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

* First peal and first attempt.

BOLTONSBOROUGH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 12, 1930, in Three Hours and Nineteen 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.

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| *WILFRED J. KENT ... Treble | HARRY ATTWELL... .. 4 |
| JOSEPH RAWLES 2 | V. JOHN FARTHING 5 |
| HAROLD HOSKINS 3 | ALBERT WOOLLEY Tenor |

Conducted by V. J. FARTHING.

* First peal. This peal was rung with the clappers half-muffled as a last token of respect to the memory of Mr. S. Toogood (one of the churchwardens).

WILLINGHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(THE OVER SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, January 16, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr.

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| WILLIAM BAVIN ... Treble | FRED C. GINN 4 |
| FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 2 | ARTHUR J. GINN 5 |
| BERRY WAYMAN 3 | FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor |

Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding, in the above church, of Mr. F. H. Dring and Miss Olive Allen. Mr. Dring is an old 'Over' and diocesan ringer. Miss K. Willers and Mr. D. Adams stood out to allow two ringing friends to make the band. Mr. Gleaves kindly entertained the band to tea, and they afterwards joined the wedding guests.

MORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 17, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

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| *HARRY PEAT ... Treble | HUBERT BAILEY 4 |
| WILLIAM SWAIN 2 | ERNEST MALLENDER 5 |
| ARTHUR SMITHSON 3 | FRED W. KNOWLES Tenor |

Conducted by FRED W. KNOWLES.

* First peal of Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Ernest Mallender.

PERRANARWORTHAL, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
(TRURO DISTRICT.)

On Friday, January 17, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PIRAN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores.

Tenor 12 cwt.

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| WILLIAM T. TEAGUE ... Treble | *MISS E. JESSIE C. ANGWIN 4 |
| *MISS LUCY WILLOUGHBY... 2 | WILLIAM H. SLEEMAN ... 5 |
| FREDERICK W. MARSHALL 3 | ARTHUR S. ROBERTS Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM H. SLEEMAN.

* First peal and first attempt 'inside.' The treble ringer is from Kea, the remainder from Truro Cathedral.

BANHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 17, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different extents, one each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

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| GEORGE LAND ... Treble | CHARLES F. GOODMAN ... 4 |
| RAY GRANT 2 | ERIC G. BENNETT 5 |
| JOHN SNELLING 3 | *NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor |

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* 50th peal for the Norwich Association. First peal in five methods on the bells.

ELLESBOROUGH, BUCKS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings.

Tenor 9 cwt.

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| FREDERICK J. REEVE ... Treble | *FREDERICK C. REEVE ... 4 |
| JESSE POPLETT 2 | *HARRY BULL 5 |
| *HAROLD BISHOP 3 | HARRY JONES Tenor |

Conducted by F. J. REEVE.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Believed to be the first peal on the bells. Harry Jones was elected a member of the Hertfordshire Association before commencing the peal. Rung as a compliment to the Vicar and Mrs. Lake, who had just returned home from their honeymoon; also to celebrate the 31st anniversary of the conductor's wedding day.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES' VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART.

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| *MAURICE T. SYMONDS ... 1-2 | WILLIAM R. J. POULSON ... 5-6 |
| STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 3-4 | FRANK A. TURNER 7-8 |

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

* First 'double-handed' peal of Grandsire.

Pressure on our space has again necessitated the holding over of a number of peal reports.

A COLLEGE YOUTH'S DIAMOND WEDDING.

FOUR PEALS TO CELEBRATE AN INTERESTING EVENT.

The diamond wedding of one of the oldest members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, Mr. Harry Henden, and his wife, of Orange, New South Wales, was celebrated on Saturday, when in honour of the event two peals were rung in London by members of the ancient society, one at St. James', Clerkenwell, where Mr. and Mrs. Henden were married on January 19th, 1870, and the other at St. Clement Danes, while the Royal Cumberland Youths rang a peal at Dartford, where Mr. Henden rang his first peal, and the Surrey Association rang one at Beddington. Although separated by so many thousands of miles from the old country, Mr. Henden's interest in ringing has been revived in recent years, and he is kept in touch with events by 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. Henden learnt his ringing at Woolwich under John and William Bannister, and was made a member of the College Youths on February 26th, 1867. His first peal was one of Grandsire Triples, at Dartford, on November 17th, 1873, conducted by John Cox. He rang several peals in various towers, and numbered among his ringing friends Henry Johnson, Matthew Wood, John Cox, and the Bannister family.

On the occasion of his marriage, at Clerkenwell, a mixed band of ringers rang at St. James' Church a date touch of Stedman Triples, composed and conducted by John Cox.

Mr. Henden left England in 1884, and, with the exception of some ringing at Melbourne on his arrival in Australia, he has done no ringing since. For about 20 years he heard nothing of ringing, until he saw in the 'Overseas Daily Mail' an account of the ladies' peal of Stedman Caters at St. Clement Danes. He then wrote to the Ladies' Guild, and since then has been receiving 'The Ringing World,' in which he takes a great interest.

The following extract from one of his letters to the secretary of the Ladies' Guild is interesting: 'I was delighted with "The Ringing Worlds." I take a great interest in them, and they bring back a lot of memories of the years gone by and the ringers whom I knew. I remember being in Fleet Street, and I thought I would go up to St. Bride's, as I thought I might see Mr. John Cox, whom I knew well, and ask him if he would come to lunch with me. When I entered the ringing chamber he was alone laying full length on the floor with a lot of figures before him and a lump of chalk. I said, "What are you up to, Cox?" His reply was, "Ah, I don't mind you, but if I told you, you might tell someone else," so I asked him no more. But I could see he was trying to get a peal of Grandsire Triples without a single. He was then steeplekeeper at St. Bride's. At that time there were several whom I knew trying the same thing.'

The following were the four peals rung in honour of the diamond wedding:—

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

On Saturday, January 18, 1930, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

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| THOMAS LANGDON Treble | WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 6 |
| WALTER H. L. BOCKINGHAM 2 | ALAN R. MACDONALD ... 7 |
| HARRY R. PASMORE 3 | HERBERT LANGDON 8 |
| ALFRED B. PECK 4 | GEOFFREY C. RICE 9 |
| WILLIAM S. LANGDON 5 | JAMES BULLOCK Tenor |

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, of New Zealand.
Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 18, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES CLERKENWELL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in E flat.

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| CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble | ERNEST E. HOLMAN 5 |
| GEORGE N. PRICE 2 | ROBERT A. FARDON 6 |
| HARRY DYAS 3 | THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE ... 7 |
| WILLIAM T. COCKERILL ... 4 | HORACE BELCHER Tenor |

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 18, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

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| EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble | CHARLES T. COLES 5 |
| MRS. R. F. DEAL 2 | HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 6 |
| MRS. E. K. FLETCHER 3 | JAMES PARKER 7 |
| JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4 | GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... Tenor |

Composed by J. W. WASBROOK. Conducted by MRS. E. K. FLETCHER
Mr. E. Barnett's 750th peal.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

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| *ERNEST BRETT Treble | EDWIN F. PIKE 6 |
| WILLIAM H. HEWETT 2 | *CHARLES W. GRIMWOOD ... 7 |
| *WILFRED WILLIAMS 3 | JAMES E. DAVIS 8 |
| JOHN T. KENTISH 4 | *CHARLES H. KIPPIN 9 |
| *DANIEL COOPER 5 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor |

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.

* First peal of Double Norwich Royal, also first in the county and by the association. This composition has ten courses in the titum position, and is believed to be the first peal of this method rung with these qualities.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT GATESHEAD.

A very successful meeting of the Eastern District of the Durham and Newcastle Association was held at Gateshead on Saturday. Ringers began to meet about 2.30 p.m. at St. Mary's Church, and the bells were kept going until five o'clock. A splendid tea then awaited the party at the Anchorage, a fine old building adjoining the church.

After tea, a short meeting was held, Mr. Burnett, vice-president, being in the chair.

Mr. E. Ferry moved a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and the vestry clerk, Mr. Macfarlane, replied on behalf of the incumbent. In the course of his remarks, he said that the ringers might be interested to know that they were having tea in the oldest schoolroom in Gateshead. The Anchorage dated back to 1340, and it was founded for the habitation of an anchoress. It was then the only school in Gateshead. Part of the master's duty was to teach Latin and Greek, together with navigation. It was of interest to know that Lord Joicey and Sir George Kenwick were educated at this school.

Mr. C. L. Routledge moved a vote of thanks to the ladies for providing the tea, and this was carried with acclamation.

The Rector arrived at this juncture, and, apologising for being late, said the football match at Sunderland had delayed him, adding that he had not been present at the match, but about six or seven bus loads of passengers had passed before he managed to get on a vehicle.

Sympathy was expressed with Mr. Stuart, a ringer for 50 years at St. Mary's, who was unable to be present at the meeting owing to illness, but all were pleased to know he was progressing favourably.

It was proposed that the next district meeting be held at Hough-ton-le-Spring on April 12th.

After the meeting, the ringers went back to the tower, and the bells were kept going until 8.30 p.m. The methods rung during the day were Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent, Oxford, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise.

It was a very happy meeting, and the time passed all too quickly, but it was plainly seen that all the ringers had enjoyed the proceedings, and hopes were expressed by many ringers that the meetings to follow would be as successful.

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TOWER CLOCK MANUFACTURERS.
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OR REPAINTING OF DIALS.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**SUGGESTED DIVISION OF ARCHDEACONRY OF ELY BRANCH.**

A meeting of the Archdeaconry of Ely was held at Fulbourn on Saturday, about 20 ringers being present from Barley, Cherryinton, Cambridge, Dry Drayton, Melbourn, Royston, Sawston, Stapleford, Trumpington, as well as from Fulbourn. Ringing commenced soon after three o'clock, and a short service was conducted by the Rector, Rev. T. H. Hennessey, assisted by the general secretary (Rev. R. Copeman). Afterwards the ringers partook of tea, which was provided at the Six Bells by the Rector. Owing to the absence of the district secretary (Mr. F. Warrington), the minutes of the previous meeting could not be read, but the General Secretary reported that he had received a letter from him stating his inability to be present. The Rector extended a hearty welcome to the visitors, and proposed the toast of 'Success to the ringers in the diocese.'

A suggestion was made that the meeting to be held at Newmarket on February 15th should be a joint meeting of the Suffolk and Ely Associations, and this was agreed to.

A discussion took place as to the desirability of dividing the Archdeaconry of Ely into two districts, with the view, if possible, of attention being paid to some of the places which in the past have been somewhat neglected. Mr. Austin gave notice of his intention to bring the matter up at the annual general meeting.

Mr. Austin proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and for his generosity in providing tea.

Mr. E. H. Finch, in seconding, pointed out that bellringing was one of the finest physical and mental exercises, and stated that several clergy of his acquaintance instead of going off with their golf clubs, would do better in learning to become proficient bell-ringers and mixing with their own ringers.

The Rector, in reply, humorously remarked that he was a bachelor, had a parish of 1,200 inhabitants, was a Rural Dean, and as such had to look after three parishes at present without an incumbent, consequently his time was fully occupied, and, moreover, he did not play golf. He welcomed the association to Fulbourn whenever they wished to come.

Further ringing took place after tea. The Rector stayed in the belfry for about an hour, and, on leaving, suggested that the association should make their visit a quarterly one.

The methods rung included Bob Minor, Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major. A course of London Surprise Major failed to mature by one lead. The arrangements for ringing were in the hands of Mr. B. D. Buttress, of Fulbourn, who saw that everyone was catered for.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**JOINT MEETING OF FIVE BRANCHES.**

The joint meeting held at Preston on Saturday was an undoubted success, representatives from no less than fourteen Preston Branch towers, as well as ringers from the Blackburn, Fylde, Wigan and Bolton Branches, being present. The usual methods from Plain Bob to Cambridge Surprise Major were rung at Penwortham and Preston Parish Church, and good practice for some of the six-bell ringers was obtained at St. Mark's, Preston.

After the actual ringing was over, a short business meeting was held, and a lecture given in the Parish Church tower, Mr. A. Tomlinson, of Blackburn, the association ringing secretary, presiding.

In opening the meeting, Mr. Tomlinson said how pleased he was to be present at that joint meeting, and the way in which all seemed to have enjoyed themselves augured well for any such meetings in the future. He went on to congratulate Mr. E. W. Hutchinson, of Penwortham, on ringing his first peal at the age of seventy-three.

The meeting confirmed the election of three new Preston Branch members, and also fixed the place and date of the next branch meeting.

Mr. J. R. Taylor expressed the pleasure of the Preston Branch in welcoming the members of the other branches, and proposed that a joint meeting be held annually on the same lines.—This was seconded and carried unanimously.

Mr. J. R. Taylor then moved that the next joint meeting be held at Blackburn Cathedral next January.—Mr. W. Hunter, of Burnley, seconded, Mr. R. Hartley supported, and the motion was carried.

Mr. Tomlinson said he was sure the Blackburn ringers would be only too pleased to welcome all who went to Blackburn.

Mr. Wm. Taylor gave a continuation of his lecture on 'Courseing order.' He went briefly over the chief points of his previous lecture, and referred to the benefits of a knowledge of the courseing order of methods as shown between a 'Bob Caller' and an expert conductor.

With the aid of an improvised blackboard Mr. Taylor gave some illustrations of the effect on courseing order of bobs called at 'Wrong,' 'Middle' and 'Home' positions, showing the various alterations at the course ends caused by the different bobs.

The lecture over, the Chairman moved a cordial vote of thanks to Mr. Taylor for his lecture, which had been given in such an able and clear manner.—Mr. J. Millar seconded, and the motion having been carried Mr. Taylor suitably replied.

Mr. J. R. Taylor then moved a vote of thanks to the different church authorities for the use of bells, to the local ringers for having all in readiness, and to the chairman for presiding.

This concluded what was undoubtedly a splendid meeting.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. F. A. Milne, J.P., president of the Middlesex County Association, a member of the Legal Committee of the Central Council, is seriously ill with inflammation of the liver at his home at Summerhill, Barnet.

A marble tablet is to be erected at Ashton-under-Lyne Parish Church to commemorate the long peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus rung there on August Bank Holiday.

Forty-five years ago to-day the Sussex Association was established, and two days later, John Jay, sen., who will be remembered by many of the older generation of visitors to St. Peter's, Brighton, called the first peal for the association at Cuckfield. Mr. C. Tyler, of Henfield, took part in the peal, and is still actively engaged in ringing. The only other survivor (at least we hope he is still in the land of the living) is Mr. George King, who on that occasion rang his first peal, and who migrated to Canada many years ago.

A peal of 10,386 Grandsire Caters was rung at Kingston-on-Thames, Surrey, on January 27th, 1803, in 6 hrs. 56 mins.

The first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus in London was rung by the College Youths at Cornhill on January 28th, 1911.

5,040 Real Double Eight in, with two bobs in a lead, as many 7ths as 2nds, with bobs behind and before alternately, was rung at Richmond, Surrey, on January 28th, 1816.

January 29th is the anniversary of the 11,232 Superlative Surprise Major, rung at Bolton in 1927.

Two famous old London ringers died on January 29th, John Cox in 1885, and Henry Haley in 1886.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Central Division was held at Crawley on Saturday. The tower was open for ringing at 2.30, and a short service was held in church, conducted by the Rector of Crawley (the Rev. H. A. K. Baynes), who, in his address, traced the subject of attendance at divine service through the Jewish and Christian dispensations.

The next item of interest to the forty-four present was an excellent tea, which had been prepared in the Parish Hall, after which the Rector, supported by the Master (Mr. J. T. Rickman) presided at the business meeting, which was of a routine nature.

Capt. Manley, Turner's Hill, and Mr. J. Merritt, Boincy, were elected members.

At the close of the proceedings, Mr. Rickman, proposing the usual vote of thanks to the Rector, said that this was probably the first time that many of them had the pleasure of meeting him since his appointment to Crawley, and that they wished him all possible happiness and success in this his new sphere of work.

The Rector, having thanked the meeting for this expression of goodwill, the proceedings terminated.

The tower was again visited, and ringing continued until about 8.30, when the bells were lowered in peal. The methods rung were very varied, and included London, Bristol, Norfolk, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise, the striking being above the average for these occasions. The following towers were represented: Balcombe, Boincy, Brighton (St. Peter's, St. Nicholas, The Good Shepherd), Burgess Hill, Crawley, Cuckfield, East Grinstead, Hartfield, Heene, Lindfield, Lower Beeding, Lewes (Southover) and Turner's Hill.

BRISTOL UNITED GUILDS.

A RECORD GATHERING.

There was a record gathering at Bristol on Saturday, on the occasion of the Bristol United Guilds' ninth annual dinner. A company of considerably over two hundred joined in the proceedings, which were marked by a spirit of great cordiality. Visitors were present from many distant places, some having travelled from as far afield as London, Leeds, Sheffield, Manchester, Birmingham, Coventry and Exeter, to say nothing of the many from places within a lesser radius. The organisers left nothing undone which would contribute to the pleasure of their guests, and this year made a new departure by arranging a charabanc tour of the city and neighbourhood during the afternoon. Those who were able to participate in this excursion spent a most enjoyable and instructive time, thanks largely to the efforts of the cicerone, Mr. W. S. Emery, who explained in an interesting manner all the points and features of interest in the itinerary. For those unable to take part in the tour, there was ringing at St. Stephen's and St. Thomas' Churches, and a large number looked in at the 'preliminary' gathering at St. Thomas' Church Room, where tea and buns were dispensed at the end of the afternoon.

The dinner took place at the Grand Hotel, and was presided over by the chairman of the United Guilds, Mr. William H. Thomas. He was supported by Rev. and Mrs. Heber Thomas (St. Stephen's), Rev. M. Paterson (St. Thomas'), Rev. E. S. Saleby (Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association), Rev. R. H. Whitford (Bristol), Mr. C. F. Johnston (Croydon), Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith (Woking), Mr. A. Walker (Deputy Ringing Master, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham), Mrs. Walker, Mr. P. J. Johnson (hon. secretary, Yorkshire Association), Mr. A. A. Hughes (hon. treasurer of the Ancient Society of College Youths), Messrs. S. F. Palmer and J. Holman (Sheffield), A. E. Norman and F. E. Haynes (Birmingham), W. J. Southwood (Exeter), C. Harrison and J. P. Fidler (Loughborough), C. D. Heginbotham (Devizes), Mr. W. H. Shaker (hon. secretary, Lancashire Association) and Mrs. Shaker, Mr. J. T. Dyke (hon. secretary, Bath and Wells Association), F. W. Perrins (Coventry), C. Choctet (Master of the College Youths), J. S. Hawkins, C. W. Pipe and J. Thomas (London), J. George and G. H. Way (Birmingham), J. Austin, J. Gillett, G. Condict (Gloucester), R. G. Beck (Chilcompton), C. Millard (Shepton Mallet), R. C. Rich and T. F. King (Bath), Mr. and Mrs. A. E. W. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. S. Hopper (Swindon), Messrs. C. H. Jennings (Weymouth), E. J. Williams, sen., (H. Harding, W. J. Prescott, Miss N. G. Williams (Bath), Miss I. Hastic (Leatherhead), Messrs. C. R. Lilley and H. W. Knight (Congresbury), F. W. Cannings (Bathford), J. G. Taylor (Bathurst), C. H. Pausey and A. Prince (Bath), A. H. Ball (Corston), F. Lambeth (Chippenham), F. C. Stuckey (Weston-super-Mare), W. H. Court (Burnham-on-Sea), E. Coward and G. D. Thurston (Mere), G. E. Shollish (Banwell), J. Tyler, jun. (Clapton), J. B. Tyler (Four Marks, Hants), S. Jones (Caerleon, Mon.), A. A. Hilliar (Westbury-on-Tyrm), and ringers and friends from the many churches in and around Bristol. The admirable arrangements were made by a committee consisting of the chairman, Mr. P. C. Williams (vice-chairman), Mr. R. Burt (vice-chairman elect), Miss E. Smith, Messrs. W. A. Cave, J. G. Jefferies, W. Knight and H. Way (stewards), Messrs. U. Braven, H. Bennett, J. A. Burford, F. T. Jewell, J. Gould, F. Skidmore, H. Pring, F. G. Leaker, W. H. Parker, R. C. Seager, W. S. Emery and Mr. Edgar Guise, the indefatigable hon. secretary.

A feature of the Bristol gathering is always the entertainment which is given in connection with the dinner, and this year there was the greatest difficulty of getting through, before the hour of parting, the feast of good things provided. The Tyndale Trio (piano, violin and 'cello) provided music during dinner, and subsequently there were songs by Miss Doreen Weeks (gold medallist), Mr. Milton Jones and Mr. L. Tanner, a humorous monologue by Miss Dorothy Hill (gold medallist), selections by St. Thomas' handbell party, with Miss Bishop playing a harp accompaniment, a clever magical entertainment by Mr. E. H. C. Wethered, O.B.E., and, by kind permission of the management of the Prince's Theatre, artistes now appearing in the pantomime lent their assistance in the programme, humorous turns being provided by Mr. Athol Tier and Mr. Fred Wynne, while Mr. Bryn Gwyn sang two songs, one, the 'Cobbler's Song' from 'Chu Chin Chow,' which he sang 1,500 times in the play, and 'The Sergt.-Major.'

RINGERS' SERVICES RECOGNISED.

The Chairman, in opening the post-prandial proceedings, proposed the toast of 'The King,' which was honoured enthusiastically, and the 'National Anthem' sung. The Chairman then went on to say that the Bristol United Guilds had become a sturdy youth. During the past eight or nine years it had shown its usefulness, and it was getting more useful as time went by. He had often wondered at the confidence displayed by the founders of the Guild, because they had no old associations to look back upon like some of the other societies. The College Youths, for instance, had nearly 300 years of existence behind them, and recently held their 292nd annual dinner. St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, kept green the memory of one of their renowned men of the past; the Yorkshire Association commemorated Jasper

Snowdon, whose works every ringer knew; and then there was the Crofts memorial dinner at Nottingham. In Bristol they looked back with pride on the ability of J. W. Hinton, a forerunner in the practice of the higher scientific methods and a 'stickler' for good striking; but those who were present that evening were there because they were ringers or were interested in ringing, and as ringers they were part and parcel of the Church. When they joined a band of ringers they recognised they had a duty to perform, and the first duty was to ring for the services. That was a thing which they, as ringers, ought always to remember. If they only carried out those duties as they should do, they would gain a rich blessing, even if only in the knowledge that they had done their duty. He asked them all to rise and drink to the toast of 'The Church,' with which he coupled the name of the Rev. Heber Thomas, Rector of St. Stephen's.

The Rev. Heber Thomas, in replying, said, although not a ringer himself, he yielded to no man in his deep love, from his earliest years, of bells. This love of bells had remained with him all his life and had increased as the years had gone by. Therefore, although he was not a ringer, and disliked public dinners intensely, he looked

forward every year to the invitation of their successive chairmen to be present at that annual dinner. One must acknowledge, he continued, the great service which such a body of men and women rendered to their Church throughout the land, and certainly the services they rendered to the Church in Bristol. It would be an unspeakable calamity if, for any reason, the bells in the Bristol churches were to be silenced. It was with a sense of deep sorrow and shame that he sometimes saw an account of a belfry where, for some reason or other, the bells were silent. He believed that the ringers' services to the Church were as heartily recognised by all the other clergy as it was by himself, and he had again and again in his own parish borne witness to the fact that he had never found a more devoted set of



MR. W. H. THOMAS.

churchworkers, quiet as they were, and unobtrusive, but at the same time genial and God-fearing, as they had in St. Stephen's. They always judged the general from the particular, and, judging other ringers from the ringers of St. Stephen's, he assumed other churches found their ringers equally devoted. He sometimes wondered what were the various qualifications required before they entered the belfry. Certainly he saw keenness, enthusiasm, geniality, good temper and comradeship, and also that quiet, unobtrusive service which was so characteristic of their own ringers at St. Stephen's, and he could not help thinking that those who were gathered there that evening were men and women possessed of the characteristics. These qualifications, the speaker went on, must have come down to them through successive generations, for they were the characteristics required three hundred years ago of those who joined the Ancient Guild of St. Stephen's Ringers. The speaker quoted from the rules of the old Guild (recently given in detail in 'The Ringing World') to bear out this contention, and concluded by expressing the hope that the ringing Guilds of Bristol, of Gloucester, and Somerset, and throughout the country would continue to do their work and do it in the same spirit and with the same result to the Church in the years to come as they had done in the generations gone by (applause).

INTERESTING PRESENTATIONS.

A toast of 'Success to the Ringers' Directory' was proposed by Mr. James George, who congratulated the Bristol United Guilds upon having produced such a useful publication for the benefit of the Exercise. He said he had intended to ask the Central Council to publish a directory of this kind, but in view of the splendid advance made in the Bristol Guild's directory he would be pleased to withdraw his proposition. There had been an increase of about 516 names in this edition, and if every ringer supported the directory as he ought to do there was no reason why the next issue should not include forty thousand names, although he would be modest and

ask only for not less than twenty thousand. In the same way he asked ringers to support 'The Ringing World.' It was disgraceful that in so many towers only one copy was taken between all the ringers. If only twenty thousand ringers subscribed to 'The Ringing World,' the paper could be published at a penny, and when one thought of the work that was put into 'The Ringing World' for the benefit of ringing, he considered it was a shame that so many ringers were content to share one copy (hear, hear). He hoped the Ringers' Directory would continue to be a success, and that it would grow in size and usefulness.

Mr. F. G. Leaker responded on behalf of the committee responsible for the publication, and paid a warm tribute to the great work done in connection with the directory by their genial hon. secretary, Mr. Edgar Guise. His work for the Bristol United Guilds was only one part of the work which he did for ringing, for he was, as they all knew, also secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Association.

The Chairman then announced that he had a pleasant duty to perform. They had, he said, a number of ladies, who were always at the beck and call of the Bristol United Guilds when there was anything to be done, and they desired to mark their appreciation of what had been done by two of these ladies. He had a brooch, suitably inscribed, which he was going to ask their vice-chairman to hand to Mrs. Leaker, and another for Miss Smith, who, unfortunately, owing to a family bereavement, could not be with them that evening. These gifts were just an expression of the appreciation of the United Guilds for all the kindnesses which these ladies had shown them (applause). The Chairman went on to refer to the work of Mr. Guise as secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Association and of the Bristol United Guilds. In addition, he said, Mr. Guise had acted as editor of the popular and valuable 'Ringers' Directory,' and it was his privilege to ask Mr. Guise to accept, on behalf of the members of the Bristol United Guilds, and a few friends, a present in recognition of his great services (applause).

The Chairman then presented to Mr. Guise a handsome walnut secretary-bookcase, in which was a plate bearing the inscription: 'To Mr. Edgar Guise. An appreciation from the Bristol United Ringing Guilds. January 18th, 1930.'

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

Mr. Cyril F. Johnston submitted the toast of 'The Gloucester and Bristol Association.' He said to one who was responsible for a toast it was of considerable advantage to know something of the history of those whose health and prosperity he proposed—whether it was to their credit or their detriment, at least he should know something (laughter). It was also an immense help if he could get his speech written for him, so he might as well make a clean breast of it and confess at once that when their indefatigable secretary ordered him on Wednesday to propose the toast of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, he wired asking him for any information concerning the past history of the chairman and his associates that he thought it advisable to disclose (laughter). Mr. Guise promptly sent a most comprehensive and masterly short story of the association's doings both past and present—so complete that he (the speaker) was sorely tempted to learn it by heart and give it them as his own peroration (laughter). Continuing, Mr. Johnston said he was proud to have numbered two principal founders amongst his ringing friends—the late Mr. Phillott and the Rev. C. D. P. Davies. Mr. Davies was the first person in the bell world with whom he ever discussed—in those dark, unenlightened days—the question of bell tuning. They all regretted his absence from that gathering and the ill-health which he had suffered in recent years. That association, he added, had ringers, too, of national repute in Bill Cave, Jack Austin, Friend Thomas, the latter equally at home in Yorkshire or Bristol. The increase in ringing members from 420 in 1914 to 1,000 in 1930, spoke eloquently of the keenness of the officers. Their energies were not confined alone to their own area; the new Ringers' Directory, compiled by their hon. secretary, was surely a welcome addition to every ringers' library. They should be proud of the progress of the Gloucester and Bristol Association. They had, he understood, rung 1,600 peals, and had them all but last year's recorded in albums, and their treasurer was always able apparently to show a satisfactory balance at the bank. Their Master (Mr. Saleby) had told him he was not a proficient change ringer, but he appeared to be fulfilling, in one particular respect, the qualifications peculiar to his order. He was a ringer clergyman with an unringable peal of bells—they rest in the churchyard (laughter). He (the speaker) thought there must be an unwritten law in this matter or a plot amongst the Bishops and patrons of livings, for nearly every ringing parson has a peal of one, or a church without a tower (laughter and 'Shame'). In conclusion, Mr. Johnston asked the company to drink to long life and prosperity to the association of church bellringers for the dioceses of Gloucester and Bristol. Might they double their members each succeeding decade, as they had done in the last ten years; might they coax into the fold those towers that were still without, in the wilderness; and might they bring to a successful issue every record length which they might set out to ring. He coupled with this toast the name of their Master, the Rev. E. S. Saleby.

The Rev. E. S. Saleby, in responding, said they were a very live association. Not very long ago they were a little too lively (laughter), and kicked a little over the traces (laughter). He had gone

among the members as much as he could, and he was impressed with the wonderful spirit of keenness and progressiveness, and if they could only get together and make everybody realise that movements and rules and regulations which were framed thirty or forty years ago did not necessarily work in 1930, and if they could show the powers that be that they were alive and very keen, that they wanted to get a move on, that they lived in a democratic age, and wanted to be able to express their opinions and views, then, he thought, the little cloud he had mentioned would quickly pass. They were out for various reforms, and he believed that by working together they would find their efforts had not been in vain and that they would lead to more effective work in the future. He suggested they might well adopt the motto, which was inscribed on a bell, 'Different in size, in tone, in weight, both small and great, we harmonise.' Let them avoid the things which spoil their harmony and made discord, put aside personal feelings and put the association first, then, he was certain, in the exercise of their art and in the spirit of co-operation they would become even more alive and more flourishing in their association in the future than they had been in the past (applause).

Mr. Percy Williams proposed 'The Visitors,' and expressed the gratification of the United Guilds at the presence of so many representatives of other associations from all over England.

Mr. A. A. Hughes first responded, and thanked the Guilds for the wonderful evening which they had given the visitors, and which they had all so much enjoyed. Why, he asked, did they come there? They did not come there just to sit down to dinner. They came because they liked to see old friends and spend a pleasant time with them (applause). Mr. Hughes referred to the wonderful good these gatherings did in enabling ringers to rub shoulders, and he hoped the gathering in Bristol and those in other parts of the country would long continue. They did more to foster the spirit of good feeling and keep going the art of change ringing than almost anything he could think of (hear, hear).

Mr. C. D. Heginbotham also replied. He remarked that he liked the spirit of cheerfulness which surrounded that gathering, and he hoped those present would return to their own associations and carry into the meetings of their branches a little of the good feeling and of the sense of humour that pervaded that gathering (applause).

Mr. H. Burt proposed 'The Ringing World,' to which Mr. J. S. Goldsmith responded, and the toast of 'The Artistes' was submitted by Mr. Colin Harrison, who thanked them heartily for the varied and delightful entertainment they had provided. To this toast Mr. Chas. Reid responded, and the happy proceedings then terminated with 'Auld Lang Syne.'

A further interesting event took place after the dinner, when Mr. W. H. Thomas (the chairman) was presented with an old English silver snuff box as a token of esteem from Mr. Syd Palmer, of Sheffield.

Mr. Palmer expressed a wish that suitable inscriptions should be placed upon the box so that memories of fraternal bondship should be perpetuated. Mr. Thomas responded, and it is regarded by those few present that a link between Bristol and Sheffield has been forged, and that it is one of everlasting strength.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

RETIREMENT OF THE HON. SECRETARY.

The annual meeting of the Barnsley and District Society was held at St. Mary's, Barnsley, on Saturday, January 11th, members being present from Ackworth, Darfield, Darton, Felkirk, Ecclesfield, Pontefract, Sandal, Shelley, Wath-on-Dearne and Worthy. The bells were kept going (with difficulty, owing to their need of expert attention) in Minor and Major methods until 4.30 p.m., when the Rector (Canon H. E. Hone) conducted a short service, after which all adjourned to the Parish Room for tea, about thirty sitting down to an excellent meal.

The annual general meeting then took place, with Canon Hone in the chair.

The auditors, Messrs. Chant and Goldthorpe, presented their report, which was accepted and passed as satisfactory.

The officers for the year were elected as follows: President, Mr. A. Nash (re-elected); secretary, Mr. A. Panther; treasurer, Mr. H. Chant.

The late secretary, Mr. C. D. Potter, who has been a tower of strength to the society since its inception in 1910, has been wanting to relinquish office for several months owing, chiefly, to indifferent health. In accepting his resignation with sincere regret, both Mr. Nash and Mr. Reynor eulogised his excellent qualities, and testified to the great value of the work he had done for the society during their long association with him.

It was proposed, seconded and passed unanimously that Mr. Potter should be made a life vice-president as some very slight recognition of his past services.

Five new members were elected, and Mr. S. Roper (of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's, Croydon) was made an out-of-radius member.

Mr. Lewis (Ecclesfield) thanked the Rector and churchwardens for the use of the bells, etc., and the ladies for their preparations for the comfort of the inner man.

The next monthly meeting will be held at Wath-on-Dearne on Saturday, February 8th.

CLAYBROOKE BELLS AUGMENTED.**ANOTHER RING OF EIGHT FOR LEICESTERSHIRE.**

On Saturday last, the ancient four bells of Claybrooke Church, Leicestershire, were reopened, and four additional bells dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Leicester (Dr. Bardsley). This work of restoration was entrusted to Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and included the recasting of one of the old bells and retuning the other three, as well as the addition of the four new bells. The peal has been rehung on ball bearings in an iron and steel frame, with all the modern improvements. Everyone present was delighted and

To the gratification of everyone concerned, the founders have returned the ancient tenor (without recasting), and this magnificent old bell fully justifies being retained to cover a beautiful ring. It is one of the few pre-Reformation bells remaining in the county, and is thus inscribed:—

huius sē petre

followed by stamps of the heads of King Edward I. and Queen Eleanor, and a floral decoration and cross. This proves it to be a Nottingham casting of about the year 1500. The 7th bell is dated 1672, the 6th 1626, while the 5th was originally 1618, but has been recast to fit in with the above. The tenor, which now gives the full note of E flat, is a magnificent cover, giving the impression of a much heavier bell, although it is actually under 14 cwt.

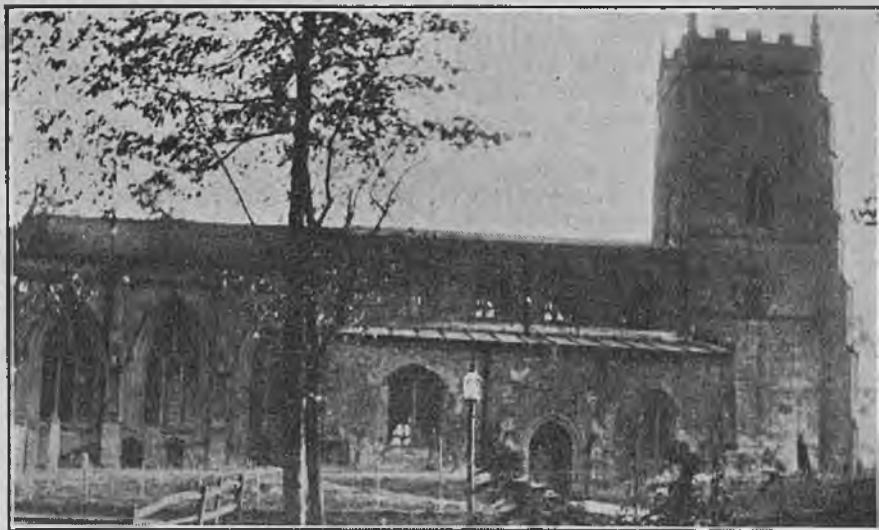
Immediately at the conclusion of the service, Master Daffern Seal (son of the donor) chimed one of the bells, then the following raised the bells 'in peal,' and rang a splendidly-struck three courses of Stedman Triples: J. H. W. White (Coventry) 1, F. Pervin (Coventry) 2, J. B. Fenton (Rugby) 3, T. W. Chapman (Nuneaton) 4, G. S. Morris (Leicester) 5, J. A. Fenton (Rugby) 6, E. Morris (Leicester) 7, J. Morris (Leicester) 8. Conducted by Ernest Morris, general hon. secretary of the Midland Counties Association, who was entrusted with the ringing arrangements for the day. In the words of one of the well-known visiting ringers present, whatever ringing is done here, none will be better than those three opening courses—they were perfect.

The founders were represented by Messrs. J. Oldham, R. Lane (the veteran bell hanger) and W. Smith, while a host of visitors were present from Croft, Hinckley, Broughton Astley, Wolvey, Rugby, Coventry, Swindon, Nuneaton, Wigston Magna, and other places. During the afternoon, touches and courses of Grandsire, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Bristol and London Surprise were successfully accomplished.

Refreshments were provided at the Vicarage, and in the evening a 'convivial' was held, thoroughly enjoyed by everyone present. Handbells were prominent, and tunes were played by Messrs. C. H. Webb, J. A. and J. B. Fenton, J. and E. Morris and others, with several courses of change ringing. The special feature was a course of Grandsire Caters by the five 'Joe's,' viz., J. S. Carter 1-2, J. H. W. White 3-4, J. B. Fenton 5-6, J. A. Fenton 7-8, J. Beale 9-10.

'Breaking-up' time came all too soon, but everyone present had a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon, and all were loud in the praise of 'Claybrooke's new peal.' The founders have excelled themselves.

E. M.

**CLAYBROOKE CHURCH.**

astonished with the tone and tune of this ring, and truly can it be now said that Claybrooke is the proud possessor of one of the very finest rings of eight in the diocese.

The fine old church was filled with an enthusiastic congregation, and the Lord Bishop gave a most inspiring and appropriate address, making special reference to the donor of the four new bells, the treble of which is thus inscribed:—

'To the Praise and Glory of God, and to commemorate the long connection of the Daffern Family with this Parish, this peal was restored and augmented to eight bells in 1929 by the gift of Beatrice Seal (born Daffern), of Ullesthorpe.'

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**THE FIRST YEAR OF THE PEAK DISTRICT.**

The first annual meeting of the Peak District of the Midland Counties Association was held at Bakewell on Saturday last, and members were present from Bakewell, Baslow, Castleton, Darley Dale, Dore, Eyam, Hathersage, Hope, Matlock and Tideswell. The fine peal of bells were kept going at intervals from 3 to 7.30 p.m., and a substantial tea was provided at the Wheatshaf shortly after 5 p.m. Following tea, the annual business meeting was held, presided over by the Rev. W. P. Wright, Eyam (vice-president), supported by Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey, Dore (hon. secretary), and Mr. A. G. Wallace, Bakewell.

The Secretary presented a brief report, giving a resume of events in connection with the formation of the district, and of the various meetings which have since taken place. It had to be borne in mind, the report stated, that the district was essentially a 'missionary' one, formed with the idea of trying to rope in and encourage towers where ringing was at a low ebb in a somewhat inaccessible area, and that great results from a change-ringing point of view could not be expected all at once. The meetings had been variable, some very poor with poor ringing, some very good indeed, but in no case had the time been wasted. Some of the poorest meetings had resulted in a quickening of interest in several enthusiastic novices, and in several applications for membership. The district had not received the support that one might have expected from one or two towers where change ringing was in vogue, but, on the other hand, where least expected, support had been forthcoming, a notable case being at Hathersage, from whence that day there was an application from eight of their ringers for membership, and a request for a meeting to be held there. An encouraging fact, too, was that at

each tower, however poor the attendance of locals, the branch had always been well received and welcomed by the incumbents. Undoubtedly, the backbone of the branch had been the towers of Eyam and Bakewell, with their enthusiastic leaders, the Rev. W. P. Wright and Mr. A. G. Wallace, without whose support little could have been accomplished. The report also referred with gratitude to the generous and enthusiastic welcome accorded to the branch at the new tower of Tideswell on more than one occasion.

In regard to future policy, the Secretary suggested that each tower should try and bring in its incumbent as an hon. member, or, alternatively, that they should approach their Church Councils, asking them to support the 'nomination' scheme by paying an annual subscription and nominating one or two of their members. Also, that each tower should pay its subscriptions promptly and agree to take a certain number of the M.C.A. reports, which were well worth the money. Further, that if it was decided to carry on with the monthly meetings, each tower should make it a point of honour to send at least one member to each meeting. As to the meetings themselves, it was suggested that the present policy be continued, i.e., that a special eight or six bell method be selected for attention and practice, but at the same time novices were to be given every help and encouragement, and that the young conductors were to be helped as much as possible. The Secretary also suggested as much support as possible should be given to 'The Ringing World.' In conclusion, the Secretary expressed his grateful thanks to all in the district who had extended to him so much courtesy and assistance, and predicted that by working together there would be a bright future for the district.

On the proposition of the Rev. W. P. Wright, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the secretary for his untiring work in the (Continued in next column.)

ADDISCOMBE'S BIG BELL.



The large bell which has been hung in Addiscombe Parish Church tower, Croydon, by John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, is to be dedicated by His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury to-morrow (Saturday), the 25th inst., at 3 p.m.

The bell, which weighs over 50 cwt., is a fine example of the bellfounders' craft and, as will be seen from the photograph, is richly ornamented.

DEATH OF MR. T. J. BRATTON.

The death took place at Birmingham on the 9th inst. of Mr. Thomas J. Bratton, who passed away two days after his 67th birthday.

Mr. Bratton had been in Birmingham for the better part of twenty years, and before that resided at Welshpool.

He was buried on Tuesday of last week, and leaves a widow, three sons and a daughter to mourn their loss.

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district, and he was instructed to record this vote on the minutes.

The Rev. W. P. Wright (Eyam) was re-elected vice-president by acclamation, and heartily thanked for all his kindness and help, it being fully realised that without his breezy and cheery disposition the district meetings would not be nearly as happy and cheerful functions as they have been.

Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey (Dore) was re-elected hon. district secretary, and Messrs. A. G. Wallace (Bakewell) and E. H. Holmes (Matlock) as members of the committee, the latter in place of Mr. N. Short, who had resigned on account of ill-health.

It was decided to carry on with the system of monthly meetings, it being considered that taking all in all they had been well worth while.

The next monthly meeting was fixed for Halbersage on February 15th, and it was decided to submit the names of eight ringers from this tower to the next general quarterly meeting for membership.

A hearty vote of thanks to the incumbent and to the local ringers closed the proceedings, adjournment being made to the tower for more ringing on tower and handbells.

J. E. L. C.

LOW MOOR, YORKSHIRE.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Friday, January 10th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. Wilson 1, *A. Wilson 2, E. Jenkins 3, S. Barraclough 4, N. Bower 5, H. Simpson (conductor) 6. * First 720.

NOTICES.

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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. Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on Jan. 30th.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—General quarterly meeting, Saturday, January 25th, at Bolsover. Bells (8) available all the afternoon. Committee meet 3.30. Tea 5 o'clock, followed by general meeting in Church Hall. A peal tablet will be dedicated at 4.45.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District. The annual district meeting will be held at Kingston-on-Thames on Saturday, January 25th. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea, followed by business meeting, 5.30 in the Church Hall. A good attendance of members is desired at this meeting.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, on Saturday, January 25th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45. Tea at Lyons Restaurant, Queen Square, at 5.30. All are welcome.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The annual general meeting will be held at Farnham on Saturday, January 25th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Services at 4.30., followed by tea and business meeting in Church House. — C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chislehurst on Saturday, January 25th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Subscriptions are now due and should be paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Cirencester on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Water-moor bells open 3 p.m. Tea, Viner's Restaurant, 4.45, followed by business meeting. Service, Parish Church, 6 o'clock. Parish Church bells open after service.—F. J. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., 67, Chester Street, Cirencester.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Bathwick, on Saturday, January 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Guild service 4.30 with tea and meeting to follow.—T. Grant, Branch Sec., Swainswick, Bath.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The annual meeting will be held at Hinckley on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells available from 4 to 7 p.m., with business meeting to follow. A good attendance is requested, all ringers being cordially welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. James', Taunton, on Saturday, January 25th. Bells from 2.30. Divine Service 4.30. Tea and business after in the Schools.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Todmorden Unitarian Church on Saturday, January 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand.—Wm. Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—Annual district meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 25th, at Whitechapel. Bells available: St. Olave's, Hart Street (8), 3.30-4.30; Whitechapel (8), before and after meeting. Service, tea and meeting at Whitechapel, at 5.30 p.m. Everyone welcome.—J. A. Waugh, Dis. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting at the White Cot Dairy.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The next annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 25th, at St. Michael's, Teignmouth. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, 5 pm., Addison's Café. Business meeting to follow; all welcome.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Bridgwater on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. All ringers welcome.—C. Evans, Hon. Sec., 14, Redgate Street, Bridgwater.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—The next meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made on the day. All are welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Bray (6 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Bells available 6.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—A meeting will be held at St. Neots (8) on Saturday, January 25th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Church Room at 5. Eynesbury bells (6) also available.—C. Fields, High Street, St. Neots.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kislingbury on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock.—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's Church, Colchester, on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Ringing to commence about 3 p.m., and service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting at the Parish Room at 5.15 p.m. Tea, 1s. each. It is hoped to have the bells of St. Leonard's Church, Colchester, between 3 and 4 p.m., also in the evening at 7 p.m.—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—The annual meeting will be held at Alverstoke on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in the Brodrick Hall at 5.15, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Presteign District.—The annual meeting will be held at Lyonshall on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (6) available 3.30. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Business meeting after tea.—Jabez Preece, Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembridge.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (12) available 2.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea (1s. each) in St. Chad's Room at 5.45, followed by business meeting.—Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Fordington, Dorchester, on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Also St. Peter's (8) from 6. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in the Moule Institute.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 25th, at Evercreech. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in the Schoolroom 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.—E. F. Creed, 6, West Park, Castle Cary.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Jan. 25th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Meeting 5 p.m.—D. L. Board, Dis. Sec., Wolverton Rectory.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Scarborough on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Divine service at 4 p.m. Preacher, Rev. J. W. Capron, Vicar of Scarborough. Tea will be served at the Arcadian Restaurant at 5 p.m., at a charge of 2s. per head. Annual subscriptions are now due and should be paid at the earliest convenient date.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—East Norfolk Branch.—A meeting for practice will be held at St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, on Saturday, January 25th. Bells available at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. J. Lee, Branch Sec., 20, Stanley Road, Great Yarmouth.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The first monthly meeting will be held at Ilkeston on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (8) ready from 3 p.m. to 6.30. All ringers welcome. Please attend in ringing uniform.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Lytham St. Cuthbert's (8 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business 5.30. Subscriptions due. Reports ready.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 10, Warbreck Road, Blackpool.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Broomfield on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (6) 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, January 29th. Annual subscriptions are now due.—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Christ Church, Crewe, on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells ready at 2.30. Service at 4. Tea and meeting to follow. Those intending being present, kindly notify me on or before Jan. 28th.—R. D. Langford, Hon. Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Swanscombe on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea in the Church Room at 5.30 p.m., kindly provided by the Rector, the Rev. Campbell Ward. Members intending to be present must notify me not later than Tuesday, 28th. Subscriptions are now due and should be paid at this meeting.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Bradford-on-Avon on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells of Holy Trinity (8) ready 3 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea. Christ Church bells (8) also available 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.—F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Martock on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea at 4.30. Meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Hon. Local Sec., North Street, Martock.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. A good attendance requested. Reports to hand. Subscriptions now due.—F. Hindle, Hon. Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Annual meeting at Southgate, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells from 3 p.m. Meeting of District Committee in Vestry at 4. Service at 5. Tea at the Cherry Tree at 5.30, 1s. each, to those who advise W. Pickworth, 2, Balaam's Lane, N. 14, by Thursday, Jan. 30th. This is important. Business meeting afterwards. Members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, Feb. 1st. The bells are available from 3 p.m. until service time, 4.15. Will those who require tea please notify me at least three days beforehand?—J. W. Clarke, Aston, Hawarden.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Pudsey on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements.—H. Loft-house, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Cardington (8 bells) on Feb. 1st at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Come and try some of Taylor's best. All welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Stagsden, Beds.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The annual general meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at the Institute 5 p.m., to be followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea please send names to Mr. A. Dean, 24, Church Walk, Leatherhead, by Wednesday, Jan. 29th.—Alan R. Pink, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting of the above branch will be held at Flore (6) on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me?—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at Beighton, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (6) ready early. For tea please write Mr. G. J. Fewkes, 1, Byron Road, Beighton, on or before Jan. 29th. All ringers and visitors welcome.—R. Harrison, Hon. Sec., 72, Yew Lane, Ecclesfield.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gainsborough District.—The annual meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Choral service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Sun Hotel 5 p.m. Visitors please inform me by Wednesday previous.—H. Morgan, Dis. Sec., 40, Hawthorn Avenue, Gainsborough.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Bucknall on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Tea 5.30 p.m. for all who notify Mr. W. Fradley, 102, Charles Street, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent, before Jan. 29th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meetings for February: St. Clement Danes', Sunday, the 2nd, at 10 a.m., Monday, 10th and 24th, at 7.30 p.m., St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 18th, at 8 p.m.—S. C. Moye, Gen. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The meeting of the above branch, arranged for Jan. 25th at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, is cancelled for that date. The meeting will be held on February 8th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions are due. Reports to hand.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Feering on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Will those intending to be present please notify Mr. W. Keeble, Rye Mill, Feering, not later than Wednesday, Feb. 5th.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

A JOINT MEETING of the Ely Diocesan Association and Peterborough Diocesan Guild (Wisbech and Peterborough branches) will be held at March on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those requiring tea please notify either of the secretaries not later than Wednesday, Feb. 5th?—H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwyn Road, March; W. H. Waldron, 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough; Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30 (at which the Archdeacon of Tonbridge has kindly consented to give the address). Tea after service (free), followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later

than Tuesday, Feb. 4th. 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.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Feb. 8th, St. Clement Danes', Strand, and St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Bloomsbury, available for ringing from 3 p.m. Service at St. Clement Danes' at 4.30 p.m. Tea at A.B.C., opposite church, after service. Meeting at St. Clement Danes' Parish Hall at 5.30 p.m. Please come and make a record meeting.—S. C. Moye, Gen. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Ashford District) AND THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A combined meeting of the above will be held at Headcorn on Saturday, Feb. 15th, by kind permission of the Rev. W. Gerty. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea and business meetings; all ringers being cordially welcome.—A. C. Kay, Sec., K.C.A.; A. J. Battin, R.M. & D.G., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—Practice, Tuesdays, from 7.30 to 9 p.m. Sundays, 10.15 to 11 a.m. All ringers welcome.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Will those who are desirous of contributing to the 'Henry W. Jackson Memorial Fund' please forward their contributions as early as possible. The fund is now closing.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton, Lancs.

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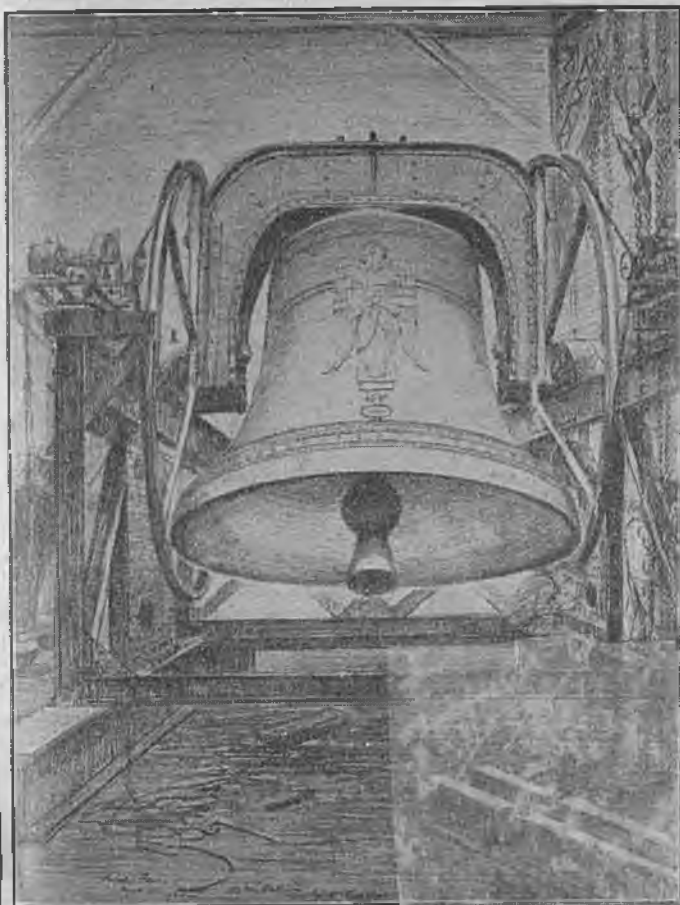
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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL'S GESTURE.

A resolution which has been passed by the Executive Committee of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, and sent to all the branches for consideration, opens a way for the return of the Association to affiliation with the Central Council after the shortest possible absence. This resolution expresses general approval of the suggested alterations to the rules of the Council, published in 'The Ringing World' on October 18th last, and recommends the Association to express willingness to reaffiliate if the Council can see its way to placing the suggested alterations upon the agenda for the next meeting. Already two of the branches, including Bristol itself, have confirmed the resolution, and this promises well for the eventual adoption of the motion by the Association. This done, the return of the Association to the ranks of the affiliated societies should be an easy matter, for it will be observed that the resolution does not ask that the proposed alterations shall be carried by the Council, but only that they shall be placed on the agenda. There is a distinct advantage in this, because the condition laid down makes it possible for the Association to reaffiliate and to send its members to the Council meeting to assist in the discussion on the proposed amendments, and place the views of the Gloucester and Bristol Association before the Council. Had the motion required the acceptance of the alteration of the rules as a sine qua non of reaffiliation, the position might have been much more difficult, and the lead which the Executive Committee of the Association has given to the members emphasises that their action in withdrawing from the Council was not dictated by general hostility to the central body, but was based on what was felt to be a grievance, and that when the cause of the grievance is remedied they are ready once more to join hands in promoting the welfare of the Council and, through it, of the Exercise.

The suggestions which were put forward in our columns have already been considered by one or two Associations and seem to have met with approval, except that in two instances, at any rate, it has been held the system of triennial elections should be retained instead of the annual elections provided in the draft amendments. The object of annual elections is to keep the work of the Council more constantly before the Associations, and to endeavour to sustain interest. Instances could be cited of Associations where the Central Council is never mentioned except on the one occasion every three years when the representatives have to be elected. This is neither good for the Council, nor for the objects which it seeks to promote. Continuity of office is in some respects a desirable thing, but when it leads to the extinguishing of interest on the

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part of the constituent bodies, then it is something to be avoided. Under the present system, there is nothing to compel the Council being brought under the notice of an Association more than once in three years; an annual election would alter this, even though, in those Associations where continuity of office is considered of importance, the same members are re-elected. On the other hand, while uniformity of practice in the matter of elections is desirable, it might be possible to leave it open to Associations to elect annually or triennially, as they please. In any event, whatever views are held on this one point, we hope Associations will devote attention to the other matters raised by the suggested alterations to the rules.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, January 21, 1930, in Three Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

| | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| WILLIAM T. PATES Treble | JOHN H. B. HESSE 7 |
| *GEORGE E. FEARN 2 | WILLIAM HIBBERT 8 |
| JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 3 | FRANK E. PERVIN 9 |
| ALBERT WALKER 4 | JAMES H. SHEPHERD 10 |
| FRANK HAYNES 5 | JOHN NEAL 11 |
| ALD. J. S. PRITCHETT ... 6 | JAMES GEORGE Tenor |

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

* First peal on twelve bells. Specially arranged and rung as a compliment to Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., B.C.L., on his 75th birthday, James H. Shepherd on his 60th birthday, and Frank B. Yates (King's Norton) on his 53rd birthday.

TEN BELL PEALS.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb.

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| WILLIAM SHORT Treble | JOHN BARBER 6 |
| LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS 2 | HECTOR G. BIRD 7 |
| ROBERT MATTHEWS 3 | EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 8 |
| JOHN BASS 4 | JOHN SMITH 9 |
| CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 5 | THOMAS HEMMING Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by W. SHORT.

Quickest peal on the bells. Mr. George Hughes met the band before and after the peal, and took the time.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5031 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| ERNEST G. HIGGIN Treble | *ROBERT T. LAMBERT 6 |
| *DR. L. V. TAYLOR 2 | FRANK BENNETT 7 |
| FREDERICK H. SKEATON ... 3 | *HERBERT MARKWELL 8 |
| STAFFORD H. GREEN 4 | FRANK I. HAIRS 9 |
| *REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 5 | *FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ... Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

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ROCHESTER, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

| | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| EDWIN G. BURSDEM Treble | KENNETH PATTENDEN 6 |
| JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2 | FREDERICK A. FAIRBEARD 7 |
| FREDERICK M. MITCHELL 3 | CHARLES H. FRANKLIN 8 |
| EDWARD A. G. ALLEN 4 | HARRY PARKES 9 |
| CHARLES W. PLAYER 5 | WILLIAM J. WALKER Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5324 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| WALTER THOMAS Treble | JAMES SWINDLEY 5 |
| HENRY W. WILDE 2 | PERCY SWINDLEY 6 |
| JOHN HAYES 3 | SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 7 |
| GEORGE R. JONES 4 | ARTHUR E. PEGLER Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by HENRY W. WILDE.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Samuel Jones, jun.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

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| FREDERICK BORRETT Treble | WALTER BARRETT 5 |
| GEORGE HOWLETT 2 | CHARLES CUTTING 6 |
| CHARLES BAKER 3 | RUSSELL RICHES 7 |
| CHARLES ROOPE 4 | FREDERICK ROOPE Tenor |

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

LEYTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt.

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| WILLIAM H. THEOBALD Treble | JOHN H. CRAMPION 5 |
| JAMES BENNETT 2 | EDWARD D. SMITH 6 |
| WILLIAM PYE 3 | ERNEST J. BUTLER 7 |
| ALFRED PRIOR 4 | HAROLD W. CLARK Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

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

PENSHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

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|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| RICHARD B. LAMBERT Treble | FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 5 |
| JOHN T. MEDHURST 2 | JOSEPH WREN 6 |
| ERNEST J. LADD 3 | ALBERT E. EDWARDS 7 |
| JOHN R. DENTON 4 | GEORGE EDWARDS Tenor |

Composed by Rev. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by A. E. EDWARDS. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Wren. Mr. G. Edwards has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal. Quickest peal on the bells.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

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|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| *JOHN W. GARDNER Treble | JOHN BROWN 5 |
| PETER BOARDMAN 2 | ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 6 |
| CLAUDE I. DAVIES 3 | HERBERT LUDKIN 7 |
| †FRED WOODWARD 4 | JAMES GARDNER Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by H. LUDKIN.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Major and first attempt. This is the first peal on the bells since they were recast by Messrs. John Taylor and Sons.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 20, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

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| *WILLIAM BROOKS Treble | EDWARD A. HERN 5 |
| *ROBERT S. STRATFORD 2 | *ADAM DEAS 6 |
| RICHARD A. GOFTON 3 | STEPHEN W. STRATFORD 7 |
| R. ALDER GOFTON 4 | THOMAS T. GOFTON Tenor |

Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

* First peal in the method.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 20, 1930, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in C.

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| ERNEST L. HUMPHRIS Treble | PERCIVAL W. CAVE 5 |
| THOMAS HAMMOND 2 | ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 6 |
| LESTER L. GRAY 3 | JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 7 |
| GEORGE R. NEWTON 4 | EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE

Rung on the back eight of the twelve after meeting short for Caters. Arranged for Mr. A. E. Sharmen, the hon. secretary, Bedfordshire Association.

GRIMSBY.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 21, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

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| STEVEN BROMFIELD Treble | JAMES B. BUDD 5 |
| FREDERICK OVERTON 2 | ARTHUR SWAIN 6 |
| JOHN E. KENNINGTON 3 | CHARLES W. TAYLOR 7 |
| HERBERT I. MINGAY 4 | P. C. ARTHUR PASHLEY Tenor |

Composed by E. C. GOBBY. Conducted by CHARLES W. TAYLOR.

First peal of Spliced Major rung in Grimsby, and first by all the band. P. C. Pashley was made a member of the Guild before commencing. He hails from Sheffield and has taken up duties in the force at Grimsby.

LONDON.

THE ST. MARY'S, PUTNEY, ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

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| WILLIAM H. BALL Treble | JOSEPH HERBERT 5 |
| WILLIAM H. WORSLEY 2 | EDWARD CASSELL 6 |
| *WILLIAM T. ELSON 3 | WALTER MALINS 7 |
| E. RALPH MACKRILL 4 | †GEORGE F. EDWARDS Tenor |

Conducted by W. MALINS.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal. Mr. Mackrill received the thanks of the band for taking a rope at short notice, and was elected an hon. member in the tower, the remainder all being Sunday service ringers.

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 22, 1930, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. H. EARLE BOLWER'S FOUR-PART, No. 5. Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| MAURICK SWINFELD Treble | JAMES S. HITCHBY 5 |
| JOHN H. SWINFELD 2 | RICHARD C. BELTON 6 |
| JOSEPH BAILEY 3 | JAMES GEORGE 7 |
| E. HARRY STONELEY 4 | T. KELHAM DEACON Tenor |

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This was Mr. James George's 1,050th peal and Mr. Deacon's 50th peal. First peal of Triples on the bells.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 23, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 15 cwt.

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| ERNEST J. BUTLER Treble | GEORGE R. PYE 5 |
| *ROBERT HEAZEL 2 | ERNEST W. FORBANK 6 |
| ALFRED PYE 3 | WILLIAM PYE 7 |
| *FRANK G. RINGE 4 | EDWARD D. SMITH Tenor |

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

* First Surprise peal.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, January 24, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 19½ cwt.

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| *ALBERT E. WHITING Treble | LESLIE G. BRETT 5 |
| †JAMES BENNETT, JUN. 2 | GEORGE WHITING 6 |
| GEORGE PRYKE 3 | T. WILLIAM LAST 7 |
| GEORGE BENNETT 4 | ERNEST E. LANHAM Tenor |

Conducted by G. WHITING.

* First peal with a Treble Bob hunt. † First peal of Cambridge 'inside.'

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in A flat.

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| *MISS GWEN STORER Treble | *THOMAS ROGERS 5 |
| WALTER J. BATTLE 2 | JOHN COOKE 6 |
| THOMAS W. HAMMOND 3 | G. RONALD EDWARDS 7 |
| LESTER L. GRAY 4 | JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor |

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

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

TADCASTER, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 25, 1930, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

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| *WALTER HICK Treble | JOHN HARRISON 5 |
| FRED E. ADDISON 2 | HERBERT E. PICKERING 6 |
| R. LANCASTER 3 | THOMAS LANCASTER 7 |
| ALLAN DENNISON 4 | ALFRED BARKER Tenor |

Composed by REV. C. D. P. DAVIES. Conducted by F. E. ADDISON

* First peal and first attempt. All are Sunday service ringers at this church, except the ringer of the 7th, who is from Middlesbrough, but is a native of Tadcaster.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On January 4th, at St. Illtyd's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: G. Popnell 1, J. Phillips 2, W. Pike 3, F. J. Bailey 4, P. Jones 5, C. H. Perry (conductor) 6, E. Stith 7, A. W. Wright 8. Also 210 changes of Oxford Bob Triples. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal.

QUIDENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 25, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

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|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| WALTER CHANDLER Treble | HENRY TOOKE 5 |
| ERIC G. BENNETT 2 | WALTER R. FARROW 6 |
| CHARLES F. GOODMAN 3 | CHARLES E. LOVETT 7 |
| GEORGE T. PEGNALL 4 | NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

WARFIELD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THÉ-ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in F.

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| WILLIAM E. TAYLOR Treble | THOMAS S. GOODCHILD 5 |
| *LEONARD STILWELL 2 | GEORGE MARTIN 6 |
| WILLIAM WELLING 3 | WILLIAM HENLEY 7 |
| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4 | GEORGE GILBERT Tenor |

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

First peal of Superlative. Believed to be the first peal in the method on the bells.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 20 cwt.

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| ERNEST W. FORBANK Treble | ERNEST J. BUTLER 5 |
| ROBERT HEAZEL 2 | GEORGE R. PYE 6 |
| *HARRY TURNER 3 | JAMES BENNETT 7 |
| FRANK G. RINGE 4 | WILLIAM PYE Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

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

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

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|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| GEORGE GREEN Treble | WILLIAM LINCOLN 5 |
| PERCY GREEN 2 | DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS 6 |
| WILLIAM KEEBLE 3 | JOHN WOOD 7 |
| THOMAS LINCOLN 4 | ARTHUR HEAD Tenor |

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

RUSPER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 26, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

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|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| MISS FLORRIE WYMAN Treble | ROBERT SWIFT 5 |
| *KENNETH SNELLING 2 | GEORGE ELLIS 6 |
| NELSON ELLIOTT 3 | CECIL NICE 7 |
| ALFRED J. BELL 4 | OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor |

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* 50th peal. A birthday peal for R. Swift.

WOKING, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 27, 1930, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

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|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| ALFRED H. PULLING Treble | GEORGE E. CLODE 5 |
| JOHN H. B. HESSE 2 | JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 6 |
| HUBERT J. CHAFFEY 3 | WILLIAM T. BEESON 7 |
| GEORGE WILSON 4 | WILLIAM R. MELVILLE Tenor |

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

First peal on the bells they were augmented to eight.

SIX BELL PEALS.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 New Doubles, 960 St. Simon's, 2,400 Grandsire and 960 Plain Bob.

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| *HAROLD POLLEY Treble | GEORGE MILLS 4 |
| WILLIAM D. LEGGETT 2 | HARRY TURNER 5 |
| JACK W. LEGGETT 3 | *E. CHARLES SHARPLIN ... Tenor |

Conducted by H. TURNER.

* First peal. H. Polley was elected a member of the association previous to starting for the peal.

HAWKSHEAD.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 28, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

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| CHARLES E. WEBB Treble | WILLIAM ROBINSON 4 |
| *JIM TEBAY 2 | *THOMAS JEFFERSON 5 |
| EDWIN JENNINGS 3 | *FRANK WILSON Tenor |

Conducted by W. ROBINSON.

* First peal of Kent.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 30, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 14 cwt.

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| JOHN WORTH Treble | JACK TIPPER 4 |
| ARTHUR CHALLINOR 2 | WILFRED STEVENSON 5 |
| FRANK L. RONAN 3 | WILLIAM GAYES Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

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

HITCHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 16, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob (called differently and alternately). Tenor 6 cwt. 0 qr. 11 lb.

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| WILLIAM E. TAYLOR Treble | {GEORGE J. BERRY 4 |
| *DENNIS NEWCOMB 2 | THOMAS J. FOWLER 5 |
| †CHARLES F. J. BUNCE 3 | GEORGE GILBERT Tenor |

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal other than Plain Bob Minor.

DEEPING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 18, 1930, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Surprise, Norwich Surprise, Primrose Surprise, Ipswich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr.

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| JOSEPH O. LANGDON Treble | HORACE M. DAY 4 |
| JOHN W. LAKE 2 | ALBERT S. ALLEN 5 |
| WILLIAM H. WALDRON 3 | THOMAS L. BARNERIDGE ... Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

BICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Swithin,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| P.C. HERBERT R. WOODS ... Treble | FREDK. W. BENNETT, SEN. ... 4 |
| JESSE PEARSON 2 | STANLEY E. BENNETT 5 |
| FREDERICK PEARSON 3 | WILLIAM E. CLARKE Tenor |

Conducted by W. E. CLARKE.

First peal of Treble Bob Minor by all the band.

COTTENHAM, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE OVER SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, January 23, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. (approx.).

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| DENNIS ADAMS Treble | RUPERT THODAY 4 |
| HARRY ROBINSON 2 | CHARLES ROBINSON 5 |
| WILLIAM BAVIN 3 | FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor |

Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

All the above ringers are related. Rung as a compliment to Wm. Bavin on his 19th birthday.

CROSTHWAIT, WESTMORLAND.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 25, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings. Tenor 10½ cwt.

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| JIM TEBAY Treble | GERALD A. SUTTON 4 |
| EDWIN JENNINGS 2 | THOMAS S. JEFFERSON 5 |
| HUBERT RICHARDSON 3 | *THOMAS BELL Tenor |

Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

* First peal, and elected a member previous to starting. First peal of Doubles on the bells, in the county, and by all the band except the conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS.**BRAINTREE, ESSEX.**

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At 3, CRESSING WAY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

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| 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.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Four Minutes,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.

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| STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 1-2 | ARTHUR SYMONDS 4-5 |
| WILFRED JARVIS 3 | REGINALD B. DENT 6 |

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

First peal in two methods by 3rd and 6th ringers. A birthday compliment to R. Dent.

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. SUGGESTED CONDITIONS OF REAFFILIATION TO THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, who last year seceded from the Central Council, are considering the question of reaffiliating, and in each branch a resolution passed by the Executive Committee is to be discussed. This resolution is as follows:—

'That the Executive Committee of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association at a meeting held this day, December 21st, 1929, generally approve the suggested alterations to the rules of the Central Council contributed to "The Ringing World," October 18th, 1929, No. 969, p. 665. They, the Executive, recommend that the association expresses its willingness to be reaffiliated if the Central Council can see its way to placing the suggested alterations upon their "agenda" at the next meeting.'

It came before the annual meeting of the Bristol Branch, attended by 45 members, on Saturday, and was introduced by the chairman (Mr. J. Gould).

The Vice-President (Rev. M. E. Thorold) proposed that the resolution be passed. He said that there was no good to be done by discussing the secession of the association, except to state that a good deal of stir had been created throughout the Exercise, and that the general opinion was that the Central Council needed remodelling to conform with the present-day needs of associations and guilds. He thought the suggested alterations put forward in 'The Ringing World' on October 18th, 1929, were very fair.

Further comments were made by the members, and it was generally agreed that the Central Council had lacked finality in its work, viz., too much of the work recommended by them was left to associations and guilds to take up, whereas the Central Council might have communicated direct with the church authorities, especially with regard to advisers upon Diocesan Boards.

Two members present suggested that no attempt should be made to reaffiliate under any circumstances.

Upon being put to the vote, these were the only two to vote against the resolution, and it was therefore carried with ease.

It was urged that any useful suggestion from ringers should find its way through the tower, then the branch, and on to the general meeting, to find its way eventually to the Central Council for, at least, their perusal.

The Chairman then asked for opinions upon a second request from the Executive Committee as follows: 'The Executive Committee is also anxious to ascertain the opinion of branches as to the desirability of adding to the rules of our diocesan association, a new rule which shall state what number of members present at a general meeting of the association shall form a quorum.'

The Rev. M. E. Thorold had to leave just as this was being discussed, but he took the opportunity of saying that in his opinion it would be very difficult to fix a quorum for the annual meetings.

The General Secretary, Mr. E. Guise, informed the meeting that during the last twelve years (including the opening of the memorial at Berkeley and the jubilee meeting, at which there were 130 and over 200 present respectively), the average attendance was 62.3. Last year at Chippenham 72 attended, and a few years ago the whole of the business was transacted with an attendance of 28 only. If the meetings were duly convened and every possible effort made to bring to the notice of members important items upon the agenda, the findings of the annual meetings should be accepted as representing the views of the association.

No one suggested a definite number, and eventually the following resolution was carried unanimously: 'That the members of the Bristol Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association at their annual meeting, January 25th, 1930, are unanimous in the opinion that the annual general meetings have been duly convened and the business carried out in a satisfactory manner, and that it would not be practicable to state a quorum necessary for these general meetings.'

At a meeting at Chippenham on January 18th, attended by about 25 members, the resolution with regard to the Central Council's rules and the suggested alterations was carried by a unanimous vote.

BRISTOL BRANCH CHAIRMAN RETIRES.

The annual meeting of the Bristol Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at St. Ambrose's on Saturday, when there were 45 members present. The bells were available from three o'clock, and good practice was obtained by the beginners present until 4.30 p.m., when the usual service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. F. G. Walmsley. The organist and choir boys were present, and helped to make the service exceptionally bright.

The Vicar in his address gave the association a very cordial welcome to St. Ambrose's, this being the first meeting the branch has held here. He said he could not help feeling impressed by seeing present such a number of men, who, having only a Saturday afternoon for their recreation, came to church to attend at these meetings.

After the service, the members partook of a very nice tea in the Church Hall, the Vicar, organist, and choir boys, and the Rev. M. E. Thorold (a vice-president of the association) being also present.

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THE TWELVE-BELL RECORD LENGTH.

The Ancient Society of Painswick Youths propose to make another attempt for the 16,565 Grandsire Cinques at Painswick on Saturday, February 15th, starting at 8.30 a.m.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

WELL ATTENDED MEETING AT BRIERLEY HILL.

The quarterly meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Brierley Hill on Saturday, January 18th. The bells were available to the members from 3 p.m. till 4.30, and a service was then held in the church conducted by the curate (Rev. David Morgan), who also gave the address. Tea was served in the Church Schools, over 100 members partaking of the good things provided.

Rev. D. Morgan presided at the business meeting which followed, and was supported by the Rector's warden (Mr. J. Cox). The Chairman apologised for the absence of the Rector (the Rev. F. A. Smith) through illness, and also conveyed the Rector's best wishes to the gathering.

The Branch introduced the venture of having a collection on behalf of the Belfry Repair Fund, which realised 15s. 6d., and was considered a very good effort.

It was unanimously agreed to hold the next meeting at Chaddeley Corbett.

The Rector of Brierley Hill, the Rev. D. Morgan, and Mr. J. Cox were elected honorary members, and several performing members were also added to the list.

It was decided to attempt the quarterly peal at Brierley Hill, the Ringing Master (Mr. C. Skidmore) being appointed to make the arrangements.

Mr. W. B. Cartwright moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for allowing the meeting to be held at Brierley Hill, for the use of the bells, to him and the churchwardens for providing such a splendid tea, to Mrs. Lloyd and the ladies who had so kindly attended to the wants of the visitors, and Mr. Lloyd on behalf of the local ringers. Mr. H. G. Bird then moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. D. Morgan for presiding at that meeting.

The Chairman, replying, said it had been an afternoon's pleasure to be with the ringers, and he thanked them sincerely for making him an honorary member.—Mr. J. Cox also acknowledged the vote of thanks, and Mr. J. Lloyd replied on behalf of the ladies and local ringers.

The members then returned to the tower, and several touches in Surprise methods were brought round before the close of a very gratifying meeting.

DEVON GUILD.

BRANCH MEETING AT TEIGNMOUTH.

The annual meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devonshire Guild was held at St. Michael's, East Teignmouth, on Saturday, when ringers were present from Paignton, Cockington, Collaton, Brixham, Buckfastleigh, Kenn, Exeter, Clyst St. George and Newton Abbot.

The fine peal of eight bells were well utilised during the afternoon, and a service was held in church, which was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. W. E. T. Trelawney Ross). An excellent address was given by the Vicar of Bishopsteignton (Rev. J. McIntyre).

The visitors then adjourned to Messrs. Addison's Cafe for tea, which was followed by the business meeting, presided over by the president of the Guild (Rev. E. S. Powell) in the absence of the chairman (Mr. F. J. Laxton) through illness.

The annual report was produced and adopted and showed a decrease in membership. It also showed that Mr. J. S. Collings, a member of Paignton band, had died during the past year, and the meeting stood in silence as a token of respect.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and organist of St. Michael's and the Vicar of Bishopsteignton were carried.

Messrs. F. J. Laxton and H. J. Hole were re-elected chairman and secretary respectively, and one new honorary member and three associate members were also elected.

For the next meeting, to take place on Saturday, May 10th, Cockington was unanimously chosen.

Other business was transacted, and the visitors afterwards returned to the tower, where touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung.

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At the business meeting which followed, Mr. J. Gould, chairman, presided.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar, organist, choir boys and lady helpers who assisted in serving the tea, was proposed by the chairman and seconded by Mr. Howell. The Vicar and organist suitably replied. The secretary and representative on Management Committee were re-elected.

The Chairman, Mr. J. Gould, who wished to resign, asked for nominations for that office, and Mr. F. Skidmore, of St. Ambrose's, was elected.

Mr. W. H. Thomas said they could not let Mr. Gould resign without extending to him their heartiest thanks and appreciation of the work he had so loyally done for the branch, and his successor would find great difficulty in filling his place.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. ANNUAL MEETING OF PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at Alverstoke on Saturday, when by kind permission of the Rector (the Rev. Canon Guy Landon), the beautiful bells at St. Mary's Church were available to the members during the afternoon and evening. Nearly 50 members and visitors were present from Alverstoke, Bishops Waltham, Bramshott, East Meon, Fareham, Gosport, Portsmouth (St. Thomas' and St. Mary's), Petersfield, Southampton, Ryde, Swanmore, Titchfield, and Wickham, also Messrs. Keith Hart (Brighton) and E. J. Trimmer (Croydon).

Ringling commenced about 3 p.m., and various touches were rung until 4.30 p.m., when the Guild's service was held in the Parish Church. The Rector officiated and gave an excellent address. Tea was served in the Brodrick Hall, over which Canon Landon presided. The Rector again took the chair at the business meeting. The following new members were elected: W. Heyhoe (Wickham), R. Beale, sen., R. Beale, jun., and H. Dyer (Bramshott), and A. G. Dawe (Alverstoke), as ringing members, and Mrs. F. S. Bayley (Titchfield) as hon. member.

The auditor presented the accounts for the year 1929, which showed receipts amounting to £26 4s. 2d., and expenditure £3 18s. 1½d., leaving a balance to the general treasurer of £14 3s. 6d., and to the district £8 2s. 6½d.

The membership of the district was reported as 27 hon. members, 145 ringing members, three unattached, and five compounding members. Votes of thanks were accorded the secretary and auditor for their excellent work during the past year.

All the district officers were re-elected, viz.: Chairman, Mr. R. J. Stone; secretary, Mr. F. W. Rogers; auditor, Mr. H. G. Reynolds; and representatives on the Central Committee, Messrs. F. A. Barnett and R. J. Stone.

It was decided to hold the first quarterly meeting at Hambledon on April 26th.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Rector of Alverstoke for kindly placing the bells at the use of the members, conducting the service, and being with them at the tea and business meeting.

At the conclusion of the meeting the members returned to the tower for further ringing, whilst others remained in the Brodrick Hall and rang Grandsire and Stedman Caters on a fine peal of ten handbells.

The ringing at the Parish Church included the standard methods and also Superlative, Cambridge and Bristol Surprise Major.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. SOUND FINANCIAL POSITION.

The annual meeting was held at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on Saturday, and was very successful, about sixty members, including two ladies, being present from Shrewsbury, Wem, Whitechurch, Ellesmere, Alberbury, Prees, Moreton Corbet, Wellington, Cheswardine, Market Drayton, Malinslee, Clive, Stanton, Worthen, Coalbrookdale, Sheriffhales, and Church Lawton (Cheshire). A very welcome visitor was Mr. A. E. Pegler, of Bangor.

Ringling commenced on the fine peal of twelve at 2.30, and continued until five o'clock, when a service was held in St. Aiden's Chapel. The association form was used, and an address given by the Rev. A. G. Bradford, who spoke of the relationship between bells and the work of the Church.

The members then adjourned to St. Chad's room, where an excellent tea had been prepared by Mr. Wall.

The business meeting followed, Major E. R. T. Corbett, Master of the association, taking the chair.

The Hon. Secretary read the report for 1929, and presented the balance sheet, which showed a balance in hand of over £50. These were adopted, and all the officers re-elected as follows: Master, Major Corbett; hon. secretary and treasurer, the Rev. F. Tennison; assistant secretary, Mr. A. Pritchard; Central Council representative, Mr. W. Saunders.

Two hon. members and 24 ringing members were elected, and it was decided to hold five meetings during 1930 at the following places: Ellesmere, Worthen, Prees, Moreton Corbet and Much Wenlock.

It was resolved, on the proposition of Mr. F. A. Barnett, to grant the sum of £3 to the fund which is being raised to repair the tower and spire of St. Alkmund's Church, Shrewsbury. A letter was read from the Vicar of Worthen, asking for an instructor, and several members offered their services, the matter being left to the hon. secretary to arrange.

This completed the business, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. Saunders and seconded by Mr. Pegler, to Major Corbett for presiding at the meeting, and for his many services to the association.—This was carried with applause, and the members then returned to the tower for further ringing until nine o'clock. The methods rung during the day included Grandsire and Stedman from Triples to Cinques, Plain Bob Major and Royal, and Kent Treble Bob Royal.

St. Chad's bells are a fine peal of twelve, tenor 39½ cwt., cast by Messrs. Taylor and Co. in 1914.

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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.

In their endeavours to destroy the symbols of religion in Russia, the Soviet is carrying out a wholesale destruction of church bells, as well as removing all the ornaments from the churches. Thousands of tons of bells are being broken up and melted down.

Benjamin Annable, one of the greatest pioneers of ringing, died on February 1st, 1756. He was buried at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, where some of his performances helped to lay the foundations of ringing history.

On February 4th, 1861, a peal of 10,032 Grandsire Major was rung in 6 hrs. 18 mins. at Walsall. It is years now since a peal of Grandsire Major was rung; it is more effete even than Bob Triples.

Next Wednesday is the anniversary of two long peals. On that day, in the year 1783, a peal of 12,672 Bob Major was rung at Bromley, and in the year 1888 a peal of 12,041 Stedman Caters at Appleton.

The first peal of London Surprise on handbells was rung at Romford on February 6th, 1904.

The 50th anniversary meeting of the Kent Association will be held at Canterbury on Easter Monday, and His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury has promised to give an address at the special service at noon in the Cathedral and to preside at the meeting, which will be of special importance. Will members and visitors who anticipate being present kindly make a note of the date?

The venue of to-morrow's meeting of the Blackburn Branch of the Lancashire Association has been moved to St. Michael's Church, Blackburn.

PROPOSED AUGMENTATION OF BELLS AT MILTON. PARISHIONERS' ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RINGER'S SERVICES.

It is seldom that any bell restoration takes place to recognise the efforts of an individual ringer, but such a proposal is on foot at Milton-next-Gravesend, Kent.

The Parochial Council of the Parish Church recommended to the annual meeting of parishioners on Friday evening last that the present peal of six be restored, and two trebles added to complete the octave, to commemorate Mr. F. M. Mitchell's 21st anniversary as leader of the ringers at the tower, and also of his appointment as hon. secretary of the Kent County Association.

This recommendation was unanimously adopted, and a restoration fund opened, the estimated sum required being about £300.

The peal of six at this tower are a handy ring, with a tenor of 12½ cwt., and are of fine tone. The back five were cast by John Hodson in 1656, and the present treble added in 1810 by the Whitechapel Foundry, and the whole rehung in a new oak frame, which is now in an extremely good state of preservation.

It is interesting to record that it was in this parish that her late Majesty, Queen Alexandra, first landed on English soil on the way to her wedding with the late King Edward, and it is also supposed that the bells at Milton were the first heard by Queen Alexandra in this country.

Donations to the above fund will be gladly received by the Rector of Milton, the Rev. G. W. Menne, or the hon. secretary, Mr. H. Argent, 45, Rural Vale, Gravesend.

ARCHBISHOP AND CHURCH BELLS.

THEIR IMPORTANCE IN MODERN LIFE.

IMPRESSIVE DEDICATION CEREMONY AT ADDISCOMBE.

An effective answer to those who argue that, in these days, church bells are unnecessary, was given by the Archbishop of Canterbury on Saturday, when he dedicated the new great bell at St. Mary's Parish Church, Addiscombe, Croydon. His Grace pointed out that in these days of restlessness, brought about by the changed conditions of modern life, it was well that the thoughts of people should be directed sometimes to things eternal by the sound of the bell, which will reach them in their homes and at their work. This bell at Addiscombe is to be rung every day for a few moments at noon, and a brief prayer has been composed and widely circulated so that it may be used in the silence of the heart of everyone who hears the sound.

The bell, of which we gave an illustration last week, is one of the largest and certainly one of the finest in Surrey. It weighs over two and a half tons, and its deep, sonorous tones are a delight to the ear. It is the gift of a generous member of the congregation.



The New Tower at Addiscombe Parish Church.

Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, are the founders, and the bell, not only in its perfect harmonic tuning, but in its workmanship and ornamentation, is a beautiful example of the bell founder's art. It is not hung for ringing in the ordinary way, but can be swung just a little more than frame high. It is hung in a new tower, which has been added to complete the building in celebration of the jubilee of the church, which now serves a very populous district.

The dedication service was a most impressive and significant one, for it brought together in an act of praise and thanksgiving not only the members of the congregation, but representatives of other religious bodies of the district, and the civic authorities. There must have been at least two thousand people present at the ceremony, and many were unable to obtain admission. The Mayor of Croydon, in his robes of office, and members of the Corporation, joined with ministers of various denominations in the procession of representative men who accompanied the clergy and the Archbishop to the church, the bell founders being represented by Mr. B. Denton Taylor.

The service was a most inspiring one, the climax of which was reached when, the Archbishop having solemnly dedicated the tower and bell, the latter boomed out its glorious note for the first time in the hearing of the people of Addiscombe. Afterwards, the Archbishop dedicated a new chancel screen and choir desks and some additions to the organ.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S ADDRESS.

The Archbishop, in his address, expressed his joy at being permitted to take part in that occasion, which must mean, he said, so much thanksgiving and praise in so many hearts. They had just completed their church, and it was well that they had done so. Some might ask why, while there were so many pressing needs around them, they should take any of the resources, which were so scanty, for the adornment of their churches? Whenever he saw an unfinished church, standing year by year with something that spoke of the dream of the architect and the early hopes of the people who built it, still uncompleted, it always seemed to him, somehow, that there must have been some arrest in the flow of enthusiasm and faith and hope; and whenever he saw, after whatever lapse of time, a church completed, and, as there in their midst, the tower finished, he seemed to see sign of movement, of life, a time of fresh loyalty to the faith of the Lord on the part of the people, which was, indeed, most welcome. It was well that not only should their church, after more than fifty years, be completed, but also that the tower should have a voice to speak, so that it should be not merely an adornment of the church but also, should he say, a partner with them in the witness and the message which that church was there to give, and when they heard that bell, so generously given to them, speaking its note a short time before, they must have heard in its depth and solemnity a most moving reminder of the things that are unseen and eternal.

The Archbishop went on to thank those who had contributed to the carrying out of the scheme for the completion of the church and to refer to the difficulties which were experienced in creating in the fast-growing outer London suburbs the sense of corporate fellowship. It was a great pleasure, therefore, to him to greet on that occasion the Mayor of Croydon and his colleagues, and to welcome among them their brethren from other communions. He went on to speak of the great and increasing importance of preserving at the heart of our common life in England the remembrance of the living God, and said he would take for his text not any words from Holy Writ, but the word that would be spoken, please God, for generations from the tower of that church and from the bell which they had placed within it. Their bell had received a name, in accordance with an ancient and picturesque custom of those middle ages which they so often misunderstood and which, with all their crudities and superstitions, had the touch of imagination and simple-minded devotion which we did well to remember. In accordance with that spirit the bell had received its name—Gabriel, from the great messenger of the living God, and he understood that upon it was inscribed these words, and he would use these words as his text and let the bell speak to them its message through his lips: 'My name is Gabriel. I bring good tidings from the Lord and remind the inhabitants of him. I call men and women to worship and adore him within these walls or wherever they be at the sound of my voice. The Lord be with you.' It was, said the Archbishop, over fifty years since his revered predecessor, Archbishop Tait, dedicated that church as a parish church. How many and far reaching had been the changes since then? He sometimes wondered whether any generation had seen changes so sudden, so unexpected, so far reaching as this generation, whose life they shared. He was not thinking of the change in outlook wrought by the awful cataclysm of the war, but of the advances of science which had created a revolution in their methods of life—changes such as those brought about in the means of mechanical propulsion and the achievements of wireless. These changes had created a restlessness, a desire for excitement, so that there was a danger of their forgetting the immortal soul and the eternal God, and of their living for the material things of the moment. The problem of our time was how they could use all the wonderful things which had been given to them not only to raise the standard of comfort among our people, but how amidst it all they could remember the immortal soul and the living God. Therefore it was that the dignified, deep voice from the bell of that tower had something to say to Croydon at this present time, and, when those who lived around it heard it, he asked them to listen to their Vicar's plea and make their swift response, their act of reminder, and perhaps those at home would link with it those who had gone forth to the labour and work of the day, so that there might be that instantaneous, habitual link binding their lives to the living God. He prayed with all his heart that that church and the tower, now completed, and pointing upward as a silent witness, might continually fulfil the call of the bell, and to all of them engaged in the work of the Church and the civic life of that town he re-echoed the prayer, 'The Lord be with you.'

OXFORD.—On Sunday, January 5th, for evensong, at St. Ebbe's Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 42 mins.: J. Harris 1, G. Horwood 2, F. Taylor 3, W. Finch 4, F. Beckett 5, W. Collett 6, W. H. B. Wilkins (conductor) 7, F. A. H. Wilkins 8.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD DISTRICT'S ACTIVITIES.

The annual meeting of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held at Guildford on Saturday, January 18th. The bells of the Cathedral Church and of St. Nicolas' were available, and were kept going in various methods throughout the afternoon. A short service was held at St. Nicolas', at which the Rev. G. M. Wheeler preached a farewell sermon. He has now left to take up a chaplaincy at Mentone, and the support which he has given to the Guild will be missed in the Guildford District. Mr. Cyphus, the organist, very kindly gave his services at the organ.

Representatives, numbering about 70, from the Cathedral Church, St. Nicolas', Shalford, Haslemere, Godalming, Chiddingfold, Shere, Worplesdon, West Clandon, Merrow and Old Woking, and visitors from Dorking, Croydon, Ottershaw, Aldershot, Hawley, Chichester Cathedral, Farnham and St. Clement Dances, attended the tea and business meeting at the Prince of Wales Assembly Rooms.

The chair was taken by Mr. W. Harrison (vice-president), and he was supported by Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O. (treasurer) and Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master of the Guild).

Mr. G. Grover, secretary, Mr. A. H. Pulling, Ringing Master, and Mr. N. V. Harding, auditor, were declared elected, as only one nomination for each of these offices had been made.

Messrs. C. Hazelden and S. Radford were elected by ballot as members of the Executive Committee of the Guild.

The balance sheet showing a balance in hand of £8 5s. 9d. was adopted.

After referring in their joint report to the activities of the district during the past year, the Ringing Master and Secretary pointed out that it was dangerous to take a too optimistic view of the future of change ringing in the Guildford District, and they appealed to all members to make a great effort during the coming year to render more support to the district officers, and to make progress in the art of change ringing, which was at many towers in the district only practised in its very elementary stages.

THE SECRET OF SUCCESS.

The report added: There is a lot to be done before every peal of bells in the district is rung regularly for Sunday services by bands of keen change ringers. Every member must realise that although the success of the district and of the Guild depends, to some extent, on its officers and its efficient management, it depends principally on the individual members, who cannot be too strongly reminded that their duty to the Guild does not end, but only starts, with the payment of their annual subscriptions. The objects of the Guild can never be attained until every member has developed such a sense of loyalty that he is, even at some inconvenience to himself, a regular and punctual attender at service ringing, at practices and at the meetings of his district and the Guild; ever ready to learn some new method to help to keep interested his fellow-ringers, and, above all, perhaps, a persevering recruiting officer for the Exercise. Recruiting ringers and keeping them has always been a difficult task, and probably never more so than it is in these days, when there are so many counter attractions, skill in which is more easily acquired. Do not despair and do not forget that the membership of the Guild must be kept up. The greatest recruiting agency in the world is publicity. Don't lost a single opportunity of finding a learner. Advertise among the choir and congregation at your church, your cricket or football club, your institute and every possible place the fact that change ringing is the most fascinating art that has ever been practised, and always be ready to give anyone who shows the least interest an opportunity of learning to handle a bell. It is useless to sit still and say, 'We can't get any ringers.' They will not come until they are asked, and many will not give ringing a trial unless you convince them beforehand that change ringing is something more than a mere tug-of-war business with a lump of metal.

Admiral T. P. Walker voiced the thanks of the members to Mr. C. Hazelden, the retiring Ringing Master, for his services as Ringing Master of the Guildford District, both for the new Diocesan Guild and the Winchester Guild during the last 12 years, and several other members also expressed their appreciation of Mr. Hazelden's work.

Ewhurst, Witley, Dunsfold, Old Woking and Puttenham were chosen as places for district meetings in 1930.

For the purposes of combined practices it was decided to divide the district into five areas with four towers in each, and Messrs. Whittington, Melville, Hazelden and Hayes, together with the secretary, were chosen as conveners of these practices in their respective districts.

The District renominated as Guild officers for election at the annual meeting of the Guild Mr. W. Harrison (vice-president), Major Hesse (Master), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (secretary), Admiral Walker (treasurer), and Mr. C. N. Burdock (auditor).

Messrs. A. H. Pulling, C. Hazelden, G. Grover and R. Whittington were all nominated as candidates for the office of representative of the Guild on the Central Council.

Several new members were elected, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

The date of next year's annual meeting was left open.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the North-Western District was held at the Parish Church of All Saints, Kingston-on-Thames, on Saturday, members and friends attending from Ashted, Banstead, Beddington, Chelsea, Croydon (St. John's and St. Peter's), Dorking, Ealing, Epsom, Ewell, Haslemere, Kingston, Leatherhead, Merstham, Mitcham (Christ Church and SS. Peter and Paul's), Thames Ditton, Walton-on-Thames and St. Margaret's, Westminster. Ringing commenced at three o'clock, and the heavy ring were kept going in various methods until 5.30, when tea was served in the Church Hall, 35 members sitting down to a very enjoyable meal.

At the business meeting which followed, the Master of the association (Mr. D. K. C. Birt) presided. Two new members were elected, and the election of three members previous to peal attempts were ratified.

The report and balance sheet for the year was passed without comment.

It was decided to hold six district meetings during the year at the following towers if possible: Leatherhead on Easter Monday, Benhlton in May, Rammore Common in July, Hersham in September, Mitcham in November, and the annual district meeting at St. Peter's, Croydon, in January.

The district officers for the year were elected as follows: Mr. A. W. Clark, Master; Mr. F. G. Woodiss, treasurer; Mr. D. Cooper, secretary; and Mr. A. Gower, auditor. Three members elected on the committee were Messrs. J. Sparrow, A. H. Winch and J. Beams.

Mention was made with regret that the Kingston band had entirely dropped out of the association until that evening, when one of the young Kingston ringers was elected a member.

Major J. H. B. Hesse spoke of the time when Kingston tower was a real centre of change ringing and had a good band belonging to the association, and he thought something ought to be done to persuade them to rejoin.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the retiring officers and committee men for their work during the year, and the secretary was asked to write to those not present and convey to them the meeting's thanks. A cordial vote of thanks was also passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. J. Howes for making all the necessary arrangements for a successful meeting.

The tower was again visited and the bells kept going until nine o'clock, when a very successful and enjoyable meeting was brought to a close. The methods practised during the day ranged from rounds to London Surprise Major and Cambridge Surprise Royal.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

The annual general meeting of the Southern District was held at Godstone on Saturday, January 18th. The following towers were represented: Kingswood, Merstham, Buckland, Reigate, Limpsfield Chart, Redhill, Horley, and the local band. The bells were set going soon after three o'clock, and at the service held later an appropriate address was given by the Rev. G. E. Hoare, Rector of Godstone. After service, the party adjourned to the Rectory, where tea was kindly provided by the Rev. G. E. and Mrs. Hoare.

At the business meeting which followed, the Rector occupied the chair.

Mr. D. K. C. Birt proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding at the meeting, for the use of the bells and for his address at the service, and to Mrs. Hoare and Mr. Robert Hoare for making such excellent arrangements. A vote of thanks was also accorded the officers for their services during the past year, and they were reappointed.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT'S ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Southern District was held on Saturday, January 18th, at St. Luke's Church, Chelsea, and during the afternoon and evening some 35 members and friends made use of the ten bells contained in the lofty tower. Three o'clock saw an eight-bell band in attendance, but before they had raised the bells other ringers arrived, and a touch of Grandsire Caters opened the proceedings, several young men and maidens thereby getting an opportunity of practice on ten bells. Stedman Caters followed, some good touches being rung until five o'clock, when an adjournment was made for tea at a neighbouring restaurant, 26 merry souls partaking of the repast, with many a quip and jest, 'midst the clatter of the tea cups.

The business meeting took place immediately on the return to the tower, the Master (Mr. H. Mance) presiding.

The balance sheet was approved and adopted, and the election of officers conclusively proved that the district was in a good and live position, as all the officers were re-elected without any debate, viz.: Master, Mr. H. Mance; treasurer, Mr. R. Mackrill; steward, Mr. W. Essery; and secretary, Mr. J. Herbert.

A vote of thanks was accorded the church authorities for the use of the bells and to Mr. H. Mance for making the arrangements. Ringing was afterwards carried on till some time past eight o'clock, Cambridge Royal being sandwiched between Stedman Caters and other standard methods.

It is hoped to hold the next meeting at Lewisham in March, due notice of which will appear in these columns.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.

The annual general meeting of the Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Wokingham on Saturday, January 18th. Ringing in the local towers took place during the afternoon. Divine service was held in All Saints' Church, at which a very appropriate address was given by the Rev. R. W. H. Acworth, Vicar of Sunningdale, who presided, from Isaiah lxii. 6, 'Ye that make mention of the Lord, keep not silence.' Tea followed in the Church House of All Saints, where a capital spread was ably served by a staff of ladies, who were afterwards thanked, on behalf of those present, by the Rev. Canon Coleridge.

Canon Coleridge presided over the business meeting, at which there were also present the Revs. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Guild), B. Long (R.D.), W. T. Stubbs, A. P. Carr, Mr. A. J. Wright (treasurer of the Guild), Mr. R. T. Hibbert (secretary), Mr. W. J. Paice (hon. secretary and treasurer of the branch) and over 100 ringers.

The Hon. Treasurer reported a small balance in hand, a decrease upon last year's.

As hon. secretary, Mr. Paice reported 20 hon. members and 150 ringing members, practically the same as last year, during which period they had lost by death three of their hon. members—the Rev. Canon Selway, Mrs. R. H. Walker, of Wokingham, and Mr. J. Simonds, of Arborfield. Among the meetings held had been one at Hawley, Hants, where the Guild joined with members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild and the Basingstoke District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild. A good piece of work by the branch had been the overhauling of the Easthampstead bells at a cost of £24, carried out by Messrs. T. Bond, of Burford, Oxon. There were other towers in the branch where similar work would be welcomed. The number of young ringers at Sandhurst and Finchampstead was a very encouraging feature. He hoped the young members would make full use of the meetings and the combined practices. The installation of electric light in Finchampstead Church, including the tower, bell chamber, etc., had proved of great advantage. Mr. Paice thanked all the members for their kind help and co-operation.

The reports were passed unanimously and with expressions of satisfaction.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The Rev. Canon Coleridge, who vacated the chair pro tem. in favour of the Master of the Guild, was unanimously re-elected chairman, on the motion of Mr. F. Dentry, seconded by Mr. A. J. Wright. The Master congratulated the branch on its chairman, and said no other branch in the whole of the kingdom had such a splendid chairman.—Canon Coleridge expressed his thanks.

Mr. W. J. Paice was unanimously re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer by acclamation and was heartily thanked for his services. He said he would, with their kind co-operation, continue to do his best (applause). The Branch Committee, to serve with the ex-officio members, chairman and hon. secretary, was then re-elected.

Messrs. J. Rance, J. Moth, F. Dentry and Jos. White were unanimously re-elected branch representatives to the Guild Committee.

On the recommendation of the secretary three towers, not yet visited for quarterly meetings, were arranged as under: Easthampstead for March, Hurst for June, and Barkham for September.

Combined practices were left to the secretary to arrange.

This concluded the agenda, and the chairman invited the Master to make a few remarks.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, who was received with applause, said two things made his attendance at their annual meeting a great pleasure—the excellent tea and the fully set out printed statement sent to each tower by their secretary. Printing expenses, though heavy, were all worth while. He referred to the renovation of bells which had taken place in adjacent places—Reading, Newbury, etc., and at Goring, where John Bower had achieved the desire of his lifetime. He had never failed to have a Minor ringing band for one Sunday service, if not both, for the past 50 years. St. Lawrence's, Reading, was a very great achievement, and there was now a very beautiful ring of twelve bells.

The Guild Treasurer, Mr. A. J. Wright, said the Guild finances were in a sound position. He anticipated a balance as large as last year's. The Restoration Fund was, as usual, considerably decreasing. He hoped restorations would not come on very quickly, but he hoped before the end of next year to recommend the grants to all the restorations coming in (hear, hear). He suggested that the branch should form a Guild Restoration Fund, using half the subscriptions of their hon. members for that purpose. He congratulated their secretary upon an excellent balance sheet, the most intelligent balance sheet that, as Guild treasurer, he ever got. It saved a lot of trouble. He congratulated the branch, and hoped they would go on increasing.

JUBILEE OF THE BRANCH.

Mr. R. T. Hibbert referred to the support of other branches of the Oxford Guild to St. Lawrence's restoration, and said Sonning Deanery did a great deal in a quiet way. Mr. Hibbert hoped that with such an excellent chairman and secretary they would 'hang on' to them.

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EIGHTY-FIVE, AND STILL RINGING.

FARNHAM VETERAN'S BIRTHDAY QUARTER-PEAL.

On Sunday, at St. Andrew's Church, Farnham, for morning service, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples was rung in 48 minutes by: G. Upshall 1, T. Upshall 2, C. Wells 3, S. Meadows 4, E. Clapshaw 5, F. Kemp 6, R. Basted (composer and conductor) 7, A. E. King 8. This quarter-peal was arranged as a compliment to Mr. Edward Clapshaw, the ringer of the 5th and captain of the band of ringers at this church, on his 85th birthday, with the congratulations and best wishes of the whole of the members of the band.

Mr. Clapshaw has been a ringer at Farnham Church for 64 years, and is very highly esteemed by the clergy, his brother ringers, and the whole of the churchworkers, whose sincere wish it is that he will be able to continue his work among them for many years yet to come.

Mr. Clapshaw was present at the annual meeting of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, at Farnham, on the previous day, and received the congratulations and good wishes of the whole of the 60 members present.

He began to ring in the year 1866, when the bells were reopened at Farnham, after the tower had been raised by another storey, and he has continued his loyal service to the Church ever since. He joined the Winchester Diocesan Guild when it was formed over fifty years ago, and he is, of course, a foundation member of the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

He is hale and hearty, keenly interested in ringing, and ever ready to take his place in a touch. He is always present for the Sunday service ringing. When asked on Saturday, by someone not fully aware of his capability, if he thought he would be able to manage the quarter-peal the next day, the veteran replied, 'I shall be all right. It's the others I'm wondering about.' Mr. Clapshaw is a skilled horticulturist, and still works in his large garden.

MR. JOSEPH WAGHORN, AGED 87.

The eighty-seventh birthday of that well-known London veteran, Mr. J. Waghorn, sen., was celebrated by some touches of Grandsire Triples, rung at St. Margaret's, Barking, on Sunday morning, in which Mr. Waghorn took part. Among those who shared in the ringing were R. Courtier, who is only 12 years of age, G. W. Faulkner, E. G. Cottis, W. Beard, E. Lucas, W. Robbins, S. Holgate, E. Moore, R. Fenn and C. Fenn. Mr. Waghorn received the hearty congratulations of the ringers.

FIRST EIGHT-BELL PEAL AT WOKING.

The first peal on the recently augmented ring of bells at Woking, Surrey, was rung on Monday evening. The members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, who had the privilege of taking part, had the satisfaction of putting up a very fine performance, and afterwards were the guests at supper of Admiral T. P. Walker and Mrs. Walker and the local ringers, to whom cordial thanks were expressed for their kind hospitality and for the very friendly spirit in which the peal had been arranged.

Admiral Walker, who is hon. treasurer of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, has learnt to ring since leaving the Service, and his interest in and enthusiasm for the art of ringing is an example to many a young ringer. It was largely through his initiative and efforts that the bells at Woking Parish Church, where he is also churchwarden, have been increased from six to eight, and the old bells put into new ball bearings. The funds for this purpose have been raised by the local ringers, among whom the Admiral is proud to number himself an A.B.

It was by the help of Admiral Walker and the ready acquiescence of the other members of the band that the peal on Monday was rung, and a special word of thanks must be given to Mr. Strudwick, who 'mounted guard' throughout the peal to prevent any accidental switching off of the electric light, which would have left the ringers in darkness.

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Mr. Paice then referred to the jubilee of their branch, started on May 22nd, 1880, the year before the Diocesan Guild, with which it later affiliated. He suggested that the branch be first in the field with its jubilee celebration, to be in the form of a garden fête to be held at Wokingham on or about May 22nd.

After some discussion it was decided provisionally to fix the date as Saturday, May 24th (Empire Day, to which the function would add additional brightness in Wokingham), details to be left with the secretary, Mr. Paice.

Mr. Dentry thanked the Rev. R. W. H. Acworth for his address, the Rector of All Saints', the Rector of St. Paul's (the Rev. H. M. Walter), also the hon. auditor, Mr. Owen Goddard, for their various acts of kind assistance.

The Rev. B. Long briefly and gracefully replied for all.

The Chairman expressed pleasure at being present, and said the number of ringers in the country was 46,083—240 less than last year. The year before that there were 410 more. The diocese of Oxford held second place for numbers, the greatest number being in Exeter Diocese, while Bath and Wells came third.

Mr. Moth thanked the chairman, and the meeting closed. Further ringing afterwards took place.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

LEICESTER DISTRICT PROPOSES PEAL BOOKING FEES.

The annual meeting of the Leicester District was held at the Cathedral, Leicester, on Jan. 18th. Previous to the business meeting the bells were kept going for about 1½ hours to Kent Treble Bob Minor, Stedman Triples and Grandsire and Stedman Caters. The attendance was not all that could be desired, only 18 members being present at the business meeting at 6.30 p.m.

The local vice-president, Mr. A. J. Harris, occupied the chair. The hon. treasurer and general hon. secretary were renominated.

On the proposition of Mr. W. Willson, seconded by Mr. J. Pole, a resolution was passed nominating Mr. J. Griffin, subject to his approval, as president of the association, and the secretary was instructed to write to him immediately to this effect.

The local officers were re-elected en bloc, with the exception of Mr. F. H. Dexter on the committee in place of Mr. J. S. Carter.

On the proposition of Mr. E. F. Payne, seconded by Mr. N. S. Bagworth, it was decided to hold eight meetings this year as last year. Arnesby was chosen as the place for the next meeting, and Kibworth for the spring quarterly meeting.

Owing to the state of the association's finances, a resolution was passed, on the motion of Mr. J. Pole, and seconded by Mr. W. Willson, to bring forward at the next general meeting that in future members should pay 3d. per head per peal.

Mr. A. J. Harris then brought forward the subject of holding an annual dinner in Leicester and reviving the old society of the Leicester Scholars. It was unanimously decided to hold the first of these dinners before long (probably on Saturday, March 1st). The local officers, plus Mr. W. H. Clarke, were chosen to act as a committee in this matter and make the necessary arrangements.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Provost, Ringing Master and local ringers.

YOUNG BRAMSHOTT RINGER'S DEATH.

The funeral took place at Bramshott, Hants, on Saturday, January 11th, of Wm. Thomas Vale, a chorister and ringer at the Parish Church, who died in Haslemere Hospital following an operation after a very short illness.

The service, which was choral, was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. E. A. Berrisford, assisted by Rev. A. H. Taylor and Rev. H. A. Bowles. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on the handbells at the grave by members of the Haslemere band, Messrs. Furlonger, Overy, Bowden, and Major Hesse, and the tower bells were rung muffled by his colleagues of the Bramshott band.

'Tom' will be greatly missed at Bramshott, where he was most regular both at the Sunday services and practices. He was a frequent visitor to Haslemere for handbell practice, through the kindness of the Rev. O. S. Walford, at whose residence the practices took place, and always received a warm welcome at the Haslemere belfry, where he was always anxious to learn.

The large attendance at the church and the many floral tributes testified to the esteem in which he was held, and much sympathy is felt for his parents at the loss of their only son at the early age of twenty.

DEATH OF HEREFORDSHIRE VETERAN.

Another Herefordshire veteran has answered the 'call.' After only a few weeks' illness, Mr. John Edwards, of Tarrington, died on Monday, January 6th, in his 84th year, and was buried at the Parish Church on Thursday, January 9th, with many tokens of regret and respect by relatives, ringers and other friends.

He was a wonderfully active man for his years, of sturdy build and a happy disposition, with a deep love, since boyhood, for his church bells. He formerly resided at Woolhope for many years, where he acted as foreman of the belfry at St. George's Church under the Vicar, the Rev. T. M. Beavan, and there trained a number of young men of the parish to ring Bob Doubles. These pupils included his three sons, one of whom is well known in the diocese of Hereford.

The writer met the deceased over 40 years ago, and was much impressed by his all-round knowledge of gardening, Herefordshire cattle (the famous white-face breed), and apple culture for cider making. Two outstanding occasions that gave the old gentleman much satisfaction may here be noted: when the Vicar of Woolhope in 1889 presented nine of Mr. Edwards' lads with their certificates as change ringers, and when he dined at the Hereford Festival of the Guild with his son in the chair as Ringing Master.

W. H. F.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Will secretaries please note that subscriptions on the revised scale were due on January 1st last. Only six associations have paid so far (the first being Lancashire), and it renders the balancing of the accounts very difficult when these subscriptions are delayed.

E. ALEX. YOUNG,

Hon. Sec.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

A successful meeting of the North Notts Association was held at Shireoaks on January 18th, when the attendance numbered forty, members being present from Auston, Barlborough, Creswell, Edwinstowe, Gainsborough, Gamston, Killammarsh, Treeton, Worksop, Sutton-on-Trent and Ordsall. Tea was served in the Parish Hall by the ringers' wives and other helpers in an excellent manner, heartily appreciated by all present.

The meeting was presided over by the Rev. R. V. Dodd, Vicar, supported by the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, of Ordsall, Mr. H. Caferatta, of Sutton-on-Trent, and Messrs. H. Haigh (hon. treasurer), H. Revill and R. W. Stockdale (hon. secretaries), accompanied by all the members who came for the ringing in the afternoon and evening.

The Rev. R. V. Dodd gave the association a hearty welcome to Shireoaks, and said that he wished there could be more meetings held in his parish if all the gatherings were as great a success as this one. He also mentioned that they had had their bells recently rehung, which was an effort achieved by the ringers themselves and one or two fitters. He hoped that the visiting ringers would find a great improvement.

It was proposed that North Collingham should be visited on Easter Monday for the next meeting, but the Secretary stated that the bells of this church were being rehung, and, in case he could not get permission for their use on that date, Edwinstowe was adopted.

There were no new members to be elected. The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson asked all who were present if they could not bring new life into the association, for it was only the younger generation who could make the association prosper in the years to come. It was said that the society had during the past year been very successful, both in membership and finance, and it was hoped that they would try to keep it at this high standard.

Two applications for grants to bells funds were received, viz., from North Collingham and Shireoaks, but it was decided that their consideration should be held over until the committee meeting.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for all he had done in connection with making the meeting a success, to the caterers for providing such a splendid tea, and to all who helped with the arrangements of the meeting.

The tower was again visited, and some very good ringing done in methods ranging from Plain Bob to London Surprise. The bells were towered in peal at 9 p.m., bringing to a close a most enjoyable day.

ALDERMAN PRITCHETT'S 75th BIRTHDAY.

CELEBRATED BY A PEAL OF STEPMAN CINQUES.

In celebration of his seventy-fifth birthday, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, presiding Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, took part on Tuesday of last week in a peal of Stepmen Cinques at St. Martin's Church. The alderman is naturally and justifiably proud at having rung another twelve-bell peal at this advanced age. He has been ringing for more than 60 years, having begun at King's Norton when he was only 14. He has been a member of the College Youths for over 50 years.

An old friend of Birmingham ringers also took part in the peal in the person of Mr. W. T. Pates, of Cheltenham, and next to him was a promising young ringer, George E. Fearn, who rang his bell faultlessly in this, his first attempt for a peal on twelve.

In addition to Alderman Pritchett's birthday, this peal celebrated the 60th birthday of Mr. J. H. Shepherd (Swindon), one of the vice-presidents of St. Martin's Guild, and the 53rd birthday of Mr. F. B. Yates, of King's Norton, another keen supporter of the Guild.

BEWDLEY, WORCS.—On Wednesday, January 8th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: Mrs. J. Broad 1, G. Davies 2, T. J. Salter 3, J. Broad 4, C. H. Woodberry (conductor) 5, J. Smith 6, J. Woodberry 7, G. Bishop 8. Ringers of 1, 4, 8 are of the local band, the rest from Kidderminster.

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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Nottingham District.—The first monthly meeting will be held at Ilkeston on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (8) ready from 3 p.m. to 6.30. All ringers welcome. Please attend in ringing uniform.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. — A meeting will be held at Lytham St. Cuthbert's (8 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business 5.30. Subscriptions due. Reports ready.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 10, Warbreck Road, Blackpool.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division. — A meeting will be held at Broomfield on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (6) 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Annual subscriptions are now due.—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Swanscombe on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea in the Church Room at 5.30 p.m., kindly provided by the Rector, the Rev. Campbell Ward. Subscriptions are now due and should be paid at this meeting.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —The monthly meeting will be held at Bradford-on-Avon on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells of Holy Trinity (8) ready 3 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea. Christ Church bells (8) also available 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.—F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Martock on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea at 4.30. Meeting to follow. — F. Farrant, Hon. Local Sec., North Street, Martock.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in School. Meeting 6.30 p.m. A good attendance requested. Reports to hand. Subscriptions now due.—F. Hindle, Hon. Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Annual meeting at Southgate, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells from 3 p.m. Meeting of District Committee in Vestry at 4. Service at 5. Tea at the Cherry Tree at 5.30, 1s. each. Business meeting afterwards. Members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Pudsey on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. — H. Loft-house, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Cardington (8 bells) on Feb. 1st at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Come and try some of Taylor's best. All welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Stagsden, Beds.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District. — The annual general meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at the Institute 5 p.m., to be followed by business meeting.—Alan R. Pink, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting of the above branch will be held at Flore (6) on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me?—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Next meeting will be held at Beighton, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (6) ready early. All ringers and visitors welcome.—R. Harrison, Hon. Sec., 72, Yew Lane, Ecclesfield.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gainsborough District.—The annual meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Choral service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Sun Hotel 5 p.m.—H. Morgan, Dis. Sec., 40, Hawthorn Avenue, Gainsborough.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD. — Meetings for February: St. Clement Danes', Sunday, the 2nd, at 10 a.m., Monday, 10th and 24th, at 7.30 p.m., St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 18th, at 8 p.m.—S. C. Moye, Gen. Sec.

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 should be paid immediately. Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on February 4th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 6th (8 p.m.); St. Magnus' on the 13th & 27th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 18th; Southwark Cathedral on the 20th (7.30 p.m.). *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Afternoon Guild.—A meeting will be held at Houghton-le-Spring, on Wednesday, February 5th. Bells at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers invited.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—Annual meeting at Chertsey, Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Numbers not later than Feb. 4th.—H. Hancock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Chobham Road, Ottershaw, Chertsey.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Feering on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Will those intending to be present please notify Mr. W. Keeble, Rye Mill, Feering, not later than Wednesday, Feb. 5th. — F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch. — The meeting of the above branch, arranged for Jan. 25th at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, is cancelled for that date. The meeting will be held on February 8th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions are due. Reports to hand.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton District.—The annual general meeting will be held at Alton on February 8th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in St. Lawrence's Church at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Church Room, Normandy Street. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify by Thursday, February 6th.—B. C. Taylor, Binsted Vicarage, Alton.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Feb. 8th, St. Clement Danes', Strand, and St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Bloomsbury, available for ringing from 3 p.m. Service at St. Clement Danes' at 4.30 p.m. Tea at A.B.C., opposite church, after service. Meeting at St. Clement Danes' Parish Hall at 5.30 p.m. Please come and make a record meeting.—S. C. Moye, Gen. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Reading, on Saturday, February 8th. The bells of St. Mary's and St. Laurence's will be available from 3 p.m. A ringers' service will be held at St. Mary's at 5 p.m., to be followed by a meat tea and business meeting, at the Central Cafe, Friar Street, at 6 p.m. Ringing will be continued after the meeting at St. Peter's, Caversham. Tickets 1/- each to all members who let me know of their intention of being present by Wednesday, February 5th. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Branch Sec., 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bromyard District.—The annual meeting will be held at Bromyard, on Saturday, February 8th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea provided for those only who let me know by February 5th.—A. S. Tomkins, Post Office, Bredenbury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30 (at which the Archdeacon of Tonbridge has kindly consented to give the address). Tea after service (free), followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, Feb. 4th. 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.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—All ringers are heartily invited to attend a meeting at Kenninghall (8) on Saturday, February 8th, at 2.30. Business at 4.30 in the Institute. Tea arranged for those who let me know by the 5th.—Nolan Golden, Dis. Sec., 13, Sunnyside, Diss.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Dunstable, on Saturday, February 8th. The bells (8) will be available at 2.45 p.m. Everybody welcome.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

A JOINT MEETING of the Ely Diocesan Association and Peterborough Diocesan Guild (Wisbech and Peterborough branches) will be held at March on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those requiring tea please notify either of the secretaries not later than Wednesday, Feb. 5th?—H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwyn Road, March; W. H. Waldron, 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough; Secs.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Benington, on Saturday, February 8th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting immediately afterwards. Those intending to be present must send in their names not later than Tuesday, Feb. 4th. All ringers cordially invited. Buses leave Boston Post Office every half-hour.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., The School House, Butterwick, near Boston, Lincs.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Wath-on-Dearne, on Saturday, February 8th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea in Church House, 1/6 each, for those who apply by Wednesday (5th) to A. Panther. Hon. Sec., 15, Coronation Road, Wath-on-Dearne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Ashford District) AND THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A combined meeting of the above will be held at Headcorn on Saturday, Feb. 15th, by kind permission of the Rev. W. Gerty. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea and business meetings; all ringers being cordially welcome.—A. C. Kay, Sec., K.C.A.; A. J. Battin, R.M. & D.G., 6, Sturges Rd., Ashford

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting, on Saturday, February 15th. Bells ready 6 o'clock. No business. As this is the first meeting under the new arrangement, will members turn up in large numbers?—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—The annual meeting will be held at Newport on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at Urry's Restaurant, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcomed. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Feb. 11th.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

W. D. CROFTS MEMORIAL DINNER.—The 8th annual dinner will be held at the Welbeck Hotel, Milton Street, Nottingham, on Saturday, February 15th, at 6 p.m. Tickets, 5s. each, to be obtained from the Master, Mr. A. Coppock, Hon. Treas., Miss I. B. Thompson, and the Hon. Sec. All visitors heartily welcomed.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at Hitchin, on Saturday, February 15th. The bells (8) will be available at 3 p.m. Tea at The Grange at 5 p.m. Tower Secretaries please note that this is the last quarterly meeting of the year, and I should like all subscriptions as soon as possible. Please come, and make the meeting a success.—Donald C. Mears, Offley, Hitchin, Herts.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's R.C. Church, Brownedge, on Saturday, February 15th, and not the 8th, as previously arranged. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION & SUFFOLK GUILD.—A joint meeting will be held at Newmarket on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (6 and 8) available 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Please notify for tea to Mr. L. Moon, Ramieh, Newmarket, by 13th.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec., E.A.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Old Woking, on Saturday, February 22nd. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, February 18th?—Hilda F. Mills, Cairneyhill, Bridgefield, Farnham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Canterbury, on Saturday, February 22nd. Cathedral and St. Alphege bells, etc., available. Service will be held at St. Alphege's Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Foresters' Hall at 5 p.m., followed by a business meeting. Subscriptions are now due and may be paid at this meeting. It is necessary that those members intending to be present should notify me on or before Wednesday, February 19th.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Will those who are desirous of contributing to the 'Henry W. Jackson Memorial Fund' please forward their contributions as early as possible. The fund is now closing.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton, Lancs.

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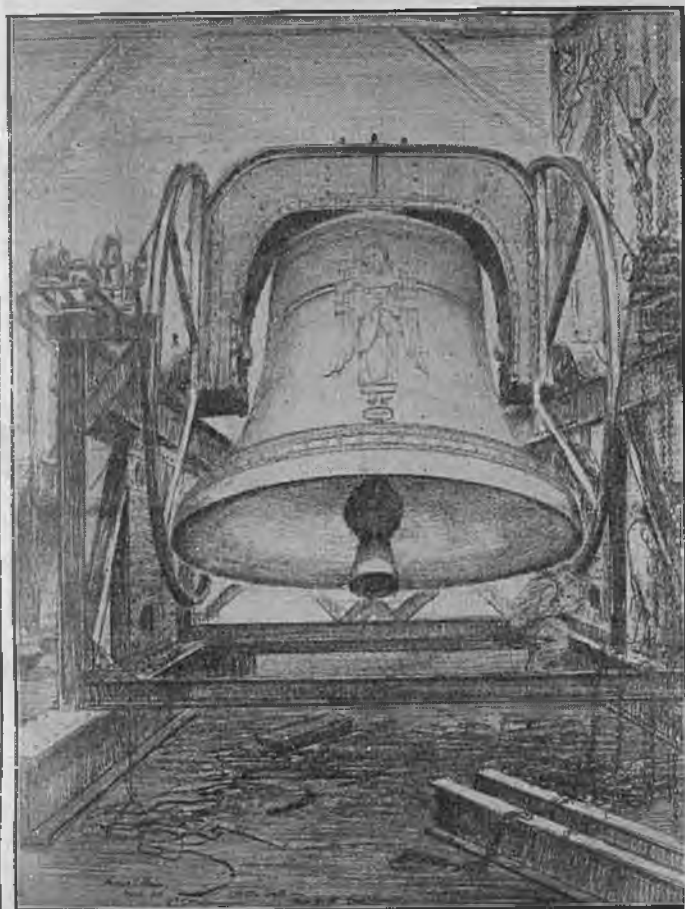
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If a transposition or a reversal is looked upon as the same composition as the original, it is obvious that, unless the definition of seven different seven-twenties is that which we suggest, a great many reports have been published which could not substantiate the claim made of the peal consisting of 'seven different 720's.' Here is another issue to which the Central Council might turn their attention when they come again to the vexed question of defining a peal of Minor. They might say what shall be understood in future by the expression 'seven different 720's,' and the suggestion by our correspondent might, in the meantime, very well be considered by conductors in reporting their peals—that they should distinguish between seven different 720's, in which the difference lies principally in the sequence of the rows or changes, and those in which there are actually seven different compositions.

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ought to show a mind of its own. It does its prestige in the Exercise no good when it shelves knotty points by passing resolutions that it is 'not competent to express an opinion' upon such things as, for instance, what it will recognise as an extension of a method. When there are two divergent points of view, both cannot be accepted, and even at the risk of offending the susceptibilities of one side or the other, the Council should have the courage to take a stand. Such a position is hardly likely to arise, perhaps, over the question of what constitutes seven different 720's of Minor—but it might.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, January 28, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5070 CHANGES;

Tenor 37½ cwt.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE ... Treble | THOMAS T. GOFTON ... 7
JOHN ANDERSON ... 2 | ROBERT S. ANDERSON ... 8
WILLIAM H. BARBER ... 3 | HAROLD G. FRAMPTON ... 9
WILLIAM STORY ... 4 | THOMAS H. REEVES ... 10
JOSEPH ROWELL ... 5 | JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... 11
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 6 | ADAM H. DEAS ... Tenor
Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER
* First peal on twelve bells. This composition contains the 6th the extent wrong in the Tittums, with the last eleven courses in the back-stroke home position, and was composed and rung for the 70th birthday of Mr. William Story, who received the congratulations of the band at the conclusion of the peal.

TEN BELL PEAL.

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

On Saturday, February 1, 1930, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. in E.
JAMES HEMMING ... Treble | HERBERT JORDAN ... 6
MISS AMY R. JOHNSON ... 2 | REV. E. GEOFFREY BENSON 7
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 3 | FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... 8
JOHN HALL ... 4 | GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 9
HARRY MIDDLETON ... 5 | OLIVER ATTWOOD ... Tenor
Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.
* First peal of Stedman.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WINSCOMBE, SOMERSET.
BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 22, 1930, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 19½ cwt.
THOMAS GUNNING ... Treble | CHARLES E. LEVETT ... 5
JOHN THOMAS ... 2 | HERBERT W. KNIGHT ... 6
HOWARD H. YEATES ... 3 | HARRY C. VOWLES ... 7
FRANK W. NIPPER ... 4 | JOHN ROBERTS ... Tenor
Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, January 25, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.
MISS D. BLENCOWE ... Treble | HARRY W. SMITH ... 5
MISS N. BELCHER ... 2 | RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... 6
MISS P. HOLLOWAY ... 3 | WILLIAM HENSLEY ... 7
REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ... 4 | EDWARD G. FOSTER ... Tenor
Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.
* First attempt for a peal.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 6152 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

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| ERNEST COTSFORTH Treble | WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 5 |
| ROBERT WALLWORK 2 | THOMAS B. WORSLEY 6 |
| WILLIAM BIBBY 3 | TITUS BARLOW 7 |
| THOMAS WALLWORK 4 | EDWARD JENKINS Tenor |

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal of London in the tower. In this composition, now rung for the first time, neither the 2nd nor 3rd ever strikes over the tenor behind.

BENNINGTON, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 25, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

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| FRANK TURNER Treble | BARNARD PATMORE 5 |
| WILLIAM LAWRENCE 2 | WALTER SMITH 6 |
| HERBERT WITTERING 3 | JOHN WELCH 7 |
| MISS NORA WELCH 4 | *CHARLIE SAGGERS Tenor |

Conducted by W. LAWRENCE.

* First peal. First peal on eight for all except ringers of 5th and 6th. First peal on the bells since being rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

CLEVEDON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 26, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' NO. 1 IRREGULAR FIVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

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| ARTHUR M. FELTHAM Treble | CHARLES LEVETT 5 |
| HOWARD H. YEATES 2 | † STANLEY JAMES 6 |
| * FRANK FISHER 3 | CHARLES R. LILLEY 7 |
| ALEX. H. T. PARKER 4 | * HECTOR G. YEATES Tenor |

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal. † First peal on a bob bell. Rung as a welcome to Preb. H. E. Badcock on his return after a long illness. Ringers of 1st, 4th and 6th belong to the local band, 3rd and 7th to Congressbury, the rest to Wrington.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Tuesday, January 28, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ANNABLE'S.

Tenor 16 cwt.

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| * CYRIL W. A. BROWN Treble | * WILLIAM TICKNER 5 |
| MRS. H. BAKER 2 | CHARLES W. PLAYER 6 |
| CHARLES TRIBE 3 | * WILLIAM BUTTON 7 |
| HARRY BAKER 4 | KENNETH PATTENDEN Tenor |

Conducted by C. W. PLAYER.

* First peal of Major and first attempt. Mr. and Mrs. Baker's 125th peal together. Rung on the 27th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Button, parents of the 7th ringer.

PONTYPRIDD, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 30, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Catherine,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

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| * JOHN DARCH Treble | PERCY JONES 5 |
| FRANK J. BAILEY 2 | ROYDEN DAVIES 6 |
| WILLIAM PIKE 3 | GEORGE POPNELL 7 |
| CHARLES H. PERRY 4 | ERNEST STITCH Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by CHARLES H. PERRY.

* First peal of Major and first attempt. The band take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, January 30, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| * ERNEST SIBLEY Treble | THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 5 |
| FRANK W. PERRENS 2 | DODGLES H. ARGYLE 6 |
| ABRAHAM WILKERSON 3 | † CHARLES FREEMAN 7 |
| FRANK E. PERVIN 4 | WILLIAM HIBBERT Tenor |

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Cambridge Major.

CRAYFORD.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 31, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Treble | HERBERT E. AODSLEY 5 |
| THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 2 | JOHN WHEADON 6 |
| HARRY HOVERD 3 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7 |
| JOHN CHEESMAN 4 | WILLIAM BOND Tenor |

Conducted by HERBERT E. AODSLEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

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| JOHN OLDHAM Treble | GEORGE STEDMAN MORRIS 5 |
| COLIN HARRISON 2 | JOSEPH A. FENTON 6 |
| JOHN H. SWINFELD 3 | ERNEST MORRIS 7 |
| JOSEPH H. W. WHITE 4 | C. HENRY WEBB Tenor |

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal on these bells, recently restored and augmented by J. Taylor and Co. This is the 115th Leicestershire tower in which the conductor has rung peals of 5,000 and over.

THORNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 1, 1930, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

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| ARNOLD HILL Treble | MILTON C. FOWLER 5 |
| GEORGE CLARK 2 | ALBERT NASH 6 |
| WILLIAM A. WOOLER 3 | * ERNEST COOPER 7 |
| J. EDWARD CAWSE 4 | PERCY GLEDSTONE Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. George Clark, Mr. Clark being the highly esteemed Ringing Master of the Doncaster and District Society.

DIDSBURY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 1, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

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| HAROLD JONES Treble | BEN THORP 5 |
| DONALD BROWN 2 | * F. RALPH WILLIAMS 6 |
| SAM HOLT 3 | WILLIAM H. SHOKER 7 |
| ARTHUR RIDYARD 4 | JOSEPH H. RIDYARD Tenor |

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by R. THORP.

* First peal of Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to Sam Holt. Also a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Wolstencroft, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wolstencroft, of Ashton-under-Lyne.

WOOBURN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 1, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

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| WILLIAM HENLEY Treble | ERNEST W. ELDRIDGE ... 5 |
| ARTHUR MARTIN 2 | *THOMAS J. FOWLER 6 |
| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 3 | GEORGE MARTIN 7 |
| CHARLES SMITH 4 | †JAMES E. HINTON Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal.

TITCHMARSH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 1, 1930, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb.

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| JOHN J. MAWBY Treble | THOMAS R. HENSHER ... 5 |
| GEORGE BASFORD 2 | *AMOS SMART 6 |
| HARRY CHAMBERS 3 | JAMES T. WARD 7 |
| JOHN R. MAIN 4 | ANDERSON Y. TYLER Tenor |

Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

* First Surprise peal. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

TODMORDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 1, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

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| *WILLIAM CRABTREE Treble | TITUS BARLOW 5 |
| THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... 2 | *WILLIAM HORAN 6 |
| *LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 3 | *HERBERT DAVENPORT ... 7 |
| ALBERT J. HUGHES 4 | EDWARD JENKINS Tenor |

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

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

GORING-ON-THAMES, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 8 cwt.

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| *GEORGE HOLLOWAY Treble | RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... 5 |
| JOHN BOWER 2 | HARRY W. SMITH 6 |
| JAMES ABERY 3 | REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ... 7 |
| MISS STELLA DAVIS ... 4 | EDWARD G. FOSTER Tenor |

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

* First attempt for peal. First peal on the bells.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 2, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F

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| ROBERT SWIFT Treble | REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 5 |
| ALAN R. PINK 2 | ALFRED J. BULL 6 |
| *MISS IRENE L. HASTIE ... 3 | OLIVER SIPPETTS 7 |
| KENNETH SNELLING 4 | NELSON ELLIOTT Tenor |

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal in the method.

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SIX BELL PEALS.

BRANSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 18, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, and a 720 each of Single Court, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

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| *JOHN HAIRE Treble | FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 4 |
| HARRY CARTER 2 | CHARLES CLAYDON 5 |
| JOHN WALDEN 3 | MOSES BILLINGS Tenor |

Conducted by M. BILLINGS.

* First peal at first attempt. First attempt as conductor.

WHADDON, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| FREDERICK HOBBS Treble | *HARRY CARTER 4 |
| WILLIAM H. JONES 2 | †HENRY JORDAN 5 |
| HERBERT F. JUSTIN ... 3 | ERNEST G. WILLETT Tenor |

Conducted by W. H. JONES.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal as conductor.
Rung to commemorate the second anniversary of the rededication of the bells.

TRULL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(TAUNTON DEANERY.)

On Monday, January 27, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 18 cwt. (approx.).

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| *ARTHUR S. PYKE Treble | *HARRY CHURCHILL ... 4 |
| FRED SPARKES 2 | WILLIAM G. GIGG 5 |
| ARTHUR H. REED 3 | WILLIAM H. LLOYD Tenor |

Conducted by W. H. LLOYD.

* First peal of Minor.

KEMPSTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Woodbine, 1,440 of Oxford and 1,440 of Kent Treble Bob, 720 Oxford Bob, 720 Plain Bob.
Tenor 18 cwt.

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| MISS ROSE BEARD Treble | NOEL WILKS 4 |
| HAROLD G. BEARD 2 | ALFRED EVEREST 5 |
| ERNEST FREEMAN 3 | PEARL INSKIP Tenor |

Conducted by P. INSKIP.

Being with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. J. W. Lack, of Kempston, and also for Herbert Cockings, of Stagsden, and Mrs. E. J. Hobbs, of Husbome Crawley.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 480 St. Simon, 960 Old Doubles, 1,440 Plain Bob, 2,160 Grand-sire.

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| *F. CARTER Treble | T. M. GRIFFEN 4 |
| E. BRADFIELD 2 | G. F. GRIFFEN 5 |
| E. PAIN 3 | *F. GARRETT Tenor |

Conducted by G. F. GRIFFEN.

* First peal. First peal on the bells since they were rehung and augmented to six by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

TRAGIC DEATH OF A BEDFORDSHIRE RINGER.

While cycling home on Wednesday evening, January 22nd, Mr. H. Cockings, of Stagsden, Beds, was knocked off his machine by a trailer attached to a motor lorry and died as the result of his injuries.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, and York Surprise, Double Court, Double Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Cambridge Surprise.

Tenor 14 cwt.

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| ROBERT G. KNOWLES... | ...Treble | SIDNEY T. HOLT ... | ... 4 |
| FRANK LAWRENCE ... | ... 2 | CYRIL TANSELL ... | ... 5 |
| WILLIAM RANFORD ... | ... 3 | CHARLES CAMM ... | ...Tenor |

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

BICKLEIGH, NEAR TIVERTON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, February 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

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| MRS. E. S. POWELL ... | ...Treble | ARTHUR G. SELLEY ... | ... 4 |
| FRANK J. DAVEY ... | ... 2 | HARRY POOK ... | ... 5 |
| *ROBERT HARRIS... | ... 3 | REV. E. S. POWELL ... | ...Tenor |

Conducted by REV. E. S. POWELL.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

TIBSHELF, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently, each ending with rounds.

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| ARTHUR SMITHSON ... | ...Treble | BERNARD BAILEY ... | ... 4 |
| FREDERICK W. KNOWLES ... | ... 2 | T. ERNEST MALLENDER ... | ... 5 |
| ERNEST A. WILSON ... | ... 3 | WILLIAM SWAIN ... | ...Tenor |

Conducted by F. W. KNOWLES.

The band take this opportunity of thanking Mr. J. W. Scott for obtaining permission for this peal to be rung.

MEARS ASHBY, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHAMPTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different 720's. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

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| *HENRY WILKINS ... | ...Treble | BERTIE O. SODEN ... | ... 4 |
| HARRY MARLOW ... | ... 2 | †HARRY ENGLAND ... | ... 5 |
| GEORGE PARKER ... | ... 3 | TOM TEBBUTT ... | ...Tenor |

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

* First peal on six bells. † First peal of Minor on a bob bell.

BURTON-IN-KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

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| JIM TEBAY ... | ...Treble | *GERALD SUTTON... | ... 4 |
| EDWIN JENNINGS ... | ... 2 | THOMAS S. JEFFERSON ... | ... 5 |
| *HUBERT RICHARDSON ... | ... 3 | FRANK WILSON ... | ...Tenor |

Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

* First peal of Minor.

MARKET DEEPIING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GUTHLAC,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Single Court. Tenor 16 cwt.

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| JOHN LUNN ... | ...Treble | JOHN G. AMES ... | ... 4 |
| JOHN J. JUTSON ... | ... 2 | WILLIAM ROSE ... | ... 5 |
| WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... | ... 3 | HORACE M. DAY ... | ...Tenor |

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

Quickest peal on the bells. Ringers outside commented on the good striking of the peal.

HANDBELL PEAL.

STOCKPORT.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 30, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT 23, GREEK STREET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in A.

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

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALLEN F. BAILEY

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

The annual meeting of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held in the belfry of St. Martin's Church, Mr. Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., Presiding Ringing Master, being in the chair.

Before proceeding with the ordinary business, the Chairman referred to the loss the Guild had sustained by the death of Charles Stanbridge, one of its oldest members, and he asked those present to stand for a moment as a last mark of respect.

On the proposition of the chairman, the president and vice-presidents were re-elected en bloc.

The Secretary, in proposing that Mr. Alderman Pritchett be re-elected Presiding Ringing Master, congratulated him, on behalf of the Guild, on having attained his 75th birthday, and on enjoying such good health and strength.—This was seconded by Mr. James George and carried unanimously.

Mr. Pritchett thanked the members for their renewal of confidence and their good wishes. Although he was 75 years of age, he was thankful to say that he was still actively engaged in all his public and Masonic work, which took up quite a lot of his time. He thanked Mr. Albert Walker for acting as his deputy during the past year, and proposed his re-election for the ensuing year.—This was seconded by Mr. Perrens and carried unanimously.

Mr. Walker, in accepting the office for another year, stated how increasingly difficult it was becoming, owing to business pressure, for him to attend the weekly practices regularly, and that ere long they would have to consider appointing someone else in his stead.

Mr. T. H. Reeves suggested that he should now relinquish the office of trustee, and proposed that as Mr. Paddon Smith had carefully looked after the funds of the Guild during his 20 years as secretary, he should now become a trustee together with Mr. Vice-President Tom Russam.—This was seconded by Mr. Walker and carried unanimously.

The remaining officers were all re-elected, as follows: Auditors, Messrs. J. Preston and E. T. Allaway; librarian, Mr. G. F. Swann; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. T. H. Reeves.

The balance sheet was presented by the secretary and this was adopted on the proposition of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. George.

It was decided to hold the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner on Saturday, March 1st, at the Imperial Hotel, and, on the proposition of Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Neal, to ask the Rector of Birmingham to take the chair. The other arrangements in connection with the dinner were left in the hands of the officers.

Several new members were elected, and the next quarterly meeting was fixed for Saturday, April 5th, at Northfield.

Owing to the Saturday activities in the Market Place, only a small amount of ringing could be done. This, however, enabled the members to spend a convivial hour or so together in another place.

FIRST QUARTER-PEAL FOR NEARLY 50 YEARS.

On Saturday, January 18th, at the Church of St. Columba, St. Columb Minor, Cornwall, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes, ten different callings) in 44 mins.: F. W. Marshall 1, R. Dibbs 2, A. S. Roberts 3, F. G. Viles 4, W. H. Southard (conductor) 5, Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella 6. Rung after a peal attempt had failed. The first quarter-peal on the bells, which were hung in 1883 by J. Taylor and Co.

RINGER'S SERVICES RECOGNISED.

Through the kindness of Mrs. Fuller, of the Cedars, Bagshot, Surrey, the Bagshot ringers were entertained to a supper on Friday week. The Vicar, Canon R. W. Stuart, presided.

During the evening Mr. F. Nye, who has been foreman and steeple-keeper for a great number of years, was presented with a case of pipes from the Vicar and the local band to show their appreciation for his help in teaching young ringers and the assistance he has given to the band.

Mr. Nye has been one of those persistent and long-suffering 'spade workers' whose discouragements usually outweigh the permanent gains achieved, but who nevertheless continue to give their time and energies to teaching others in the hope that eventually some young ringer will be added to the ranks of the Exercise. Always cheery and enthusiastic, Mr. Nye is a valued member of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, as he previously was of the Winchester Diocesan Guild.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

In delightful weather, the annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Scarborough on Saturday, January 25th. By the courtesy of the Vicar of Scarborough (Rev. J. W. Capron) and the churchwardens, the peal of eight (tenor 20 cwt.) were available for ringing throughout the day. The day's activities commenced with the audit, which was conducted in the morning at the Church Schools by Messrs. G. B. Bourne and J. R. Fryer. Tea was served in the Arcadian Pavilion at 5 p.m., and was followed immediately by the general meeting. The president (Rev. C. C. Marshall) occupied the chair, supported by the hon. treasurer (Mr. J. Cotterell) and hon. secretary (Mr. J. Johnson).

The President presented the annual report of the committee. In reviewing the report, he drew attention to a regrettable misstatement in the report, which stated that only three new members had been elected in the Western Division in the course of the year. This was quite wrong, as more than thirty new members had joined in that division during the year, and the statement was the result of an error by the district secretary. In presenting the annual peal list of 75 peals, the Sheffield band were congratulated on contributing once more a twelve-bell peal, and the excellent tabulated work by the peal secretary, Mr. W. Barton, was highly commended. The report was adopted on the motion of Mr. G. Halksworth, seconded by Mr. G. B. Bourne.

ANOTHER BEDFORDSHIRE SIX-BELL TOWER.



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where the bells have just been recast and augmented to six.

The balance sheet, which showed a gain of £17 16s. 3d., was passed as read, on the motion of Mr. G. B. Bourne, seconded by Mr. J. R. Fryer. A vote of thanks to the auditors was moved by Mr. J. Cotterell, seconded by Mr. W. Idle, and carried with acclamation.

No other nominations having been received for the office of president, the Rev. C. C. Marshall was declared re-elected. In thanking the members for their appreciation of his work, Mr. Marshall announced that this was his seventeenth year of office, and trusted that he would have the continued support of the members in his efforts for the welfare of the association.

A cordial vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens of Scarborough for kindly granting the use of the bells and the Church Schools, was moved by the president and supported by Mr. J. H. Blakiston. A special vote of thanks to the local company was moved by the general secretary, who paid a tribute to the efforts of Mr. G. B. Bourne for the comfort of the visitors, and expressed deep regret that so small a gathering had assembled there that day.—This was seconded by Mr. A. Haigh and carried, Mr. G. B. Bourne responding on behalf of the local band.

A prolonged discussion took place as to the most suitable date to hold the Snowdon Dinner, it eventually being decided to hold the dinner this year at York on the second Saturday in October.

The Vicar of Huntingdon (the Rev. R. M. Kelly) was elected as an honorary life member of the association.

A hearty vote of thanks to the president, proposed by the general secretary and seconded by Mr. A. C. Fearnley, brought a most pleasant meeting to a close.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH RECORD MEETING.

On Saturday, January 25th, by the kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. B. E. Owen), a quarterly meeting of the Wellingborough Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was held at Higham Ferrers, a thoroughly representative body of ringers being present from Finedon, Irthlingborough, Wellingborough, Wollaston, Borzeat, Earls Barton, Easton Maudit, Yardley Hastings, Mears Ashby, Wilby, Burton Latimer, Cranford, Geddington, Thrapston, Raunds, Titchmarsh, Bedford, and the local company. The fine peal of eight bells were raised about 2.30, and were in great demand during the afternoon and evening. Many methods were rung, ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Superlative, Cambridge, Bristol, and London Surprise Major.

The Guild service was held in the beautiful Church of St. Mary, conducted by the Vicar, who also gave a most appreciative and encouraging address, in which he pointed out that the work of ringers had not always been recognised as it was to-day, and that he looked upon them as a fine body of churchworkers. The address, the music led by the fine organ, and the hearty singing, made the service an inspiration to all.

The party afterwards adjourned to the Old Grammar School close by, where an excellent tea, which had been kindly prepared by the local ringers and their wives, awaited them. The Vicar presided, supported by Mr. W. Webb, churchwarden. Mr. A. E. Wright, organist, and a record attendance of 70 members.

The business meeting followed, the Vicar being in the chair. Wollaston was suggested as the next place of meeting. Mr. W. Webb and Mr. A. E. Wright were elected hon. members, and four ringing members were also elected.

The secretary then presented his report and balance sheet for the past year, which were passed as highly satisfactory, and on the proposition of the Vicar hearty thanks were accorded him for his work.

A comprehensive vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his address, to the organist, the local ringers, and the ladies who had helped with the tea, was proposed by Mr. T. R. Hensher, and carried with acclamation.

On returning to the tower, a pleasing feature of the gathering was the ringing of a well-struck course of Superlative Surprise Major by eight old veterans who had rung together at Higham Ferrers more than thirty years ago, the band being as follows: H. Chapman 1, A. Perkins 2, J. Garratt 3, A. H. Martin 4, J. J. Mawby 5, C. W. Clarke 6, T. R. Hensher 7, A. Y. Tyler 8. It was generally agreed that the honours of the day rested with these veterans. After the lowering of the bells, about eight o'clock, a well-attended social was held in the clubroom of the Green Dragon Hotel, touches and selections being given on handbells by the Finedon and Irthlingborough ringers, and songs rendered by various members of the company, Mr. A. Perkins being at the piano.

Amongst those present were Mr. R. G. Black (general secretary), Miss Thursfield (secretary of the local branch of the Ladies' Guild), Miss E. Steele, Mr. H. Tysoe and Mr. H. J. Sharp, of Bedford.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
A SUCCESSFUL GATHERING.

A meeting was held at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, on Saturday, January 25th, which was pleasing both to the promoters and the visitors. Besides those representing towers in the Archdeaconry, others attended from Birmingham, Bromsgrove, Coventry, Crewe, Dudley, Netherton, Oldbury, Smethwick, etc.

A short service was held at 4.45, conducted by the Rev. R. L. Hodson, Rector, who also delivered an interesting address. A move was then made to Lyons' restaurant, where a capital tea was laid, upwards of one hundred taking advantage thereof, including the Revs. R. L. Hodson, L. H. Morgan, F. O. Urwin and C. H. Barker. Apologies for absence were received from Mr. C. H. Clapham, Rector's warden, and Mr. S. H. Tonks, people's warden, both owing to prior engagements; also Mr. Ben Gough, through a serious illness.

A vote of thanks was moved by the Rev. C. H. Barker, viz., to the Rector for his address, use of bells, etc.; to the organist for his kindly assistance; and to the St. Peter's band for providing the splendid tea, which was carried with acclamation. This was briefly acknowledged. Then followed a touch of Stedman Caters on handbells by: E. W. Perrens (conductor), H. Knight, G. F. Swann, J. Perry and R. Pickering. The ringing on the tower bells during the afternoon and evening was varied, and included a well-struck course of Cambridge Royal and a bold attempt at Cambridge Maximus, which, however, did not mature.

SUFFOLK GUILD FINANCES

A well-attended meeting was held at Framlingham on January 11th. Discussion about the forthcoming report showed that the expenditure of the Guild was still more than £6 above the income. It was decided to attempt to get more honorary members, and to ask ringing members to subscribe more than the minimum subscription. Meetings were arranged for February 15th at Hadleigh, for March 15th at Hadleigh, and April 21st at Bury St. Edmunds. There was ringing in all the usual methods, both in the tower and on handbells.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION'S TITLE.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir.—I shall be glad if you will allow me, through your 'Ringing World,' to draw the attention of the members of the London County Association to the incorrectness of the last part of the title.

There is no North Southwark Diocese.

If the members wish to mean the northern area of the Southwark Diocese, why not be correct and alter the title to read 'and the Southwark Archdeaconry Guild'?

I think this is the only one of our societies with an incorrect title.

—Yours sincerely,

F. W. RICHARDSON.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**ROCHESTER DISTRICT GROWTH.**

A very successful meeting of the Rochester District was held on Saturday at Swanscombe, and in spite of the very wet weather upwards of sixty ringers attended, the following towers being represented: Rochester Cathedral, Frindsbury, Higham, Gravesend, Milton-next-Gravesend, Chatham, Gillingham, Upchurch, Tunstall, Queenborough, together with the local band, and also visitors from Sevenoaks. Some very useful practice was accomplished, especially by the less experienced ringers, during the afternoon. A service was held in the church, attended by the whole of the ringers, and conducted by the Rector, after which tea was served in the Church Hall.

The business meeting was presided over by the Rector, who expressed his pleasure in once again meeting the bellringers. The Rector said that he considered the bellringers were amongst the most loyal and devoted of his churchworkers.

It was very gratifying to see the increase in membership of the association, a total of twenty-two practising members being elected at the meeting. Included in this was the whole of the band from Minster, Isle of Sheppey, where Mr. Exeter has been fighting an uphill task in forming a new band in a very creditable manner. The Vicar of Minster, the Rev. Brazier, was also elected as an honorary member. If Minster proves as loyal to the association as Queenborough, another Sheppey tower, the district will indeed have a very useful extreme wing.

At the conclusion of the meeting a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. and Mrs. Campbell Ward for so generously entertaining the ringers, also to the Rector's sister for playing the organ, and the ladies who waited upon the ringers at such a splendid tea.

PRESENTATION TO MR. ARTHUR SYMONDS.**RECOGNITION OF LONG LEADERSHIP.**

A goodly number of the SS. Peter and Paul's band, Lavenham, met at the tower on Thursday, January 23rd, to greet their much esteemed leader and instructor on his 72nd birthday. Mr. Arthur Symonds, the 'G.O.M.' of West Suffolk. Owing to serious illness near the church, the tower bells were silent, but a varied programme was accomplished on the handbells, including Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Superlative and Stedman Caters.

Mr. W. R. J. Poulson, deputy conductor, in making the presentation on behalf of the Lavenham Society, asked Mr. Symonds to accept their sincere wishes that he might be spared many more years as their leader, and Mr. Symonds suitably responded. The present—a silver bell pendant—takes the form of a badge of office, and is inscribed: 'Instructor of the Lavenham Society of Bellringers,' and on the reverse side: 'Presented to Arthur Symonds on his 72nd birthday by the L.S.B.R., January 23rd, 1930.'

Much could be written on what Mr. Symonds has done in 'spade work' in and around Lavenham. Suffice it to say that upwards of 70 ringers have passed under his guidance, and three other pupils are now under his tuition.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the St. Albans District was held at Luton, on January 22nd, about 25 ringers attending. The methods practised were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, Superlative, Cambridge, Bristol and London Surprise Major.

It was decided that the next meeting should be held at St. Albans at the two six-bell towers of St. Michael's and St. Stephen's.

The thanks of the ringers were accorded to the Vicar for allowing the meeting to be held, and to the local band for their help in making the meeting a success.

BELL BALLADS.

An elegantly got up brochure has been printed containing the bell ballads by 'Cascable' (Major F. A. Yorke). Ringers will have read some of the verse by this author in 'The Ringing World' from time to time, and the ballads are now brought together in a charmingly got up booklet, dedicated to the Exercise in general and the College Youths in particular. 'Bell Ballads' can be obtained post free for 2s. from the printers, Messrs. William Barlow and Sons, Park Road, West Hartlepool.

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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 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 bells of St. Botolph's Church, Bishopsgate, now temporarily silent, were opened on February 7th, 1783, when three peals were rung by three different bands—two of Oxford Treble Bob by the College Youths, with a peal of Grandsire Triples sandwiched in between by the Cumberlands.

The first peal of Forward Major was rung on February 8th, 1889, at Deritend, composed and conducted by John Carter.

Eighty years ago, next Sunday, the St. James' Society rang a peal of Superlative Surprise at Bethnal Green—the first Surprise peal in the Metropolis.

Next Tuesday is the 120th anniversary of the collapse of the spire of St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool, which fell with disastrous results.

A peal of 14,016 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in 7 hrs. 26 mins. at Oldham on February 12th, 1821.

Mr. Ferris J. Shepherd, of Hershams, Surrey, who has had to forego ringing for some long time, under medical orders, hopes that he may eventually be allowed by the doctor to resume and to meet his old friends again in the belfry.

CHANGE RINGING BROADCASTS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I have sometimes wondered whether in the broadcasting of change ringing the best use is made of a great opportunity. Apart from the immediate purpose with which such ringing is associated, it might be also a means of rousing a greater interest in campanology, or, if need be, instilling a kindlier feeling towards it on the part of those who are not ringers themselves, or of those who have not got beyond round ringing. The question has recently been forced upon me by the remarks of a friend who is not a ringer but who does not dislike bells.

Is it wise to broadcast twelve-bell ringing? Maximus or Cinques may appeal to a ringer, but I cannot help thinking that anything above Triples or Major is rather beyond the general public. They could comprehend an octave, provided the leads were kept well open, but the higher numbers are too much for them. Would it not be better if broadcasts were limited to Major or (perhaps better still) to Triples? This, I may add, is not written in criticism of the excellent ringing of Cinques which we hear on the wireless from time to time. My point is that twelve-bell ringing will never appeal to the public, or help to any appreciation of campanology, to the extent that Major or even Doubles will.

Some time ago the Rev. L. Edwards gave a talk on bell ringing which was, so we were told, greatly appreciated. In his illustrations he used, if I remember rightly, Triples or Minor methods. That was wisdom. I venture to think that if he had used the higher numbers the good results of his talk would have been nullified. An octave of bells can be grasped. Any higher number is, at any rate for non-ringers, too big a proposition.—Yours faithfully,

E. H. WHITFORD.

Bristol.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. CIRENCESTER BRANCH AND CENTRAL COUNCIL AFFILIATION.

The annual meeting of the Cirencester Branch was held at Cirencester on Saturday, January 25th, the following towers being represented: Cirencester, Fairford, Lechlade, Tetbury and South Cerney. Visitors were present from Swindon and Burford. Watermoor bells were rung during the afternoon to Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major. Tea at Messrs. Viners' Restaurant was followed by the business meeting, the Vicar (Rev. Canon Westmacott) taking the chair.

The treasurer's report was considered satisfactory and adopted. One honorary and 12 new performing members were elected.

Cole St. Aldwyn was chosen for the next meeting.

Arising from the circular letter sent out by the executive committee of the association, with regard to re-affiliation with the Central Council, and on the question of providing in the association's rules for a quorum at the annual general meeting, the following resolutions were unanimously agreed to:—

'That this branch, while having no objection to the suggested alterations of the Central Council rules, is of the opinion that re-affiliation with the Central Council is desirable, without any proviso whatever.'

'That this branch is in favour of 8 per cent. of the performing members forming a quorum at the annual general meeting or any specially called general meeting, but suggest that the quorum should not apply to the routine business, viz.: Election of officials, committees, place of next meeting, etc., at the annual general meeting, but should apply to alterations of rules or similar important changes.'

The following branch officers were elected for 1930: Chairman, Mr. F. Edwards; secretary, F. J. Lewis; member on Management Committee, Mr. J. Hope.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for granting permission to hold the meeting and for taking the service.

The service was held at the Parish Church. The organist, Mr. A. H. Gibbons, very kindly accompanied the singing. The Parish Church bells were then open, and a good practice was had in Grandsire Caters and Cinques and Stedman Caters.

STROUD BRANCH APPROVES.

The Stroud Branch, at a meeting held at Painswick on Saturday week, gave unanimous approval to the recommendation of the Executive Committee with regard to representation on the Central Council, after the Master (Rev. E. S. Saleby) had given a full explanation.

On the question of a rule to fix a quorum for the annual general meeting, no proposal was made, and it was felt that a majority vote at the meeting was sufficient.

Twenty-nine members attended the meeting, and ringing in various methods took place from 3 to 5 p.m., when service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. A. M. Coode.

After tea at the Golden Heart, the Vicar presided at the business meeting, at which the branch officers were re-elected, and thanked for their services.

VIEWS OF THE FOREST BRANCH.

At the annual meeting of the Forest Branch, held at Lydney, consideration of the Executive Committee's recommendation as to re-affiliation with the Central Council resulted in a resolution being passed, expressing appreciation of the effort made with this end in view, but suggesting that the last sentence should read: 'They, the Executive, recommend that the association expresses its willingness to be re-affiliated, hoping that the Central Council may see its way to placing the suggested alterations upon their agenda at the next meeting.'

On the question of fixing a quorum for annual meetings, the opinion was expressed that such a decision would have a tendency to retard progress.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The meeting of the Central Council in London at Whitsun is the first of a new Council, and the period for which the officers and members of the Standing and other committees are elected will expire. Nominations, signed by two members, for the offices of president and hon. secretary and treasurer must be in the hands of the hon. secretary before May 1st next. The present holders are eligible for re-election.

CROFTS MEMORIAL DINNER.

This annual event will take place at Nottingham on Saturday week, and arrangements have been made for a tour of inspection of Nottingham's new Council House on Saturday, February 15th. Will intending visitors who wish to take advantage of this privilege advise Mr. F. Blood by Thursday, February 13th? The party will meet at front entrance at 4.30 p.m. sharp. A notice with regard to the dinner appears in another column.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ENCOURAGING SIGNS IN NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT.

Although dismal weather prevailed, it was not bad enough to damp the ardour of members of the above association, some seventy of whom attended the annual meeting of the North and East District at Southgate on Saturday last. The meeting was, however, held under a cloud, and it was with deep regret that members heard of the serious illness of their beloved president (Mr. F. A. Milne). Resolutions of sympathy with Mr. Milne and his relatives were passed, which the hon. secretary promised to send on to them.

No time was wasted during the afternoon, and much use was made of the bells between three and five o'clock, when the service was held. At this the Vicar (Rev. C. F. Poploe) officiated, and gave members a very stirring sermon on the lessons to be obtained from the story of the conversion of St. Paul.

After service, tea was served at the Cherry Tree, and this was followed by the business meeting. After reference had been made to the illness of the president, as stated above, routine business was disposed of. The balance sheet, showing a credit on the year's working of £2 9s. 11d., and assets to the value of £99 1s. 2d., was adopted.

Twenty-nine new members were elected, including nine of the St. James', Clerkenwell, band, and a similar number of St. Ann's, Stamford Hill. It was pointed out that the ringers at Clerkenwell are being looked after by a prominent member of the association, and are making good progress.

The election of officers was then proceeded with. The Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) stated that he had been notified by the Master, Mr. N. A. Tomlinson, of his inability to attend most of the meetings, and he therefore regretfully handed in his resignation. Mr. Kilby proposed, and Mr. Lucas seconded, that Mr. A. W. Coles be elected District Master for the ensuing year. This was strongly supported by Mr. G. R. Goodship, and carried with great enthusiasm. Mr. Coles promised members he would do his best for the association.

Mr. F. A. Milne and Mr. C. T. Coles were re-elected hon. treasurer and hon. secretary respectively, whilst Mr. G. R. Goodship was elected assistant hon. secretary, promising his loyal support to the secretary in anything he was asked to do.

Messrs. G. B. Lucas, R. E. Geare and W. H. Oram were re-elected as representatives on the Central Committee, and Messrs. J. E. Miller and W. Pickworth were chosen as auditors.

The Chairman (Mr. Pickworth) proposed a sincere vote of thanks to Mr. Tomlinson, who had served them so well as District Master, in spite of increasingly heavy duties, during the past five years. This was seconded by the hon. secretary, who also congratulated Mr. Tomlinson on his recent marriage, and carried unanimously. Mr. Tomlinson briefly replied, and stated he regretted having to give up his work, but his interest in the society remained.

It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Hornsey on May 22nd, whilst St. Giles-in-the-Fields was chosen for the next annual meeting. Mr. C. H. Martin proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar (Rev. C. F. Poploe) for his very fine address and for the use of the bells, and to the organist (Mr. Conisbee).—This was carried with acclamation.

The Hon. Secretary expressed the thanks of the members to the Southgate ringers for their kindness in assisting financially towards the cost of the tea, which was much appreciated by all present.—This was seconded by Mr. W. Pye and carried. After Mr. Pickworth had briefly acknowledged the thanks of the members, the meeting terminated.

Whilst a few ringers stayed behind to ring touches on handbells, most of the company returned to the tower to support the new Ringing Master, who saw to it that all who wished to ring did so, whether it was rounds or Cambridge Royal. It was gratifying to note the several young enthusiasts who took full advantage of a good opportunity of some ten-bell practice. This was one of the most hopeful signs in a hopeful meeting, which gives great encouragement to officers of the association.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

A successful meeting was held at Broomfield on Saturday, when thirty-eight members, including five ladies, were present from Braintree, Chelmsford, Galleywood, Great Baddow, Boreham, Writtle, Fryerning, and the local band.

Ringings commenced at 2.30. A service was held in the church conducted by Rev. F. A. Roughton (Vicar of Galleywood). The lesson was read by Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the association), and the address given by the Rev. G. A. Bunbury (Vicar of Broomfield). This was followed by tea in the Parish Hall, Rev. G. A. Bunbury presiding, supported by Rev. F. A. Roughton and Mr. C. H. Howard. Mr. G. Green (District Master) presided over the business meeting, when ten new members were elected, and Springfield was chosen for a by-meeting in March.

Mr. C. H. Howard proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the organist and all those who helped with the tea.

Ringings continued during the evening, the methods including New London, Cambridge, Treble Bob and Grandsire.

RESTORATION OF GOOLE BELLS. HOW THE YORKSHIRE TOWN RESPONDED TO THE APPEAL.

The bells at Goole Parish Church, Yorks, after being renovated and rehung, were, with the clock, which has been rebuilt and Westminster chimes added, rededicated at an impressive service on Thursday evening, January 23rd. Every sphere of life in the town was represented in the large congregation of nearly a thousand people, and there was further proof that the restoration of the bells has been regarded as an affair affecting the whole town. The dedication was performed by the Vicar, the Rev. H. E. Wall, M.A., the new chimes of the clock were set in motion by Sir John Eaglesome, K.C.M.G., head of the Aire and Calder Navigation, and a sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon E. Arthur Berry, M.A., Vicar of Drypool, Hull.

The processional hymn was 'Great God, to Thee our hearts we raise.' Psalm c. followed, and Canon Berry then gave his address. Preaching from the text, 'The Lord reigneth: let the multitudes of the isles be glad thereof' (Psalm xcvi.), he said the psalmist gave a great challenge and call to everything animate and inanimate to take part in thanksgiving. He prayed that those bells would send out a new message over the Humber and out to sea to welcome men on their return to safety, or bid farewell as they went forth. Their call would go over the waters of the canals into the great West Riding towns.

The hymn, 'Ring forth, holy bells,' was then sung, and the Vicar pronounced the dedicatory prayer. A cord attached to the pendulum of the clock and fastened with white and red silk ribbons, the colours of the church, hung down through the belfry floor to the nave. Sir John pulled on the cord at two minutes to eight o'clock, and immediately the sweet tones of the chimes came floating into the hushed church, followed by the strokes of the hour. The hymns, 'The sacred bells of England' and 'The church bells ringing from the height,' concluded the service.

The National Schools were crowded after the service, when the Vicar, who presided, said they could not allow Sir John to go away without having expressed their thanks to him for helping them and identifying himself with the work of the church. The service had been a moment of great history, rejoicing and gratification for the Parish Church. Those who had taken part would not forget it. They were also extremely grateful to Canon Berry for his fine address.

Sir John spoke of the great interest the Aire and Calder Navigation had in the Parish Church. He was extremely gratified at the evidence that evening of the wonderful hold the Church of England had in Goole. They could not stand still, but must go ahead or go back. That could not be better illustrated than by the bells, and the manner in which they had got the best.

When Goole was asked to subscribe for the bells it promptly got together £400. At a specially convened town's meeting it was decided to make an appeal to the town generally for £300. There was a house to house collection by envelopes, and an appeal made through the local press, and in a remarkably short space of time it was not only met but the fund was over-subscribed to the amount of £100, the actual result of the appeal being £400 5s. 4d.

The restoration and retuning of the bells was entrusted to Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who carried out the work to the satisfaction of the clergy, ringers and all concerned, the tone and 'go' of the bells now being all that was desired. The bells are not a very old ring. The tenor (16 cwt. 2 qr.), in F sharp, is by Taylors, 1869, the other seven bells by Taylors, 1889. It was decided to lower the tone of the bells by half a note, and this has effected a great improvement to the music of the bells. The efforts of the bell-hangers, both in taking out and putting back the bells to the time specified, ready for ringing for the service on Christmas morning, was greatly appreciated in Goole. The men worked from early morning to late at night in order to keep the promise made. The restoration of the clock and installation of Westminster chimes was carried out by Messrs. Potts and Sons, Ltd., Leeds, and their work has not only given every satisfaction, but it is a most useful and valuable addition to the church and town in general. M. T.

YOUNG LADY RINGER'S DEATH.

We regret to announce the loss to St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, and the band at St. Margaret's, Great Barr, of Miss Blanche Pollington, who passed away after a short illness on January 19th.

Miss Pollington was a keen young ringer, and attended very regularly at both service ringing and practice. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

She was laid to rest in the parish churchyard on Thursday, January 23rd, four of the local ringers being the bearers.

The heartfelt sympathy of all is accorded to the parents and members of the family, and to Mr. J. R. Terry, the deceased's fiancé, who is also a member of the band.

As a last tribute, 720 Bob Minor with bells half-muffled was rung on Sunday, January 28th: G. Merriman 1, Miss E. M. Ludlow 2, R. C. Ingram (conductor) 3, E. Terry 4, J. R. Terry 5, W. Terry 6.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

REPRESENTATION WANTED ON DIOCESAN ADVISORY BOARD.

The annual meeting of the Grimsby District was held at St. James', Grimsby, on Saturday, Jan. 25th, when members attended from Bigby, Elsham, Scunthorpe, Burton-on-Stather, Barton-on-Humber, Goxhill, Ulceby and Waltham, with the Rev. J. Barber, Rector of Great Coates, and the local ringers of St. James' and St. Andrew's. The fine ring of eight were kept going during the afternoon, and service was conducted by the Rev. Lindars, Mr. H. Rushby presiding at the organ. Thirty-one members afterwards sat down to an excellent tea in the Church House.

At the business meeting which followed, the president, the Rev. H. T. Parry, Rector of Bigby, presided. The district officers for the year were elected as follows: President, Rev. H. T. Parry; Mr. H. T. Mingay, secretary; Mr. C. W. Taylor, general committee representative; Mr. J. Bray, Ringing Master; Mr. G. Blanchard, Deputy Ringing Master.

Representatives of towers were asked to forward the names of the members elected for the district committee.

Two new members were elected, viz., P.C. Arthur Pashley, of Grimsby, late of Handsworth, Sheffield; and W. Fisher, of Grimsby. Places and dates of meetings in the district were chosen as follows: Thornton Curtis, May 10th; Mablethorpe (Whit Monday), June 9th; Elsham, June 21st; Bigby, July 5th; Claxby (Thursday afternoon), July 17th; Winterton, August 16th; Barrow-on-Humber, September 6th; Scunthorpe, October 18th. Owing to the bad going of Goxhill bells after their rebanging, a resolution was passed, which is to be sent to the annual Guild meeting, that the Guild ask for representation by a competent ringer on the advisory committee, as suggested by the Central Council.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. W. H. Heyhoe to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the Rev. Lindars for conducting the service, to the caterers for providing the tea, to Mr. Rushby for playing the organ, and to the chairman for presiding.

Members then adjourned to the tower for further ringing, which brought a very pleasant meeting to a close.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MANCHESTER BRANCH AND ITS FUTURE MEETINGS.

A well-attended meeting of the Manchester Branch was held at the Cathedral on Jan. 18th. Ringing commenced at five o'clock, and continued till 7.10, when the business meeting was held. Canon Elsee, president of the association, was in the chair.

A discussion took place on the best way to create interest in monthly meetings, and after a lengthy discussion, in which various opinions were expressed, it was proposed by Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft, seconded by Mr. J. Shaw, that the following meetings be arranged for the branch: St. John's, Miles Platting, February 15th, tower to be open at 6 p.m.; Ringing Master, Mr. F. Page; March 15th, Christ Church, West Didsbury, tower open 6 p.m.; Ringing Master, Mr. B. Davies; quarterly meeting April 12th, or the first Saturday in May, whichever is most convenient, to be held at Worsley, tower open three o'clock, to be followed by a short service, tea at a reasonable charge, and the business meeting to be held after. It is hoped that members will turn up at these meetings and support the officials in trying to arouse greater interest in the branch.

Votes of thanks to church officials and the local ringers were passed, and further ringing took place in various methods.

FYLDE BRANCH.

A meeting of the Fylde Branch was held at Lytham Parish Church on Saturday, when sixteen members attended, seven of them being from St. John's, Blackpool. The bells were raised in peal shortly after 3 p.m., and a touch of Grandsire Triples brought round with several new members taking part. Courses of Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major followed with more new members standing in and trying their hand for the first time on eight bells, at which they acquitted themselves very creditably. A few of the local men tried Double Norwich, a course being brought round with an effort. Stedman Triples and Little Bob concluded the programme of the afternoon's proceedings. Cambridge Surprise Major was left in abeyance owing to one of the 'capables' by mistake going to St. Annes-on-Sea Parish Church instead of Lytham.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Bispham.

A VISIT TO LEIGH COURT.

On Saturday, January 18th, a pleasant afternoon's ringing took place at the Parish Church of Leigh Court (Worces), during which 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung: J. Woodyatt 1, T. W. Lewis 2, J. Worman 3, D. R. Morris 4, C. Tansill 5, W. Lewis (conductor) 6. Other touches, which included Oxford Bob, College Single, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles, were also brought round. The band, who included ringers from Bredwardine, Bredonbury, Whitbourne and Bromyard, wish to thank Messrs. J. Worman, T. and J. Weaver for their hospitality afterwards. Touches on handbells were also rung by T. W. Lewis, C. Tansill and D. Morris.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**FARNHAM DISTRICT.**

The annual meeting of the Farnham District was held at Farnham on Saturday, January 25th, when about 60 members and friends attended from Aldershot, Ash, Bagshot, Chertsey, Farnham, Guildford (Cathedral and St. Nicolas'), Seale, Woking and Yorktown.

The Guild's service was conducted by the Rector of Farnham (Canon E. M. Girling), and tea, served in the Church House, was followed by the business meeting, at which Canon Girling took the chair, supported by the District Ringing Master (Mr. R. Hasted), Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O. (Guild treasurer), Mr. A. H. Pullen, Major H. M. Gale, and Mr. C. Hazelden.

The hon. secretary's report referred to the successful district meetings held during the year, at which the average attendance had been 37. No organised combined practices had been held, but frequent visits had been exchanged between neighbouring towers on regular practice nights. It was regretted that visits could not be made more often to towers where change ringing was not regularly practised. The number of ringing members in the district was 109, against 104 in 1928, and of hon. members 15, against 16. One tower (Bentley) was still unaffiliated.

The report was adopted and the officers were re-elected, with the addition of Mr. E. J. Bragg as hon. auditor. The balance sheet was presented, and showed a very satisfactory balance in hand of £8 15s. 7d. It was agreed to hold district meetings at Ash, Frensham, Yorktown, Bentley and Farnborough, suitable dates to be fixed by the secretary.

Eleven new members were elected, viz., 6 ringing and 5 honorary.

It was decided to hold the next annual general meeting at Farnham on January 24th, 1931.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Rector and all who had helped to make the meeting so successful, on the proposition of Admiral T. P. Walker, seconded by Major Gale.

The Rector, in reply, said that one of their members, Mr. Clapshaw, would celebrate his 85th birthday on Sunday, and for 64 of the 85 years he had been a ringer at Farnham Parish Church. The members enthusiastically congratulated Mr. Clapshaw.

Major Gale proposed a vote of thanks to the officers of the district for their work during the past year.

The belfry was then revisited, and the bells were kept going until 9 p.m., methods rung ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Double Norwich.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**SOUTHAMPTON DISTRICT.**

The annual meeting of the Southampton District was held at Southampton on Saturday, January 18th. St. Mary's and St. Michael's bells were made good use of during the afternoon and evening, and a service was held in St. Mary's Church, conducted by the Rector (Rev. R. B. Jolly), who also gave an excellent address.

Tea and business meeting took place in the Chantry Hall, the Rector being in the chair, supported by the Rev. R. A. R. Spread (Vicar of St. Michael's), Rev. Evan Jones (Vicar of Hedge End), hon. treasurer, Rev. G. T. Tritton (Rector of Dibden), district chairman, Mr. G. Williams, vice-president, and Mr. F. W. Rogers, district secretary, Portsmouth. The secretary presented the balance sheet, which showed receipts £9 7s. 11d., expenditure £4 0s. 7d., balance paid to treasurer £5, leaving in hand 7s. 4d.

The officers were re-elected en bloc, viz.: Chairman, Rev. G. T. Tritton; Ringing Master, Mr. G. Williams; secretary, W. T. Tucker; auditor, Mr. F. W. Summerfield; representative on Central Committee, Mr. J. W. Faithfull.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Southampton on Saturday, January 17th, 1931, and quarterly meetings at Romsey in April, Sherfield English in July, and Bishopstoke in October, on the first Saturday of the month in each case.

The Rev. R. B. Jolly and the Rev. Evan Jones were elected hon. members, and Upham band, ten in number, were elected members of the Guild.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. G. Pullinger, general secretary, the Rev. W. Henty Summers, Vicar of Netley, the district auditor, and Mr. J. W. Faithfull.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector of St. Mary's and the Vicar of St. Michael's for the use of the bells, and to Mr. D. C. Williams, F.R.C.O., for presiding at the organ.

The towers represented were North Stoneham, Dibden, Twyford, Titchfield, Portsea, Romsey, Salisbury, King's Somborne, Ringwood, Petersfield, Fareham and St. Mary's, Southampton, and the methods rung ranged from Grandsire Triples up to and including London and Bristol Surprise Major.

FIRST 720 AT 13.

At Ash Priors, Taunton, on Sunday, January 19th, 720 Bob Minor for evensong: C. Thomas 1, Edwin Branchflower 2, Frank Branchflower 3, A. Tout 4, H. Sealy 5, B. T. Jeanes (conductor) 6. First 720 by F. Branchflower, aged 13 years. Also a short touch of Grandsire Doubles, in which George Branchflower rang the tenor, being the father of Edwin and grandfather to Frank.

THE OLDEST ACTIVE RINGER.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In the 'Belfry Gossip' column recently there appeared a paragraph about Mr. Tom Lewis, aged 85, of Eastbourne Parish Church.

As I was 87 on Monday, January 27th, and am still going strong, I feel compelled to reply to his claim.

Since commencing at Whitechapel in 1859, I can claim 150 completed peals in various methods. The first was a muffled peal for the Prince Consort in 1861, and the latest a peal of 'Kent Treble Bob' with the St. Nicholas' ringers at Liverpool in 1926.

I had the honour of ringing a peal at Christ Church, Blackfriars, in 1870, to celebrate the opening by Queen Victoria, of Blackfriars Bridge and Holborn Viaduct, and also being in the band which rang the only peal on the day of King Edward's funeral.

In addition, I have rung on every Royal occasion since 1860.

At the age of 87 I am still a member of twenty different associations, and a regular reader of 'The Ringing World.'—Yours fraternally,

J. WAGHORN, SENIOR.

3, Wortley Road, East Ham.

NEW OCTAVE AT WORCESTER.

The bells at St. John's-in-Bedwardine, having been thoroughly restored and rebung with all new fittings of the latest type, and two new bells added to make an octave by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, will be reopened and the new bells dedicated at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday, February 13th. General ringing will take place after the service.

On Saturday, February 15th, the Western Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association will hold a quarterly meeting here, at which all ringing friends who are interested in the augmented bells will be welcome. Tea will be provided, and all intending visitors will appreciate the wisdom of sending in their names not later than February 12th.

One of the new bells has been given, and Mr. W. Page, who has taken up ringing again after a few years' absence from the Exercise, collected the money to provide the other. The tenor is about 16 cwt.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**DEVIZES BRANCH AT BRADFORD-ON-AVON.**

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at the Parish Church of Holy Trinity, Bradford-on-Avon, on Saturday, Christ Church bells being also available during the afternoon. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Clarke, B.D.), the lesson being read by the chairman of the branch (Mr. C. D. Heginbotham). Tea followed in the Church House, to which 34 sat down.

A short business meeting followed. Mr. C. D. Heginbotham presided, and welcomed the visitors. He also referred to the enjoyable time he had spent at the Bristol United Guilds' dinner. Several questions of interest were discussed, which it was decided to place before the Guild Committee, to be brought forward at the annual meeting of the Guild.

Visitors present included Miss N. G. Williams (Weston, Bath), Mr. W. J. Prescott (Bath), Messrs. W. H. Crocker and H. Ellis (Weston, Bath), Mr. C. Hussey (secretary of the Marlborough Branch), Mr. L. Wilson (secretary of the Caine Branch), and Messrs. E. J. Woodroffe and N. Alnutt (Swindon). Ringers, in addition to those mentioned, were present from Aldbourne, Bradford-on-Avon (Holy Trinity and Christ Church), Bratton, Devizes, St. John's and St. Mary's, St. James', Southbroom, Rowde Holt, Melksham, Trowbridge, Westbury and Warmistone.

Mr. H. Ellis was elected a life member, Mr. H. Ewence an untached member, and fourteen new ringing members were elected.

Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob were rung during the afternoon and evening.

Market Lavington was proposed for the March meeting, and Melksham for the quarterly meeting in April, if the bells are available.

Among the interesting things in the ringing chamber at Holy Trinity Church is the old peal board (which is mentioned by the Rev. W. C. Lukis in his book on 'Church Bells'), which is inscribed as follows: 'On Thursday, the 12th day of September, 1799, was rung in this tower by the celebrated Youths of this Town, that noble Peal of Holt's Grandsire Triples, with two singles, consisting of 5,040 changes, completed in 3 hours and 25 minutes by Mr. David Taylor, who conducted the Peal, 1st, James Batchelor 2nd (or Batchelor), Uriah Jelly 3rd, Robert Collier 4th, John Martin 5th, John Milson 6th, William Gibbs 7th, John Davis and John Mulgrove 8th. Mr. John Renison and Mr. John Saunders, Churchwardens. Clement, Earl Stoke, Fecit.'

Another board records a peal rung in May, 1890, conducted by the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook, on the completion of the work of re-hanging the bells. Another board records a peal rung in 1900 in commemoration of the centenary of the first peal, in which the respected Ringing Master of the branch, Mr. S. Hillier, took part. There are also other peal boards relating to post-war performances.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO THE LATE PRESIDENT.

The third quarterly meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held on Saturday week at Bolsover, and, as might be expected, that centre of good ringing, possessing a fine ring of eight bells, attracted quite a host of ringers, who came from Burton, Chesterfield, Cotgrave, Derby, Leicester, Nottingham, Sheffield and elsewhere. Good use was made of the bells, and various methods meted out, some being successful and others not!

The committee met in the Church Hall, and in the unavoidable absence of the vice-president (Mr. J. Griffin), owing to the illness of his wife, the Rev. W. Peter Wright, of Eyam, presided. Various routine work was carried out, and suggestions made on several matters to be put before the general meeting which followed tea. In the interim, the Vicar of Bolsover, the Rev. Canon J. E. Paget, dedicated a large and beautifully executed peal tablet, which suitably records the first peals on these bells of Cambridge, New Cambridge, Bristol, London, Superlative, Pudsey, Peterborough, Yorkshire and Norfolk Surprise.

Subsequently, tea was served in the Church Hall, and over 50 members and friends sat down. The meeting followed immediately, and Mr. W. E. White first stated how glad all were to have the Vicar of Bolsover with them, to which Canon Paget suitably replied, giving the members a hearty welcome to Bolsover, and expressing delight at such a goodly number accepting the invitation.

The Rev. W. Peter Wright was then voted to the chair in the absence of Mr. J. Griffin. Arising out of the minutes was the question of the suggested memorial to the late president, Alderman R. B. Chambers, B.A., J.P. The Chairman stated that in committee there had been a long discussion on the matter, and the first proposal to augment the ring of bells at Peatling Magna, Leicester, where the late president had certain property, was felt to be too big an undertaking. Not only would this mean providing a bell or bells, but reconstruction of frames, etc. Another suggestion put forward was the erection of a suitable tablet in a church, and that Mrs. Chambers be asked to decide which she would wish, either St. Peter's, Derby, where Alderman Chambers was churchwarden for over 20 years, or Littleover, where he attended in the latter years of his life, and to which it is understood, he left a certain sum of money for a tower and bells when that project was developed.

The scheme for a tablet receiving the support of all present, it was decided that a committee, consisting of the eight local secretaries and the general hon. secretary, with the hon. treasurer, be appointed to carry out the proposal.

The committee's suggestions for the printing of the annual report, and of the charge of sixpence per copy, was agreed to, and the Chairman urged all members to purchase a copy, as they were receiving three times the value of purchase price. It was a great pity that a surplus of such valuable history was left over, making an extra loss to the association.

New members elected since the last meeting were duly confirmed, viz., 26 ringing, 4 hon., 1 life. It was pleasing to note among the former eight from the new Peak District—the Hathersage ringers.

Two auditors, Messrs. W. E. White and A. H. Ward, were duly elected to audit the 1929 accounts.

The Hon. Secretary pointed out that several nominations for general officers and also representatives for the Central Council had been received, but any others put forward must be in his hands one month prior to the annual meeting on Easter Monday, no one to be nominated unless willing to stand for the office.

Other proposals, for the addition to the association's title and certain rule amendments, were read, but as these matters are to be dealt with at the annual meeting, members were asked to discuss them locally prior to that meeting.

Hearty votes of thanks to the Vicar for use of bells, the local committee for arrangements and catering, closed a very successful meeting. Further ringing, both on hand and tower bells, terminated a very happy afternoon's gathering.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

ABERAVON, GLAM.—On Sunday, February 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: G. Chappel 1, W. Williams 2, W. Norton 3, A. J. Pitman 4, C. Mathers 5, F. E. Stone 6, E. Stitch (conductor) 7, J. Weathersby 8.

LAVENHAM.—On Sunday, February 2nd, for morning service, by the junior section of the SS. Peter and Paul's Society, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 49 mins.: F. L. Leeks 1, W. Andrews 2, R. Dent 3, W. Jarvis 4, L. Pryke 5, M. T. Symonds (conductor) 6, F. F. Mortlock 7, F. A. Turner 8. A birthday compliment to the Rev. G. Lennox Conyngham, Rector.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, February 2nd, at St. Mary's Church, before matins, 720 London Scholars' Pleasure and 720 Double Court. Before evensong, 720 Southwell Surprise and 720 Double Oxford. The ringers were L. Camp, G. Camp, C. Harrington, H. Wright, E. Stitch, A. Bradley (conductor).

STANMORE.—For evensong, on Sunday, February 2nd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: E. Leversuch 1, Mrs. P. M. Mayne 2, C. C. Mayne 3, R. Wilkinson 4, G. Hughes 5, F. W. Alleyway (first quarter-peal as conductor) 6, C. Dyke 7, G. A. Hughes 8.

HITCHIN.—On Sunday, February 2nd, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich (1,280 changes) in 52 mins.: D. C. Mears 1, E. W. Day 2, H. W. Else 3, G. T. Croft (conductor) 4, G. Wolfe 5, J. Hare 6, L. Fidler 7, H. E. Day 8. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Dudley Hiam, senior curate of the Parish Church, who is leaving to take up duties as Vicar of Heath and Reach.

WEST EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Stephen's Church, on Sunday, February 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Carter's Odd Bob One-part) in 41 mins.: F. S. Palmer, jun., 1, E. J. Walsom 2, P. E. Clark 3, H. Langdon (conductor) 4, A. R. Macdonald 5, A. A. Hughes 6, E. Harris 7, F. S. Palmer, sen., 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. H. Colliver.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.—On February 2nd, for morning service, 720 Duke of York: 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, J. Williams 2, S. Head 3, W. H. Lawrence 4, A. Phillips 5, G. H. Carter (conductor) 6.

LONDON.—At St. Stephen's, Hampstead, on Sunday, February 2nd, for evensong, 1,237 Stedman Caters: Horace Belcher 1, C. W. Roberts 2, E. F. Pike 3, T. Bevan 4, R. F. Deal 5, G. Cole 6, W. H. Hewett (conductor) 7, W. Williams 8, H. Folkard 9, C. Pryor 10.

HORMSDEN.—On Sunday, February 2nd, at St. Margaret's Church, 720 Beverley Surprise Minor: E. Bromley 1, T. W. Card 2, R. T. Lambert (conductor) 3, A. Bromley 4, G. Burb 5, R. E. Lambert 6. First 720 in the method by all the hand on the bells.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, February 2nd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: R. T. Evans (conductor) 1, H. Wright 2, H. T. Hughes 3, E. H. Kynaston 4, R. Kynaston 5, G. Williams 6, W. B. Kynaston 7, R. Edwards 8. Rung in honour of the birthday of Mr. William Kynaston, father of the ringers of 4th, 5th and 7th.

FULHAM.—At All Saints', on Sunday, February 2nd, for evening service, 1,263 changes of Stedman Caters in 52 mins.: W. H. Hollier 1, C. F. Winney 2, A. Cutmor 3, A. Waddington 4, R. Mackrill 5, H. Cook 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, C. Hunt 8, A. Harding 9, H. Page 10.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows', on Sunday, February 2nd, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. J. Ellis 1, Mrs. N. Tomlinson 2, H. A. Barnett 3, W. Dickinson 4, H. Ellis 5, E. A. Hull 6, N. Tomlinson (conductor) 7, H. W. H. Strickland 8. This is the first quarter-peal for Mr. and Mrs. N. Tomlinson since their marriage in December.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—At the Parish Church of St. Michael, for morning service, on Sunday, January 26th, in 46 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): C. Ansell 1, F. Springham (conductor) 2, V. Matthews 3, H. A. Wacey 4, F. Bird 5, W. W. Tucker 6, W. T. Prior 7, W. Wilkinson 8.

ZEALS, WILTS.—On Sunday evening, January 26th, at St. Martin's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Doubles (1,260 changes, ten different callings) in 44 mins.: J. J. Parsons 1, F. Bell 2, E. G. Coward 3, E. J. Rowe 4, L. Perrett (conductor) 5, A. Baverstock 6.

OVER, CAMBS.—At the Parish Church, for matins, on Sunday, January 26th, a 720 Kent Treble Bob: D. Adams 1, H. Robinson 2, W. Bavin 3, R. Thoday 4, C. Robinson 5, F. Warrington 6. For evensong, 720 London Surprise: C. Robinson 1, A. W. T. Ginn 2, B. Wayman 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6.

LONDON.—On Sunday, January 26th, at St. Andrew's, Holborn, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: J. S. Hawkins 1, R. W. Green 2, W. J. Norton (conductor) 3, H. C. Alford 4, C. J. Choct 5, A. C. Darnell 6, E. Brett 7, T. Joyce 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to T. Joyce.

SPONDON.—At St. Werburgh's Church, for matins, on January 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes, ten different callings) in 43 mins.: J. Cope 1, W. Slater, jun., 2, L. W. Bamford 3, F. Coxon (conductor) 4, C. M. Coxon 5, W. Slater 6. First quarter-peal ever rung by a local band on these bells.

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Annual meeting at Chertsey, Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock at the 'Ideal' Tea Rooms, Guildford Street.—H. Hancock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Chobham Road, Ottershaw, Chertsey.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Feering on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The meeting of the above branch, at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, will be held on February 8th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions are due. Reports to hand.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton District.—The annual general meeting will be held at Alton on February 8th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in St. Lawrence's Church at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Church Room, Normandy Street. Business meeting follows.—B. C. Taylor, Binsted Vicarage, Alton.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Feb. 8th, St. Clement Danes', Strand, and St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Bloomsbury, available for ringing from 3 p.m. Service at St. Clement Danes' at 4.30 p.m. Tea at A.B.C., opposite church, after service. Meeting at St. Clement Danes' Parish Hall at 5.30 p.m. Please come and make a record meeting.—S. C. Moye, Gen. Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bromyard District.—The annual meeting will be held at Bromyard, on Saturday, February 8th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30.—A. S. Tomkins, Post Office, Bredenbury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30 (at which the Archdeacon of Tonbridge has kindly consented to give the address). Tea after service (free), followed by business meeting. 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.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—All ringers are heartily invited to attend a meeting at Kenninghall (8) on Saturday, February 8th, at 2.30. Business at 4.30 in the Institute.—Nolan Golden, Dis. Sec., 13, Sunnyside, Diss.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Dunstable, on Saturday, February 8th. The bells (8) will be available at 2.45 p.m. Everybody welcome.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

A JOINT MEETING of the Ely Diocesan Association and Peterborough Diocesan Guild (Wisbech and Peterborough branches) will be held at March on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwyn Road, March; W. H. Waldron, 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough; Secs.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Benington, on Saturday, February 8th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting immediately afterwards. All ringers cordially invited. Buses leave Boston Post Office every half-hour.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., The School House, Butterwick, near Boston, Lincs.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Wath-on-Dearne, on Saturday, February 8th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea, in Church House, 1s. 6d. each.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec., 15, Coronation Road, Wath-on-Dearne.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 8th, at Milton Silbourne. Easy distance from Pewsey. Bells available 2.30. Tea 4.30.—Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 8th, at Southill. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Whitwick on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells (8) ready from 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Ashford District) AND THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A combined meeting of the above will be held at Headcorn on Saturday, Feb. 15th, by kind permission of the Rev. W. Gerty. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea and business meetings; all ringers being cordially welcome.—A. C. Kay, Sec., K.C.A.; A. J. Battin, R.M. & D.G., 6, Sturges Rd., Ashford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's Miles Platting, on Saturday, February 15th. Bells ready 6 o'clock. No business. As this is the first meeting under the new arrangement, will members turn up in large numbers?—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—A meeting will be held at Elton on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s. per head. Those who wish to have tea kindly let me know as soon as possible.—Rev. L. S. Clark, Polebrooke Rectory, Peterborough.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—The annual meeting will be held at Newport on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at Urry's Restaurant, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcomed. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Feb. 11th.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

W. D. CROFTS MEMORIAL DINNER.—The 8th annual dinner will be held at the Welbeck Hotel, Milton Street, Nottingham, on Saturday, February 15th, at 6 p.m. Tickets, 5s. each, to be obtained from the Master, Mr. A. Coppock, Hon. Treas., Miss I. B. Thompson, and the Hon. Sec. All visitors heartily welcomed.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at Hitchin, on Saturday, February 15th. The bells (8) will be available at 3 p.m. Tea at The Grange at 5 p.m. Tower Secretaries please note that this is the last quarterly meeting of the year, and I should like all subscriptions as soon as possible. Please come, and make the meeting a success.—Donald C. Mears, Officey, Hitchin, Herts.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's R.C. Church, Brownedge, on Saturday, February 15th, and not the 8th, as previously arranged. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION & SUFFOLK GUILD.—A joint meeting will be held at Newmarket on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (6 and 8) available 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Please notify for tea to Mr. L. Moon, Ramleh, Newmarket, by 13th.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec., E.A.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The annual meeting will be held at Isleworth on Saturday, February 15th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.40. Members entertained to tea by the Vicar and wardens. Those requiring tea kindly let me know by Wednesday, the 12th.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Bulkington, near Nuneaton, on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock in Schoolroom, 1s. each. Midland 'Red' buses from Nuneaton (Bond Gate) 2.20 and every 30 minutes; from Coventry (Greyfriars Green) 2.15 and every 30 minutes.—D. E. Lewis, Hon. Gen. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Arnesby on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (5) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Shoulder of Mutton Inn at 5.15 p.m. Will those requiring tea please inform me not later than Wednesday, 12th?—Alban Disney, Local Sec., 3, Highgate, Aylestone Lane, Leicester.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting will be held at Birkenhead St. Mary's (6 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Tower open 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30. Tea and meeting afterwards. As this is the first meeting since the bells were rededicated, will those intending to be present please let the hon. secretary know?—H. S. Brocklebank, 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District.—A meeting will be held at Rothwell (8) on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly let me know by Feb. 12th?—S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The annual meeting of this division will be held at Shipley on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells available afternoon. Tea at the Parish Room at 5 o'clock. Will those who intend being present kindly let me know by Feb. 12th?—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A special meeting of the above will be held at Sutton-in-Ashfield on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. A peal board will be dedicated at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Parish Room at 5 o'clock, for those only who notify Mr. W. Allen, 36, Church Street, Sutton, by Thursday, Feb. 13th. All ringers cordially invited.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Hadleigh on Feb. 15th. Bells (8) available from 2. Tea (9d.) 4.30. Meeting follows.—Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Bourton (6 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 (6d. for members). Meeting to follow. Towers available: Mere (8), Bourton (6), Zeals (6), Buckhorn Weston (6), Kington Magna (5). Please inform me how many will attend by Feb. 7th at the latest.—A. E. Nedham, Hon. Sec., Compton Abbas Rectory, Shaftesbury.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Chesterfield District will be held at Eckington on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. P. Jervis, 26, Stead Street, Eckington?—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch, Sleaford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Sleaford, on Saturday, February 15th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please inform me by Thursday, February 13th.—Reginald Scott, Westlea House, Sleaford.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Old Woking, on Saturday, February 22nd. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, February 18th?—Hilda F. Mills, Cairneyhill, Bridgefield, Farnham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Canterbury, on Saturday, February 22nd. Cathedral and St. Alphege bells, etc., available. Service will be held at St. Alphege's Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Foresters' Hall at 5 p.m., followed by a business meeting. Subscriptions are now due and may be paid at this meeting. It is necessary that those members intending to be present should notify me on or before Wednesday, February 19th.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—The Langford Memorial Meeting will be held at Bradpole on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Tower available

2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Other local towers if needed.—T. H. Beams, Bradpole, Bridport.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — A meeting and social will be held on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. All Souls' bells will be available from 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Social in the Bolton Borough Police Athletic Club, Old Hall Street, from 7 p.m. Names please not later than Feb. 19th to Peter Crook, 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM. (Established 1755.)—The 42nd annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 1st, at 6 o'clock, when the chair will be taken by Canon 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.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—March 1st, Watford.

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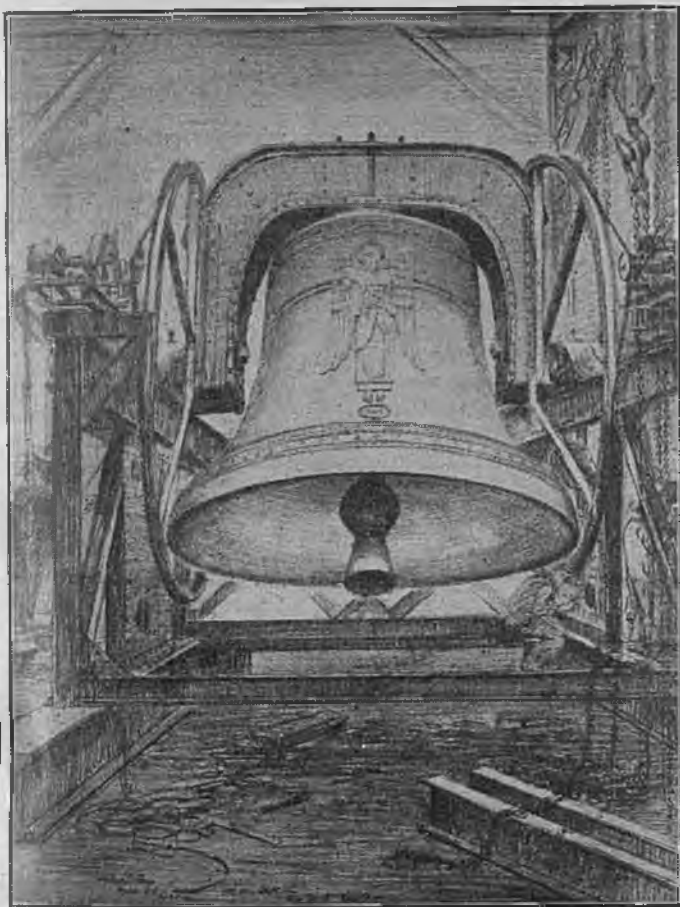
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The question of what should constitute a six-bell peal, which has occupied attention at the last two meetings of the Council, is not unlikely to be again a bone of contention. The subject, since it was postponed from the Chelmsford meeting last Whitsun, has been simmering below the surface as it were, and elsewhere in our issue to-day a suggestion for a new definition of six and five bell peals comes from the Rev. H. Law James. It is true he does not say that he proposes to put it on the agenda for discussion in London, but it is one of the matters which is not unlikely to appear, and ringers, therefore, should make themselves thoroughly acquainted with what is now put forward.

There are two points in Mr. James' suggestions which deserve special attention. One is that a peal of Minor or Doubles need only consist of 5,000 changes, instead of 5,040, as has hitherto been the practice, thus putting them, he says, on the same basis as peals of Major, Caters, etc., and leaving only Triples at the compulsory length of 5,040. Ringers may or may not be prepared to accept this alteration in principle, but we hardly think it is likely to commend itself generally in practice, as, except in those cases where a band want to ring 'something different,' the seven complete 720's or the 42 six-scores seems so much more a commonsense performance for an ordinary peal length.

Be that as it may, however, the other point in Mr. James' suggestion to which attention will have to be directed is that upon which there is already strongly divided opinion, viz., whether within the limits of each 720 or 120 a repetition of changes is to be permitted. Mr. James' suggestion would open the way to peals in which the repetitions, which must necessarily take place

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On Saturday, February 1, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

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| RICHARD E. JONES ... Treble | WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 5 |
| ERNEST BENNETT ... 2 | WILLIAM FERNLEY ... 6 |
| JAMES FERNLEY, JUN. ... 3 | TOM WILDE ... 7 |
| JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. ... 4 | JOHN W. HARTLEY ... Tenor |

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE. Conducted by TOM WILDE.

First peal in the method on the bells, and by all the band except the ringer of the 5th. Rung to celebrate the twenty-first birthday of Annie, only child of Mr. and Mrs. H. Langley (January 28th), and Ira, only child of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Woistencroft (January 30th).

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 1, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

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| *E. LLOYD ... Treble | W. G. BREWING ... 5 |
| J. S. CARTER ... 2 | H. CARTER ... 6 |
| W. H. HUMBERSTONE ... 3 | F. LLOYD ... 7 |
| A. CHAMBERLAIN ... 4 | F. H. DEXTER ... Tenor |

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

* First peal. Rung on the occasion of the coming of age of W. H. Humberstone's eldest daughter.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 3, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints, Wandsworth,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Groves' Transposition of Parker's Twelve-Part.

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| *Charlotte E. A. Gray ... Treble | JAMES H. ROMLEY ... 5 |
| HARRY MANCE ... 2 | CYRIL D. NICHOLS ... 6 |
| HENRY R. NEWTON ... 3 | RALPH MACKRILL ... 7 |
| ERNEST E. BISH ... 4 | WILLIAM G. GRAY ... Tenor |

Conducted by HARRY MANCE.

* First peal.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 3, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES:

Tenor 20 cwt.

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| SERG. A. LAWRENCE ... Treble | EDWIN F. PIKE ... 5 |
| JOHN T. KENTISH ... 2 | CECIL J. PIPE ... 6 |
| RICHARD F. DEAL ... 3 | ERNEST BRETS ... 7 |
| CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 4 | JAMES E. DAVIS ... Tenor |

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

Sergt. Lawrence, of the Herts Constabulary, hails from Hatfield, and it was his first peal of Superlative. First peal on the bells since the reconstruction of the bell frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who are to be congratulated on a very fine job.

EXETER, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(St. Sidwell's Branch.)

On Tuesday, February 4, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael, Heavitree,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

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| EDWIN SHEPHERD ... Treble | WILLIAM RICHARDSON ... 5 |
| ARTHUR SEARLE ... 2 | ARTHUR TROMAN ... 6 |
| TOM BARTLETT ... 3 | GEORGE BETTS ... 7 |
| WILLIAM HOWE ... 4 | ALFRED MONKLEY ... Tenor |

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by EDWIN SHEPHERD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. Bartlett, also for the anniversary of his silver wedding.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(St. John-the-Baptist Society, Crawley.)

On Wednesday, February 5, 1930, in Three Hours,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

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| KENNETH SNELLING ... Treble | CECIL NICE ... 5 |
| GEORGE OLLIVER ... 2 | REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 6 |
| NELSON ELLIOTT ... 3 | GEORGE ELLIS ... 7 |
| ROBERT SWIFT ... 4 | OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 6, 1930, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... Treble | *JOHN HARLING ... 5 |
| JOHN HADFIELD ... 2 | WILLIAM MILLER ... 6 |
| JOHN BROWN ... 3 | JOSEPH A. TOMLINSON ... 7 |
| JAMES HARRISON ... 4 | *TOM DEWHIRST ... Tenor |

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal. Rung in honour of the 60th birthday of the ringer of the 4th.

COSGROVE, NORTHANTS.—On Tuesday, February 4th, 720 and 360 Grandsire Doubles with bells half-muffled for funeral of Mrs. Atkinson, a highly-respected and charitable lady of the village: A. Meakins, J. Higgins, E. Hillyer, W. Crowder, F. C. Lambert (conductor), E. Kingston.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 6, 1930, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in G.

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| FREDERICK BORRETT ... Treble | GEORGE GOWER ... 5 |
| WALTER MOBBS ... 2 | GEORGE HOWLETT ... 6 |
| WILLIAM ELDRIDGE ... 3 | RUSSELL RICHES ... 7 |
| JAMES ELDRIDGE ... 4 | WALTER BARRETT ... Tenor |

Composed by O. LANG.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

LEWISHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 6, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6162 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

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| JAMES BENNETT ... Treble | FREDERICK W. THORNTON ... 5 |
| HARRY WARNETT, SEN. ... 2 | JOHN H. CRAMPTON ... 6 |
| JOHN J. LAMB ... 3 | *JACK DAFTERS ... 7 |
| WILLIAM A. MARTIN ... 4 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JAMES BENNETT.

* First peal of Treble Bob. The ringer of the 6th was proposed a member of the association previous to starting.

KIRTON-IN-HOLLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, February 6, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

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| WILLIAM WILKINSON ... Treble | HAROLD HARPER ... 5 |
| ROBERT RICHARDSON ... 2 | GEORGE COLEMAN ... 6 |
| FRANK DEWEY ... 3 | WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... 7 |
| JOHN W. LAKIN, JUN. ... 4 | FREDERICK LEGGOTT ... Tenor |

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by ROBERT RICHARDSON

EWELL, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

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| GEORGE WILSON ... Treble | C. ERNEST SMITH ... 5 |
| CHARLES N. BURDOCK ... 2 | GEORGE W. STEERE ... 6 |
| HENRY HUTTON ... 3 | CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7 |
| WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 4 | ALFRED H. POLLING ... Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

Rung on the 20th anniversary of the first peal of London Surprise rung by a local band in the Winchester Diocese, in which Messrs. Hulton and Pulling took part.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-without-the-Walls,

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

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

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| WALTER THOMAS ... Treble | GEORGE R. JONES ... 5 |
| JOHN HAYES ... 2 | PERCY SWINDLEY ... 6 |
| HENRY W. WILDE ... 3 | SAMUEL JONES ... 7 |
| JAMES SWINDLEY ... 4 | ARTHUR E. PEGLER ... Tenor |

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ARTHUR E. PEGLER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Henry W. Wilde and to Mr. Arthur E. Pegler, Miss Beryl Pegler, and Miss Katie Pegler (on her 21st birthday), daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Pegler, of Bangor.

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MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 8, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt.

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| ROBERT ROFFEY Treble | HERBERT J. ELDERD 5 |
| GEORGE R. PYE 2 | NORMAN A. TOMLINSON 6 |
| WILLIAM PYE 3 | WILLIAM PICKWORTH 7 |
| CHARLES T. COLES 4 | ALFRED G. CRANE Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung with the clappers half-muffled as a last measure of respect to the late Frank Alexander Milne, M.A., J.P., president of the Association. R.I.P.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

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| STEPHEN PARRY Treble | SIDNEY W. DUNN 5 |
| HAROLD HAMAR 2 | GEORGE STAFF 6 |
| JOHN FITTON 3 | ALBERT BUCKLEY 7 |
| WALTER STAFF 4 | JOHN H. C. MASSEY Tenor |

Composed by W. SHIPWAY.

Conducted by G. STAFF.

All are service ringers at the above church. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Edward J. Penistan and Mrs. Penistan, the former having just been appointed to the Vicarage of Milnrow.

REDDISH, LANCASHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELIZABETH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. ... Treble | * WILLIAM JACKSON 5 |
| WILLIAM FERNLEY 2 | WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 6 |
| * ERNEST BENNETT 3 | PETER LAFLIN 7 |
| * HAROLD JACKSON 4 | ALLEN F. BAILEY Tenor |

Conducted by ALLEN F. BAILEY.

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

HOGHTON.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, February 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

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| * CECIL WALMSLEY Treble | GEORGE HOOPER 5 |
| MISS MAY CLAYTON 2 | JOHN BROWN 6 |
| THOMAS CALDERBANK 3 | JAMES HARRISON 7 |
| EDWIN JENNINGS 4 | WILLIAM SHARPLES Tenor |

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

* First peal of Major. E. Jennings is from Kendal, W. Sharples from Brindle, the rest belong to the local company. Rung as a 60th birthday compliment to Mr. J. Harrison, also on the 34th anniversary of his marriage. The ringers were kindly entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. Harrison after the peal, together with a party of relatives and friends numbering about 100.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

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| GEORGE PHILLIPS Treble | JACK M. CRIPPS 5 |
| * ERNEST G. HIGGIN 2 | FRANK BENNETT 6 |
| MRS. F. I. HAIRS 3 | HENRY STALHAM 7 |
| FREDERICK N. SMEATON ... 4 | FRANK I. HAIRS Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method. Having met one short through illness, the band are indebted to Mr. Phillips, who stood in at the last minute, and it was his first attempt to ring treble to Double Norwich.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

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| * THOMAS SPARROW Treble | SHELFORD SPARROW 5 |
| JAMES BETTS 2 | * GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL 6 |
| GEORGE PRYKE 3 | LESLIE G. BRETT 7 |
| * HARRY D. LISTER 4 | WILLIAM C. RUMSEY Tenor |

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS.

Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY

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

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| * SAM LONGBOTTOM Treble | WILLIE PROCTOR 5 |
| JOHN WINDLE 2 | ARTHUR BAIRSTOW 6 |
| CLIFFORD ELLISON 3 | VERNEY BAIRSTOW 7 |
| EDGAR WHITELEY 4 | WILLIAM AMBLER Tenor |

Composed by E. C. GEBBY.

Conducted by WM. AMBLER.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First Spliced peal by all the band.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

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| RONALD H. DOVE Treble | HAROLD N. PITSTOW 5 |
| * MISS JESSIE M. MELVILLE ... 2 | WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 6 |
| ALAN R. PINK 3 | FRANK E. DARBY 7 |
| JOHN SPARROW 4 | CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN

* First peal in the method. Arranged as a coming-of-age compliment to Miss J. M. Melville.

BREWOD, STAFFORD.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, February 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CHAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

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| ARTHUR BAKER Treble | HERBERT KNIGHT 5 |
| CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 2 | EDWARD F. MITCHELL 6 |
| WILLIAM BAYLISS 3 | JOHN PERRY 7 |
| ROBERT PICKERING 4 | THOMAS PERRY Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN PERRY.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Frank Bill (a former member of the band) and Miss Muriel Evans immediately after the ceremony had taken place. This was the 150th peal that the ringers of the 4th and 5th had rung together.

BRADING, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 8, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

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| * ARTHUR F. JACKSON Treble | WILLIAM UPTON 5 |
| * HARRY DOWDEN 2 | BERTRAM J. SNOW 6 |
| A. RICHARD WARD 3 | HARRY BARTON 7 |
| ARTHUR BRADING 4 | ARTHUR WHITE Tenor |

Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung in honour of the marriage of Lieut. Grey A. Neville, R.N., and Miss Margaret E. C. Stokes, eldest daughter of the Rev. H. C. Stokes, M.A., who is a life member of the Guild and ex-president of the Island District.

WYE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
AND ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

On Saturday, February 8, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. GREGORY AND MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PISTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

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| FREDERICK G. BRETT Treble | FREDERICK R. WELLER 5 |
| WALTER FRIGHT 2 | CHARLES W. FRANKLIN 6 |
| ARCHIBALD C. KAY 3 | HARRY PARKES 7 |
| WILLIAM BIDNELL 4 | CHARLES J. HEAD Tenor |

Conducted by HARRY PARKES.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

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| HENRY TOOKE Treble | WALTER FARROW 5 |
| WILLIAM CLOVER 2 | GEORGE PEGNALL 6 |
| GEORGE MAYERS 3 | FRANK DAVEY 7 |
| GEORGE BAILEY 4 | CHARLES LOVETT Tenor |

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by C. LOVETT.

First peal as conductor.

LYMINGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND EADBURGA,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

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| ALBERT TANTON Treble | JESSE REEVES 5 |
| *ALIC WEBB 2 | JOHN SKEER 6 |
| FRANK SLINGSBY 3 | LOUIS HEAD 7 |
| GORDON WEBB 4 | †ROBERT WEBB Tenor |

Conducted by GORDON WEBB.

* First peal with a bob bell. † First peal. First peal as conductor.

HUGHENDEN, RUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 8, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

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| JOHN EVANS Treble | THOMAS J. FOWLER 5 |
| FRED BIGGS 2 | RALPH H. BIGGS 6 |
| ROLAND BIGGS 3 | GEORGE GILBERT 7 |
| WILLIAM E. TAYLOR 4 | ARTHUR G. JAMES Tenor |

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

Wedding anniversary compliment for Mr. F. Biggs, and a birthday peal for Mr. R. H. Biggs. First peal of Stedman as conductor.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 8, 1929, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

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| *WILLIAM BROWN Treble | *WILLIAM RANFORD 5 |
| CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 2 | ROBERT MATTHEWS 6 |
| JOHN BASS 3 | HECTOR G. BIRD 7 |
| SYDNEY T. HOLT 4 | CHARLES CAMM Tenor |

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal in the method.

WEST HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ILKESTON VARIATION.

Tenor 9 cwt.

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| JAMES F. GEORGE Treble | WILLIAM THORNLEY 5 |
| HENRY HARRISON 2 | CECIL J. BAKER 6 |
| *HENRY FLETCHER 3 | *JOHN W. KIRTON 7 |
| †FREDERICK BROWN 4 | EDWARD C. GOBEY Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

* First peal of Spliced. † First peal of Treble Bob Major. First of Treble Bob on the bells.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, February 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, BLAKENHALL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

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| *HAROLD L. FLAVELL Treble | ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 5 |
| THOMAS E. TAYLOR 2 | WILLIAM H. LAWLEY 6 |
| HERBERT T. PIPER 3 | ALFRED FALLON 7 |
| FRANCIS BROTHERTON 4 | HARRY BOSWELL Tenor |

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

* First peal and first attempt on eight bells. Rung in honour of the 24th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. Boswell, parents of the tenor ringer. The band were hospitably entertained after the peal.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(WIGAN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 8, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

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| JAMES MARSH Treble | JAMES TAYLOR 5 |
| *JOHN ROTHWELL 2 | *THOMAS ROTHWELL 6 |
| JOHN LANHAM 3 | EDMUND ROTHWELL 7 |
| ROBERT LARKEY 4 | WILLIAM GIBBONS Tenor |

Conducted by JAMES MARSH.

* First peal. First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to the ringers of 3rd, 5th and 7th. All are Sunday service ringers at this church.

NORTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 9, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt. in F sharp.

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| ALPHEDUS J. BERRY Treble | CHARLES F. GOODMAN 5 |
| RAY GRANT 2 | GEORGE LAND 6 |
| NOLAN GOLDEN 3 | ERIC G. BENNETT 7 |
| GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL 4 | ALBERT G. HARRISON Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in the method on the bells. The composition is a forty-three course, irregular four-part peal, with the 4-5-6 only in 6th's, and now rung for the first time.

PUTNEY, S.W.—On Wednesday, February 5th, for divine service during the Festival of the Purification of St. Mary-the-Virgin, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 49 mins.: A. E. Williams 1, T. Bolton 2, W. Ellingham 3, W. H. Ball 4, Robt. Bullen 5, W. Malins 6, W. T. Elsen 7, J. Herbert (conductor) 8.

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SHIPHAM, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents called differently. Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.).

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| F. HAWKINS Treble | E. SHALLISH 4 |
| E. AVERY 2 | G. GILLING 5 |
| E. NORTON 3 | R. DARE Tenor |

Conducted by G. GILLING.

First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells. After the peal the ringers were kindly entertained to supper by Mr. and Mrs. George Branch.

FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven different extents, viz., two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

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| THOMAS SPARROW Treble | PERCY L. JOHNSON 4 |
| SHELFORD SPARROW 2 | HARRY D. LISTER 5 |
| KEITH WHITTLE 3 | GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor |

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

Rung on the twentieth anniversary of the opening of the bells, which were cast by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, and are a very musical peal. This was only the second peal on the bells.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 4, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 0 qr. 11 lb.

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| WILLIAM E. TAYLOR Treble | LEONARD STILWELL 4 |
| MISS STELLA DAVIS 2 | WILLIAM HENLEY 5 |
| GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 3 | GEORGE GILBERT Tenor |

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

First seven-method peal on the bells. Arranged and rung specially as a birthday compliment to Miss Frances Berry (daughter of the local captain).

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(TONBRIDGE DISTRICT.)

On Thursday, February 6, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of the following 720's: (1) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull and Bourne; (2) Immanuel, Lightfoot, Stamford and Wearmouth; (3) Hexham, Surfleet, Berwick and Beverley; (4) Alledale and Westminster; (5) London and Wells; (6) York and Durham; (7) Norwich.

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| ERNEST E. WOODAGE Treble | ANDREW MARSHALL 4 |
| JAMES BASSETT 2 | JAMES WAGHORN 5 |
| BERRIAM LUCK 3 | ALBERT RELFE Tenor |

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

First peal in twenty-one Surprise methods by all the band, on the bells, and by the association. A birthday peal for B. Luck. All the above ringers belong to the local band.

BURSLEM, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 6, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells, Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, Duke of York, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

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| WILLIAM HAZLEDINE Treble | THOMAS HORD 4 |
| CHARLES S. RYLES 2 | WILLIAM P. DEANE 5 |
| JOHN E. WHEELDON 3 | JAMES WHALLEY Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

This peal was rung in honour of the induction of the Rev. E. Lumb, D.D., as Rector of the Parish by the Bishop of Lichfield. Treble ringers hail from Biddulph, 4th belongs to Burslem and the others to Norton.

ISLIP, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THRAPSTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 8, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Oxford Bob and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| JOHN COLEMAN Treble | GEORGE JEFFES, JUN. 4 |
| HOWARD W. CHENEY 2 | JAMES M. NICKERSON 5 |
| CYRIL WILSON 3 | LESLIE GROOM Tenor |

Conducted by LESLIE GROOM.

First peal in five methods and first peal away from the treble by ringer of 2nd.

GARSINGTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 8, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In five methods, viz.: 2 of Oxford Treble Bob, 2 of Kent, 1 each of Oxford Bob, College Single and Plain Bob.

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| GEORGE HORWOOD Treble | WILLIAM T. COLLETT 4 |
| FRANK BECKITT 2 | FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS ... 5 |
| CHARLES COLES 3 | WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS ... Tenor |

Conducted by W. H. B. WILKINS.

This is believed to be the first peal on the bells, which have recently been rehung on ball bearings by R. White, of Appleton, the 'go' of them being excellent.

HANDBELL PEALS.

STOCKPORT.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 23, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT 23, GREEK STREET.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

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| FREDERICK PAGE 1-2 | ALFRED BARNES 7-8 |
| HAROLD JACKSON 3-4 | WILLIAM JACKSON 9-10 |
| ALLEN F. BAILEY 5-6 | PETER LAFLIN 11-12 |

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALLEN F. BAILEY.

First peal of Stedman Cinques on handbells in the county and by the Guild.

LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(LUDLOW AND CHURCH STRETTON DISTRICT.)

On Sunday, February 2, 1930, in Two Hours,

AT 8, NEW ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

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| JOHN J. PRICE Treble | WILLIAM J. BENIAMS 3-4 |
| HUBERT JONES 2 | ARTHUR C. NASON 5-6 |

Conducted by W. J. BENIAMS. Witness: R. HUGHES.

* First peal on handbells. † First peal 'double handed.'

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Maidstone District was recently held at St. Michael's, Maidstone. Ringing, in the afternoon, was followed by a short service, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. W. D. Bowen), who gave an interesting address. Mr. W. E. Pitman presided at the organ. Tea, kindly provided by Mr. W. J. Day, captain of the local ringers, was afterwards served in the Parish Room, and was much appreciated, nearly 40 members and friends being present.

The usual business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding. Six new members were elected, including the Rev. L. W. Brown (Rector of Ightham), and Hollingbourne tower was brought into union with the association.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Birling. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the service and address, also to Mr. Day for his kind hospitality. Thanks were also extended to Mr. Pitman and the choir boys, who contributed so much to the success of the service. Ringing was again resumed both at St. Michael's and All Saints' Churches.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT FEERING.**

The Northern Division of the Essex Association opened their first meeting of the year with a record gathering at Feering on Saturday, upwards of 70 members representing 24 parishes being present. During the afternoon and evening methods ranging from Bob Minor to Bristol and London Surprise Major were rung on the bells. A service was held at which Rev. Dalton, Prebendary of Feering, gave an inspiring address on the inscription on some of the bells at Feering and their meaning. Mr. C. H. Howard, Master, Essex Association, read the lesson.

The company afterwards adjourned to the Bell Inn for tea. Mr. Howard was in the chair, supported by the Rev. Dalton, the District Master, and the district secretary.

At the business meeting which followed, Mr. Howard proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. Dalton, to the organist and blower for their services. The speaker continued that he was pleased to see such a large number of ringers at Feering, and he expressed the opinion that this was chiefly due to the untiring energy of Mr. W. Keeble, who had done, and was still doing, so much for the association, and he (the speaker) would certainly have cancelled any other engagement to have been at Feering that day. He also remarked on the fact that of the 62 who sat down to tea 53 had given notice of their intention of doing so. This was certainly a record.

The Chairman then remarked that it was Mr. W. Nevard's 74th birthday. He was pleased to see him amongst them, and wished him 'many happy returns of the day.'—This was loudly applauded.

The Rev. Dalton, in replying to the vote of thanks, said it was a very great pleasure to him to welcome the ringers to Feering, as he took a great interest in the bells and was always pleased to hear them rung. He also wished to endorse the chairman's remarks respecting Mr. Keeble, and was pleased to think he resided with them at Feering.

Mr. Nevard also suitably replied, and said he hoped he should be with them for a few more years yet.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Earls Colne on April 26th.

ELMDON, ESSEX.—On Tuesday, February 4th, 720 Oxford Bob Minor in 26 mins.: Robert J. Negus 1, F. Fox 2, S. Bard 3, E. Hayes 4, J. H. Negus (conductor) 5, G. Hoy 6. First 720 in the method by the local band. Rung as a compliment to the new Vicar.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.**A PROSPEROUS YEAR.**

The annual general meeting of the Romney Marsh and District Guild was held at Appledore on Saturday, January 15th. About 50 members attended, and ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m., some good touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Oxford and Double Norwich Major being rung. Service was conducted by the Guild president (Rev. M. N. Vischer), the lesson being read by Dr. Cock.

Tea was served at the Swan Hotel, at which the Rev. M. N. Vischer presided, supported by Dr. Cock, Mr. C. W. Player, the Guild Master (Mr. C. W. Everett), and the hon. secretary (Mr. A. Battin).

The business meeting followed, the president taking the chair.

The report and balance sheet showed that the Guild was in a flourishing condition, both financially and in numbers, there being 112 members on the books, the largest number since the foundation of the Guild.

The Rev. M. N. Vischer was again elected president. The Master (Mr. C. W. Everett) and the hon. secretary (Mr. A. Battin) were also re-elected, and the same committee were elected, with the addition of Mr. Button, Rolvenden and Mr. Bryan, Rye.

Other business included the revision of rules, the consideration of the Guild's proposed new form of divine service, and the proposed fixing of the monthly meetings for the third Saturday in each month, which was finally agreed to.

After the usual votes of thanks, harmony was the order of the evening, among those taking part being the Stone Glee Singers, Messrs. Pattinson, Balcombe, Freeman-Mathews, and W. Clifford, the latter keep the company very highly amused with his humorous songs and ditties. The Tenterden band also rang some courses on the handbells.

At 9.50 the whole party joined hands in 'Auld Lang Syne,' and the National Anthem then brought to a close the most successful annual meeting the Guild has held in its 28 years' existence.

BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. John Smith, a well-known member of the Kidderminster band, was knocked down last week by a motor-car and badly bruised and shaken.

The bells at Windsor Parish Church are to be restored by the Whitechapel Foundry, and it is hoped to have them reopened by Easter.

A Brighton ringer, Mr. Richard Hoather, who is about 60 years of age, has been reported as missing from his home. He disappeared after leaving work on Thursday week.

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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 half-muffled peal at Monken Hadley was the 150th by Mr. W. Pickworth, vice-president of the Middlesex County Association.

To-day is the anniversary of the longest length of Cinques, 13,001 Grandsire rung at Painswick in 1920, and to-morrow an attempt will be made on the same bells to regain the honour of the longest twelve-bell peal, which last August was taken to Ashton-under-Lyne, where the 15,312 Cambridge Surprise Maximus was rung.

The attempt made at Painswick towards the end of last year was not very long lived, only about two hours' ringing taking place in the effort to break the 12-bell record.

Grandsire Cinques has been a favourite method for record making since the early days of peal ringing. A hundred and ninety-nine years ago to-day the College Youths rang a peal of 7,018 at Cornhill, in which Benjamin Annable called the bobs. It was the longest peal on twelve bells up to that time.

On February 17th, 1883, '6,000 changes in 25 different methods upon six bells' was rung at Tong, Yorkshire. George Bolland was the conductor, and 240 changes of each method was rung. 'This peal,' says the record, 'was accomplished to celebrate the 72nd birthday of the veteran ringer, Mr. George Carter, who has been a ringer at Tong Church for more than 50 years. It was listened to by a goodly number of ringers from Birstal, Liversedge, Bradford, Pudsey, Guiseley, etc., who all acknowledged it to be a masterly performance.' George Carter rang the treble.

Oxford University Guild, which has lost one of its early secretaries by the death of Mr. F. A. Milne, was founded on February 20th, 1872.

A long span in the history of nineteenth-century ringing was covered by the life of George Wilson, of Sheffield. Born in 1809, he rang as his first peal 6,120 Treble Bob Royal at Sheffield on February 19th, 1833, while his last was a peal of Treble Bob Maximus at the same church on December 26th, 1876.

A peal of twelve bells was lost to London on February 17th, 1836, when the ring at Christ Church, Spitalfields, was destroyed by fire. They were replaced by a peal of eight.

A quarter of a century ago, last Tuesday, the longest peal by the Surrey Association was rung at Ashted. This was a 10,208 Bob Major, and except for Edgar Collins, of Debenham fame, who was in the peal, all the band are alive, and, except Harry Last, who is in Canada, still actively interested in ringing. The others were A. H. Winch, J. Hoyle, J. Howes (conductor), F. G. Goddard, J. H. B. Hesse and Arthur Dean. The peal was rung at 'the second time of asking,' the first attempt failing after 8,080 changes had been rung.

Last Saturday was the thirty-fourth anniversary of a peal of London Surprise Major rung at Boyne Hill, Maidenhead (the first in the county of Berks), which was conducted by Mr. John Evans. By a coincidence, four members of this band were ringing together in a peal of Stedman Triples at Hughenden, viz., John Evans, Ralph H. Biggs, Fred Biggs, and William E. Taylor.

In the peal of Bob Major rung at Pontypridd, on January 30th, the ringer of the tenor was Ernest Coombes and not Ernest Stitch, as stated.

DEATH OF MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION'S PRESIDENT.

PASSING OF MR. F. A. MILNE, M.A., J.P.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY RINGER OVER 50 YEARS AGO.

It is our mournful task to record the death, which took place at his residence at Barnet, on Wednesday week, of Mr. Frank Alexander Milne, M.A., J.P., president and hon. treasurer of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild. Born on July 5th, 1854, at Hadley, Middlesex, Mr. Milne had given up a great deal of his long life to useful public work, and his death will be as widely mourned as his service will be greatly missed.

Mr. Milne was educated at Winchester College and Keble College, Oxford, and it was while at the University that his active association with ringing began. The Oxford University Society had been in existence but a year or two, and Mr. Milne became a member. He was secretary of the society in 1876, and it was he who induced Canon G. F. Coleridge to join and take up change ringing. Their contemporaries at Oxford in those days were Messrs. C. D. P. Davies, H. A. Cockey, and Willett, all of whom afterwards rendered great services to the Exercise. Mr. Milne, in 1877, took part in the first peal rung by University men, when seven Oxford men and one Cambridge (C. A. W. Troyte) rang a peal of Grandsire Triples at Appleton: 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 (Trinity Hall, Camb.) 7, W. C. H. Burne (Keble) tenor. Mr. Milne also took part in the first 720 of Bob Minor rung by the Oxford University Society.

While at Oxford, Mr. Milne distinguished himself by being the first in the University to take a first-class in Jurisprudence, and later he was called to the bar and practised at Lincoln's Inn. In 1878 he was mainly instrumental in getting the four bells at Hadley Church rehung, one recast and two added, and at a special service on June 17th in that year the dedication took place and the bells were rung for the first time by H. Haley, sen., H. Haley, jun., Matt. Wood, Geo. Musket, W. Greenleaf and F. A. Milne, all members of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

EARLY MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION DAYS.

On leaving the University, Mr. Milne's interest in ringing continued, and he rang constantly at the towers on the Middlesex and Herts border. In 1887, the 'North Middlesex Association' was formed, combining the three towers of Finchley, Hendon and Edgware. Mr. Milne became interested in this society, and in 1889 its scope was widened and it became 'The Middlesex Association,' with the towers of Barnet, Edgware, Finchley, Hadley, Hendon and Tottenham included. Mr. Milne was the first hon. secretary, an office which afterwards was undertaken by the late Mr. A. T. King, and Mr. Milne became treasurer. In the year 1897 came the amalgamation with the South and West Middlesex Guild under the title of 'The Middlesex County Association.' Mr. Milne became hon. treasurer, which post he held until his death. The added title of 'London Diocesan Guild' was taken in 1903.

In 1924 Mr. Milne was elected president, which office he thus occupied for almost six years. His many duties would not allow him much time for peal ringing, but he had rung in about 30 for the Middlesex Association—Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob and Treble Bob Major. Although his peal ringing was limited, he was never happier than when among the members at their meetings, the last occasion on which he thus met them being at Northaw on September 14th, 1929.

A few years ago Mr. Milne gave two new bells to Monken Hadley Parish Church, one in memory of his father and mother, and the other in memory of his son, who was a captain and adjutant of the Hertfordshire Regiment and was killed in action at St. Julien in 1917. This was a great blow to him, and the death of Mrs. Milne in November, 1927, deepened his sorrow.

Mr. Milne had been a member of the Central Council since 1924, and was a member of the Legal Committee, whose report was presented by him at the last meeting at Chelmsford, and which is undoubtedly a most valuable treatise on the law relating to church bells and ringers.

PUBLIC ACTIVITIES.

Few men gave up so much time and energy to voluntary public work as Mr. Milne, who devoted himself with unremitting zeal particularly to education and Church affairs. He held many important appointments on education authorities, he was a member of St. Albans Diocesan Conference, the Diocesan Board of Finance, the Diocesan Education Committee, the Chipping Barnet Parochial Church Council, of which he was vice-chairman for several years; a member of the Barnet Ruri-decanal Conference; a diocesan lay reader, and a sidesman of Chipping Barnet Parish Church.

He was appointed a justice of the peace for Hertfordshire in 1918 and for Middlesex in 1925. He discharged offices in connection with a number of charitable trusts, was secretary of the Folk Lore Society for 40 years, chairman of the district Income Tax Commissioners, a keen member of the Commons and Footpaths Preservation Society, and hon. secretary for Barnet of the Waifs' and Strays' Society. How Mr. Milne was able to carry out all the multifarious (Continued in next column.)

PEALS OF MINOR AND DOUBLES.

SUGGESTED NEW DEFINITIONS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Every definition of peals on five and six bells so far given is open to serious objection. Seven different 720's is not satisfied by a different order of rows, because that statement comes into conflict with the statement that variations of, say, Holt's Ten Part are all the same peal. On the other hand, there are only five possible 720's in any Treble Bob method, and some Treble Bob methods have only one possible composition.

I suggest the following definitions after consideration of the question very carefully, since the last Council meeting:—

'A peal of Minor must consist of 5,000 changes at least, rung in one or more methods, and in order that it may be recognised as true, these changes must be equivalent to six true 720's and one true touch of 680 changes at least.

'Longer peals must be equivalent to seven or more true 720's, with or without one true touch.

'A peal of Doubles must consist of 5,000 changes at least rung in one or more methods, and in order that it may be recognised as true, these changes must be equivalent to forty-one true six-scores and one true touch of 80 changes at least.

'Longer peals must be equivalent to forty-two or more true six-scores with or without one true touch.

These definitions put peals of Minor and Doubles into the same position as peals of Major, Caters, etc.

H. LAW JAMES.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON GUILD'S SUCCESS.

A well-attended meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association's Wednesday Afternoon Guild was held at Houghton-le-Spring on Wednesday, Feb. 5th, when there was one of the best attendances yet made at these mid-week gatherings. The methods practised were Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major and Plain Bob Major. Double Norwich was also tried, and two of the learners rang their first course of Stedman Triples. Ringers were present from North and South Shields, Sunderland, Chester-le-Street and the local band, and a most enjoyable time was spent.

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duties which he undertook, and to do so with such thoroughness and efficiency and attend to his legal practice, was a matter of wonderment to all who knew him. No man ever lived a more active life or was more ready to serve his fellows, and the community is infinitely poorer for his passing.

He had been ill for some time, and gave up many of his duties on account of his failing health in December last, since when he had got slowly weaker. He died from cancer of the liver, but it is comforting to know that the great pain from which he had suffered did not trouble him during the last few days, and he died peacefully.

Mr. Milne leaves one daughter, Mrs. Rowland, whose husband, the Rev. John Rowland, is Vicar of Llanfair, Montgomery, and Rural Dean of Caereinion.

THE FUNERAL.

The funeral took place at Barnet on Saturday, February 8th, the service being held in the Parish Church at noon. The church was almost filled, and among the many clergy officiating were Dr. Fuzze (Bishop of St. Albans), Rev. W. E. Moll (Rector of Barnet), Rev. Ernest Milne (Winchester), a brother of deceased, Canon G. F. Coleridge (president of the Central Council). The family mourners included the daughter (Mrs. John Rowland) and son-in-law, Rev. John Rowland, Mr. Herbert Milne (brother) and other relatives.

Among those also present were Messrs. W. Pickworth (vice-president, Middlesex Association), C. T. Coles (hon. secretary), W. H. Oram (Harrow), H. J. Eldred and R. Roffey (Barnet), G. B. Lucas (Walthamstow), A. G. Crane (Southgate), G. R. Pye (Romford), J. Wicks (Hadley), and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher (Edmonton). The service was conducted by the Rector, the prayers and collects being said by the Bishop. The committal service at the graveside was said by Rev. E. Milne (brother), and afterwards a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung by G. B. Lucas, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, G. R. Pye, and C. T. Coles.

The Bishop of London, who was a great friend of the late Mr. Milne, sent a letter of condolence to the hon. secretary of the Middlesex Association (Mr. C. T. Coles) on the death of the president, stating that the society will miss very much his valuable help and support.

Amongst the large number of floral tributes was one in the shape of a bell bearing the inscription, 'With deepest sympathy from the members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers.'

A half-muffled peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. Mary's, Monken Hadley, in the afternoon, and is recorded in another column. Barnet tower is at present being strengthened, and the bells are out of the frame, so peal could not be rung there.

An attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples was made at Wraybury with the bells half-muffled, but unfortunately came to grief: W. H. Fussell 1, H. Wingrove 2, W. H. Hollier 3, W. Henley 4, W. Bolwell 5, A. Harding 6, W. Welling 7, F. Corke 8.

SEVEN DIFFERENT 720's.*To the Editor.*

Sir,—As you yourself suggest, there are different answers to the question put, according to whether it is looked at from the composer's or the practical ringer's point of view.

Presumably, the original inquiry was made in good faith in the desire to know the extent of the alterations required for the purposes of a peal. On this assumption, the reply you give is naturally the only one possible. In fact, it is so obvious that experienced conductors probably thought it hardly worth while to fill your space with the information. The analogy of Grandsire Doubles is conclusive. Everyone recognises '42 six-scores—10 different callings.' And at the same time nearly everyone is also aware that there are only two different compositions with common Grandsire Singles and Bobs.

Of course, the greater practical variety that can be introduced the better, not only as showing the competency of the conductor, but still more, because the variation makes a larger call on the knowledge of the other ringers. At the same time it is impossible to make set rules for this purpose, just as much as it would be ridiculous to lay it down that any particular band of ringers is not to ring the same composition of Grandsire Triples (say, Holt's 10 part) more than a certain number of times, desirable as this last regulation might be in theory.

Further, even to-day we do not know all there is to be known about variation and reversal, and any rule laid down would be out of date almost before it was drawn up.

I fear that your suggestion of distinction in the report of peals—excellent in theory—would be impracticable in fact. How many conductors have the necessary knowledge to discriminate? For example, call the tenor W, R, W with bobs, single half-way and end; or call S1—S2—S3—S4 repeated five times, plain lead half-way and end. There must be a large proportion of conductors who are unaware that these are variations of one another.—Yours, etc.,

E. S. POWELL.

A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT 720's.

Sir,—I quite agree with you in the definition you give of different 720's, and, like you, have been waiting to see if some of the pundits would give their views on the subject. My views are that if you call the 6th without the 5th (or L.O.I.) or the 6th without the 4th (or O.L.O.) they are different 720's. Treating all the bells in a similar way, you get a fair number of 720's, all of which, in my opinion, are different.—Yours truly,

Killumars.

C. SEVERN.

THE FUNNY MAN POPS UP.

Sir,—You were quite right in assuming you would be wrong in your definition re seven different 720's.

I had seven dinners last week, each consisted of roast beef, roast potatoes and Yorkshire pudding. I know they were different, because I started and finished seven times.

May I also add, seven indifferent 720's can still be claimed as a peal.—Yours,

A FLAT.

A COUNTRY RINGER'S VIEWS.

Dear Sir,—Your leading article in this week's issue, on what should constitute 'seven different extents,' in my humble opinion, expresses the correct view. I have not rung a great number of six-bell peals, but have taken part in over 200 on 8, 10 and 12. However, I am a country ringer, and knock about a lot amongst six-bell towers, and give what help I can on Sundays and practice nights, and this is what I find.

You get an out-of-the-way village several miles off the main road, the ringers have rung Grandsire Doubles for a number of years, and have got into a rut, then some young enthusiast comes to live in the place. Possibly he is not very advanced himself; the most he has ever done is call a 720 Bob Minor (calling tenor Wrong, Right, Wrong).

Well, he succeeds in persuading the ringers to leave the old Doubles 'track' and venture on to Minor, they find considerable difficulty in getting used to the tenor being rung inside, but after a winter's practising they manage to ring a 720, and this is a great event for them. They write the particulars on some cardboard and hang it on the wall, as it is their first extent of Minor and the first ever rung on the bells.

Then comes the question, 'What about attempting a peal?' Well, if our young enthusiast has got to call seven entirely differently constructed extents and correct all trips, it is very doubtful if they will ever ring their local peal. If, however, he can transpose or vary the calling of two or three of the simpler extents, they will stand a fair chance of success. Take, for instance, what we may term the 'hardy annual' (call tenor W.R.W.); he can get several variations of this simply by calling the Single in a different place—it is all right so long as he doesn't shift the 5th and bring 5-6 up the wrong way—and then the other one, call tenor Twice In, and 4th's. He

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CHINGFORD'S NEW BELLS.

At the Chingford Parish Church on Thursday, February 6th, the Bishop of Barking, before a large congregation, dedicated the peal of six new bells. They replace the three old bells, which after being tuned have been returned to the tower of the Old Church on the Mount, from where they were brought in 1844, when the church was abandoned. The new bells are equal in weight to those they replace. The whole cost of their casting and hanging, and the removal, tuning and re-hanging of the old bells has been borne by Miss L. G. Boothby Heathcote.

The new bells have a tenor of 5swt. 13lb., but they are only hung for chiming. Of the three bells that have been removed to their old home, the 2nd was cast in 1826, the 3rd in 1857, and the treble in 1835.

METROPOLITAN POLICE GUILD.**INCREASING MEMBERSHIP.**

The annual meeting of the Metropolitan Police Guild was held on January 29th, at the Church of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark.

The business meeting took place in the vestry, and seventeen members attended. The Rector (Rev. Edward Neeps) was also present.

The officers were all re-elected for the ensuing year, and a committee formed.

Inspector Bottrill (Master) thanked the Rector for the facilities he had given the Guild, for practice and peal attempts during the past year.

The Rector thanked the Guild for their Sunday service ringing, and expressed his pleasure at having the Guild attached to his church. He congratulated the Guild on its membership, and said what a good thing it was for ringers who came from all parts of the country to join the London Police Force, to be able to unite and practise their art. He wished the Guild success.

After the business meeting, all adjourned to the tower, where Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, Stedman Triples, and Kent Treble Bob Major were practised.

Several new members have joined during the past year, bring the Guild's membership up to a total of 23.

Will all ringers who join the Metropolitan Police please communicate with Inspector Bottrill, Kentish Town Police Station, London, N., or P.C. F. Digby, 4, Crawford Buildings, Homer Street, London, W.1.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**LEWISHAM DISTRICT.**

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District of the Kent Association was held at Chislehurst on Saturday, January 25th. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and continued throughout the afternoon and evening, touches in several methods, simple and complicated, being successfully brought round. Service was held at 5 p.m., the Rector (Rev. Canon J. E. Dawson) officiating and giving a very interesting address.

After the service, the members adjourned to the Village Hall for tea. A varied and substantial repast was supplied by the generosity of the Rector and churchwardens. The Rector welcomed the association to Chislehurst.

The business meeting followed, Mr. W. A. Jeffries presiding. Six nominees were duly elected members of the association.

Mr. E. Barnett, jun., read a report of the proceedings at the association's committee meeting at Canterbury in November. This report was adopted, the Chairman congratulating Mr. Barnett for a very clear, concise report.

Then followed a discussion on the arrangements for the jubilee of the association. It was announced that this meeting would be held at Canterbury on Easter Monday next. Mr. W. A. Jeffries was selected to represent the district on the sub-committee to be appointed to make arrangements for this event.

Dartford was chosen as the place of the next meeting.

Mr. T. Groombridge moved a vote of condolence with the relatives of the late Mr. T. Emsden, for many years a ringer at Chislehurst. The vote was signified by the members standing in silent remembrance. The secretary was instructed to convey the meeting's sympathy to the relatives.

Mr. F. Richardson moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, for conducting the service and for giving his address, to the organist for her services, to the Rector and churchwardens for their generous hospitality, and to Mr. E. Edwards (Rector's warden) for his presence at the meeting. This was carried with applause. Mr. Edwards briefly responded, this bringing a very well attended and successful meeting to a close.

Then followed some touches on handbells, after which the members returned to the tower for further ringing.

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can get enough variations out of those two (both on page 69 of 'Ropesight') to make seven different extents, and, in my humble opinion, they must be different if the changes come up in a different order.—Yours truly,

E. V. RODENHURST.

Kenstone, Salop.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEATHERHEAD DISTRICT HANDICAPPED BY CLOSED TOWERS.

The Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild is an area in which the activities of the Guild and those of the Surrey Association overlap, and the friendly spirit existing between the two organisations was again manifested on Saturday week, when the annual meeting of the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Guild was held. Most of the members present were members of the two societies, and the happiest relations prevailed. Members of the Guildford Guild were present from Leatherhead, Newdigate, Dorking, Banstead, St. Martin's, Epsom, Ewell, Cobham, Guildford (S. Nicolas') and Woking, and there were visitors from Croydon, Brockley, Beddington and Hillingdon, among those present being Admiral T. P. Walker (hon. treasurer of the Guildford Guild), Mr. C. F. Johnston, Mr. C. H. Kippen (hon. secretary of the Surrey Association), Mr. D. Cooper (Surrey Association district secretary), and the veteran, Mr. D. Wright, of Croydon. Leatherhead's ten bells are always an attraction, and much ringing was done on them during the afternoon and evening from rounds to London Surprise Major and Cambridge Surprise Royal.

The service was conducted by the Rev. H. V. James (curate), in the absence of the Rector (Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge), who was fulfilling an engagement at his old parish of Erith, by marrying one of the ringers there. The Rector, however, returned in time to preside at the business meeting which followed tea at the Institute, when about 40 were present.

The hon. secretary (Mr. Alan R. Pink) presented the balance sheet, which showed receipts, including 2s. 6d. brought forward, of £12 8s. 9d., and expenditure, including £3 7s. 6d. remitted to the Guild treasurer, of exactly £12, leaving 8s. 9d. carried forward. The Secretary referred to the losses of about a guinea on teas, and said these could be avoided if the meetings were better supported. The balance sheet was adopted.

In his report, the Hon. Secretary said they looked back on the past year with mixed feelings. In some ways they had progressed, but in others they had not made much headway, due, in most cases, to circumstances beyond their control. There was nothing the matter with their advance in the study of the higher methods of change ringing, but they had not been able to make much headway in the six-bell towers. In addition, Capel bells had now become unringable, Christ Church, Epsom, were now silent for want of attention, and Dorking were also not being rung owing to the tower being out of repair. Although fate had dealt them a blow in cutting down the number of their towers from 12 to 9, they felt they had done their best under the circumstances. The average attendance at meetings had been 22, and the committee appealed to the members for better support in this direction in the future. The membership remained about the same, 64 ringing and two honorary, with seven life honorary members. The closing of the bells at Capel had caused the members there to drop from 12 to 2, but increases in other towers had made up the balance. The hon. secretary appealed to the members to obtain the support of more hon. members. The number of peals rung was eleven—one less than last year, but they represented better performances.

Mr. A. Harman, District Ringing Master, presented a report, emphasising the need for better support for the meetings, and Mr. A. H. Winch reported on the combined practices, 35 of which had been held. He put forward a new scheme, in view of the closing of three towers, by which six of the remaining towers were divided into two groups, while of the others Leatherhead and Ashted, which did not need combined practices, would be open every practice night to welcome any visitors who chose to come.—The scheme was adopted.

Messrs. T. Norman (Banstead), G. Lee (Cobham) and G. Fletcher (St. Martin's, Epsom) were elected members and Mr. A. Harman as Ringing Master, and Mr. A. Pink as hon. secretary, being the only nominations, were declared re-elected to their respective offices. The representatives on the Executive Committee (Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge and Messrs. G. Marciner and A. H. Winch) were also re-elected.

Nominations for general officers of the Guild resulted in the same names being again put forward, while the following were nominated for the three places on the Central Council: Messrs. A. Deau, A. Harman, A. H. Pulling and R. Whittington.

The following places were selected for meetings during the coming year: St. Martin's, Epsom, Cobham, Ockley and Leatherhead (annual), with, it is hoped, a joint meeting with the Surrey Association at Ramore and another with the Sussex Association at Warnham.

The General Secretary (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith) asked for expressions of opinion on the verge of the summer festival, and the meeting voted in favour of the Thames-side.

On the question of whether the Guild should organise a dinner next winter, a number of members indicated their willingness to support such a proposal.

Cordial thanks to the officers of the district, Mr. A. H. Winch and to the Rector and the curate, concluded the business, and the ringers then returned to the belfry.

THE COUNCIL AND CONTROVERSIAL QUESTIONS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—May I trespass on your space to offer a few words of comment on two matters arising out of your last issue?

The first is Mr. Whitford's letter. I entirely agree with his contention that change ringing on six or eight bells is far better calculated to appeal to the general public than on ten or twelve. Broadcasts in the higher numbers should, to my mind, be confined to exceptional occasions, such as ringing in the new year, or the broadcast of some special ceremony from a Cathedral or Parish Church. Whenever change ringing is specially to introduce a broadcast service or to illustrate the use of bells according to English methods, the sound of six or eight bells is much more likely to ensure the appreciation of the uninitiated.

The other matter is your leading article. It seems to me that there is sometimes a tendency to show undue impatience with regard to controversial questions submitted to the Central Council. It is all right for the Council 'to show a mind of its own,' when the premises are such as to warrant a definite conclusion, but the subjects under discussion are often in an entirely experimental stage, and it would be premature to attempt any conclusive pronouncement on them, before further light has been thrown on them by research and experience. Change ringing is a progressive science, and it is hoped that it will continue to be so for many generations to come. Just for that reason we must expect at any given time to have open questions awaiting solution, when our knowledge is sufficiently complete. If on a recent occasion the Council had attempted to lay down the law as to the correct extension of Superlative, it would, to my mind, have been much like a board of astronomers in the sixteenth century making a 'final' pronouncement on the number and motion of Jupiter's satellites, while Galileo was still experimenting with his new telescope. In many cases years of discussion and experiment may be required before any satisfactory conclusion can be reached.—Yours faithfully,

F. L. EDWARDS.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

NORTH-EASTERN DISTRICT.

The annual district meeting of the North-Eastern District was held at Colchester on Saturday, Jan. 25th. A service was held in St. Peter's Church. The Lord Bishop of Colchester said the Ringers' Office, the lesson was read by the Master (Mr. C. H. Howard), and the address was given by the Vicar (Rev. C. E. Cardo).

Tea, followed by the meeting, was held in the Parish Room. The Master presided, supported by the Vicar, the Rev. R. B. Vaizey (Vicar of Wormingford), Mr. W. J. Nevard (District Master), Mr. R. W. Stannard (district secretary), Messrs. A. Saunders and F. Ridgewell (Master and secretary respectively of the Northern Division), Messrs. D. Elliot, E. P. Duffield and about sixty other members.

The retiring Master and secretary were thanked for their past services and re-elected.

Votes of condolence were passed with Messrs. Smith, of Langham, and H. Evers, of Colchester, who have recently been bereaved of their wives.—One new ringing member was elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Great Tey, at which members of both Northern and North-Eastern Divisions will be asked to attend.

An invitation from the Vicar of Wormingford to hold a meeting in June in his parish was accepted.

The District Master gave a very interesting account of his peals (21) and ringing during the past year.

Votes of thanks were accorded, upon the proposition of the Master, to the Bishop of Colchester for his attendance, the Vicar for the use of the bells, his excellent address, and the use of the room, to the organist, blower and vergers, and to Mr. F. L. Bumstead, the steeplekeeper, for his assistance in having everything in readiness. Ringing in the following methods took place: Bob Major, Grand sire, Double Norwich, Superlative and other standard methods.

The collection in church for the Association Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £1 0s. 5d.

SURPRISE RINGING AT BATH.

At Twerton-on-Avon, Bath, on Monday, January 13th, at St. Michael's Church, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1,568 changes) was rung in 58 mins.: W. H. Crocker 1. T. F. King 2. Miss N. G. Williams 3. R. J. Cousins 4. T. Grant 5. H. W. Brown 6. W. J. Prescott 7. G. H. Harding (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all the band, and the first ever rung in Bath by a local band. Also, on a previous date, and by the same band, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

London Surprise Major is now being persevered with.

THE TOM BEADLE APPEAL FUND.

Previously acknowledged, £17 7s. 6d.: Mr. R. K. Knight, Leventonstone, 10s.; Mr. J. J. Parker, Farnham Royal, 5s.; A Friend, 2s. 6d.; total £18 15s. The fund being still open, donations will be thankfully received on behalf of Mr. Beadle by Wm. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, Chiswick, W.4.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**BEDFORD DISTRICT MEETING AT CARDINGTON.**

A most successful and enjoyable meeting of the Bedford District was held at St. Mary's Church, Cardington, on Saturday, February 1st, and was attended by about 40 members and welcome visitors. The church, a well-built structure, was rebuilt, with the exception of the chancel, during the period 1898-1902, and is in the Perpendicular style. It consists of a chancel, nave of four bays with clerestory, aisles, south porch, and a fine western tower containing an excellent peal of eight bells (tenor 21 cwt) by Taylor and Co., which won the admiration of all on Saturday week, both in regard to tone and 'go,' the latter being like the proverbial 'tops.'

The bells were raised at 3 p.m., and kept going constantly until tea time. Mr. E. Freeman was in charge of the ringing, and looked after everybody's wants in a capable manner. Tea was served at the King's Arms, and as such a large meeting had not been anticipated, it kept the waiters going at full pressure, but they eventually overcame this.

At the business meeting, Miss E. Steel was in the chair, and Wootton (6) was chosen for the next meeting on March 1st if the bells are available, with Kempston as an alternative tower.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the local ringers for making arrangements, was also passed.

Ringing was afterwards indulged in until 8.15 p.m., with varying degrees of success, and ranging from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major.

Members were present from Bedford (St. Paul's and St. Peter's), Bromham, Clapham, Kempston, Riseley, Keysoe, Harrold, Turvey, Stagsden, Roxton, Biggleswade, Southill, Clifton, with visitors from Offley, Hitchin, Northampton, Wellingborough, Irthlingborough and Raunds, and the local tower.

When these monthly meetings are as well attended and successful as this meeting was, it amply repays the work of arranging them, and it is to be hoped the future meetings throughout the year will be as well attended.

KILLED BY 'THE WALL OF DEATH.'**THE FATAL ACCIDENT TO MR. H. COCKINGS, OF STAGSDEN.**

It is with profound regret that we have had to record the death of Mr. Bert Cockings, of Stagsden, Beds, which was briefly mentioned last week.

While cycling home on Wednesday evening, January 22nd, from Harrold to Stagsden, Mr. Cockings was passing through Turvey, when a lorry with a trailer attached overtook him. The lorry passed him all right, but, unfortunately, the trailer swerved, knocking him off his bicycle underneath the trailer, the rear wheels of which passed over him, causing serious internal injuries, from which he passed away.

The lorry and trailer contained the 'Wall of Death,' on which trick motor-cycling has been done in Bedford. At the inquest before the borough coroner (Mr. R. C. Rose), a verdict of 'Accidental Death' was returned.

Mr. Cockings was a man of a quiet and genial disposition, with a cheery smile and kindly word for everyone. He was an old member of the Bedfordshire Association, and formerly belonged to the Harrold company. Since residing at Stagsden, he has been the mainstay of the young band there, and was a great help when change ringing was taken up in this tower. He is already keenly missed by his fellow-ringers. Only on the Sunday before his death he was ringing for both services, and little did his fellow-ringers realise that was the last 'touch' they would ring with him (a 360 of Grandsire Doubles) to which he rang the tenor. He had rung several peals, and was a good striker. He was keenly looking forward to the proposed restoration of the bells.

The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon, January 28th, and was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. E. Nickisson) in the presence of a large company of sympathising parishioners.

A wreath in the shape of a bell was sent from his fellow-ringers, and there was also a wreath from the Bedford District of the Bedfordshire Association. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved wife and daughter in the sudden and tragic loss.

As a token of respect the ringers rang some short 'touches' of Doubles in the evening after the funeral, assisted by the Bromham ringers, the bells being half-muffled.

APPEAL FOR A LANCASHIRE RINGER.

Previously acknowledged, £8 12s. 6d.: R. K. Knight, Leytonstone, 10s.; ringers of Church Kirk, 12s.; Wessex, 2s. 6d.; Anon., Ware, 2s. 6d.; G. R. Pye, Chadwell Heath, 2s. 6d.; W. P., 2s. 6d.; Hoghton ringer, 2s. Any further donations to this fund for assisting Mr. Harry Tomlinson will be gratefully received by Mr. F. Hindle, hon. secretary, Blackburn Branch, 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

LYMINGE, KENT.—At the Parish Church, on February 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (first quarter of Holt's Original) in 46 mins.: G. Sheppard 1, A. Webb 2, F. Slingsby 3, G. Webb (conductor) 4, A. Tanton 5, W. Nye 6, J. Skeer 7, R. Webb 8.

NOTICES.

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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 should be paid immediately. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 27th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 18th; Southwark Cathedral on the 20th (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 THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—A combined meeting of the above will be held at Headcorn on Saturday, Feb. 15th, by kind permission of the Rev. W. Gerty. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea and business meetings; all ringers being cordially welcome.—A. C. Kay, Sec., K.C.A.; A. J. Battin, R.M. & D.G., 6, Sturges Rd., Ashford

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting, on Saturday, February 15th. Bells ready 6 o'clock. No business. As this is the first meeting under the new arrangement, will members turn up in large numbers?—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—A meeting will be held at Elton on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s. per head. Those who wish to have tea kindly let me know as soon as possible.—Rev. L. S. Clark, Polebrooke Rectory, Peterborough.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—The annual meeting will be held at Newport on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at Urry's Restaurant, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcomed.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

W. D. CROFTS MEMORIAL DINNER.—The 8th annual dinner will be held at the Welbeck Hotel, Milton Street, Nottingham, on Saturday, February 15th, at 6 p.m. Tickets, 5s. each, to be obtained from the Master, Mr. A. Coppock, Hon. Treas., Miss I. B. Thompson, and the Hon. Sec. All visitors heartily welcomed.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Arnesby on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (5) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Shoulder of Mutton Inn at 5.15 p.m.—Alban Disney, Local Sec., 3, Highgate, Aylestone Lane, Leicester.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The annual meeting of this division will be held at Shipley on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells available afternoon. Tea at the Parish Room at 5 o'clock.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at Hitchin, on Saturday, February 15th. The bells (8) will be available at 3 p.m. Tea at The Grange at 5 p.m. Tower Secretaries please note that this is the last quarterly meeting of the year, and I should like all subscriptions as soon as possible. Please come, and make the meeting a success.—Donald C. Mears, Offley, Hitchin, Herts.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's R.C. Church, Brownedge, on Saturday, February 15th, and not the 8th, as previously arranged. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION & SUFFOLK GUILD.—A joint meeting will be held at Newmarket on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (6 and 8) available 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec., E.A.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Bulkington, near Nuneaton, on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock in School-room, 1s. each. Midland 'Red' buses from Nuneaton (Bond Gate) 2.20 and every 30 minutes; from Coventry (Greyfriars Green) 2.15 and every 30 minutes.—D. E. Lewis, Hon. Gen. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A special meeting of the above will be held at Sutton-in-Ashfield on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. A peal board will be dedicated at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Parish Room at 5 o'clock. All ringers cordially invited.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Hadleigh on Feb. 15th. Bells (8) available from 2. Tea (9d.) 4.30. Meeting follows.—Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Bourton (6 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 (6d. for members). Meeting to follow. Towers available: Mere (8), Bourton (6), Zeals (6), Buckhorn Weston (6), Kington Magna (5).—A. E. Nedham, Hon. Sec., Compton Abbas Rectory, Shaftesbury.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Chesterfield District will be held at Eckington on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. P. Jervis, 26, Stead Street, Eckington?—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch, Sleaford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Sleaford, on Saturday, February 15th. Bells available 2.30 p.m.—Reginald Scott, Westlea House, Sleaford.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Coddington on Saturday, Feb. 15th, by special request of the Rector. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, tea afterwards.—R. Thomas, Hon. Sec.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Worcester, to-morrow (Saturday), Feb. 15th. Service at 4 p.m. prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available.—J. Rowlatt, Branch Sec., Old Street, Upton-on-Severn.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The annual meeting will be held at Isleworth on Saturday, February 15th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.40. Members entertained to tea by the Vicar and wardens.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next meeting will be held at Hathersage on Saturday next, Feb. 15th. Church of St. Michael (6 bells, tenor about 15 cwt.). Tea, free, at 5 p.m. in the Schools. Ringers from other districts cordially invited.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leanwood, Dore.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Old Woking, on Saturday, February 22nd. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, February 18th?—Hilda F. Mills, Cairneyhill, Bridgefield, Farnham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Canterbury, on Saturday, February 22nd. Cathedral and St. Alphege bells, etc., available. Service will be held at St. Alphege's Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Foresters' Hall at 5 p.m., followed by a business meeting. Subscriptions are now due and may be paid at this meeting. It is necessary that those members intending to be present should notify me on or before Wednesday, February 19th.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—The Langford Memorial Meeting will be held at Bradpole on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Tower available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Other local towers if needed.—T. H. Beams, Bradpole, Bridport.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—A meeting and social will be held on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. All Souls' bells will be available from 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Social in the Bolton Borough Police Athletic Club, Old Hall Street, from 7 p.m. Names please not later than Feb. 19th to Peter Crook, 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Adwick-le-Street on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells ready early. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All requiring tea please write B. Burkitt, Thorpe-in-Balne, Askern. A good company is requested. Subscriptions are now due.—Percy Gledstone, Hon. Sec., 34, Silverwood View, Conisborough.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Hereford on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. City bells available 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea, Booth Hall, 5.45 p.m. Please notify me not later than Feb. 18th.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Barwell on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea provided in the Institute at 4.30 for those who send their names to Mr. C. H. Belton, High Street, Barwell, near Leicester, by the 20th. A good meeting is requested, all ringers being welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch. — A meeting will be held at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand. — William Horan, 2, Greenbirst Hey, Todmorden.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — The next practice has been arranged at Iwer (8 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 22nd, at 3.30 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head, to those who notify me by the 19th inst. — A. D. Barker, Branch Sec., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-Western Division. — A meeting will be held at Harlow on Saturday, Feb. 22nd, at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea, 1s. per head, at 5.30. Business meeting follows. Those requiring tea kindly advise me. — C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Bristol Branch. — The monthly meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, Feb. 22nd, at Stoke Bishop and Westbury-on-Trym. Ringing from 3 p.m. till 4.30 at Stoke Bishop. Tea at Westbury 5.15, followed by further ringing. Kindly notify numbers for tea, please, by the 17th. — H. Bennett, Hon. Sec., Highfield, Runswick Road, Brislington.

SUFFOLK GUILD AND ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — A joint meeting will be held at Clare on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. — L. Allington, 32, Acton Lane, Sudbury; F. Ridgewell, Queen's Road, Earls Colne, Secs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — V.W.H. Branch. — A meeting will be held at Stanford-in-the-Vale, on Saturday, February 22nd. Service 3.30. Those requiring tea please notify G. Webley, Union Street, Faringdon, by the previous Wednesday.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Thirsk on Saturday, February 22nd. Bells (8, tenor 17 cwt.) will be available for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided at the Primrose Cafe at 5 p.m.: Members 1s., non-members 1s. 6d. Those intending to be at tea please notify the Secretary not later than Wednesday, Feb. 19th. It is hoped there will be a good number of members and friends at this meeting. — T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held at Birstall on Saturday, February 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. — H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Lincoln District. — Next meeting at Brant Broughton (6) on Saturday, March 1st. Tower open 2 p.m. Notifications for tea to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Wylam-on-Tyne on Saturday, March 1st. Particulars next week. — G. S. Taylor, Secretary.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Western Division. — A meeting will be held at Loughton on Saturday, March 1st. Bells (8, recently rehung) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will those requiring tea advise me at latest by Feb. 25th? Subscriptions for 1930 are now due. — E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM. (Established 1755.) — The 42nd annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 1st, at 6 o'clock, when the chair will be taken by Canon 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.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch. — The annual meeting of the above will be held at Spalding on Saturday, March 1st. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. Tea, at White Hart Hotel at 4.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by Feb. 25th? — George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District. — The next meeting will be held at Birling on Saturday, March 1st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45, followed by tea and business meeting. Please notify me not later than Tuesday, Feb. 25th. — C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

LEICESTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES. — An annual dinner and concert will be held at the King Richard III. Hotel, Highcross Street, Leicester, on Saturday, March 1st, at 6.30 p.m. It is most essential that those intending to be present should inform me not later than Saturday, Feb. 22nd. (Charge 3s. 6d. per head.) The following towers will be open for ringing from 3.30 p.m. till 6 p.m.: St. Margaret's (12), the Cathedral (10), St. John-the-Divine (10), All Saints' (5). All ringers heartily welcome. — Alban Disney, Hon. Sec., 3, Highgate, Aylestone Lane, Leicester.

WATFORD. — March 1st. Ringing from 3.30. Tea, in Old School, 5.30. Business meeting after. Bells open till 7.30. Cheap tickets to Watford from all stations. — C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey, Tel. City 4270.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch will be held on Saturday, March 1st, at 6 p.m., at the Park End Hotel, Parkend Road. Tickets 3s. St. Mary-de-Lode bells from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.; St. Michael's from 4 p.m. to 4.45 p.m.; St. Mary-de-Crypt 4 to 4.45. Will those requiring tickets kindly let me know not later than the 22nd inst? Ladies invited. — W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 15, Painswick Road, Gloucester.

APPLETON, BERKS. — The anniversary of these bells will be held on Saturday, March 1st. Tower open all day. Dinner at 4.30 p.m. Please notify R. White, Appleton, Berks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Bispham Parish Church on Saturday, March 1st. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30. Subscriptions due. — C. Sharples, Branch Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — The annual general meeting will be held at Beddington on March 22nd. Notices of any proposed alterations or additions to the rules must be sent to the undersigned not later than February 22nd. — Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Will those who are desirous of contributing to the 'Henry W. Jackson Memorial Fund' please forward their contributions as early as possible. The fund is now closing.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton, Lancs.

THERE will not be any ringing at St. Hilda's Parish Church, Middlesbrough, until Easter next. Bells are under repair.—T. Metcalfe.

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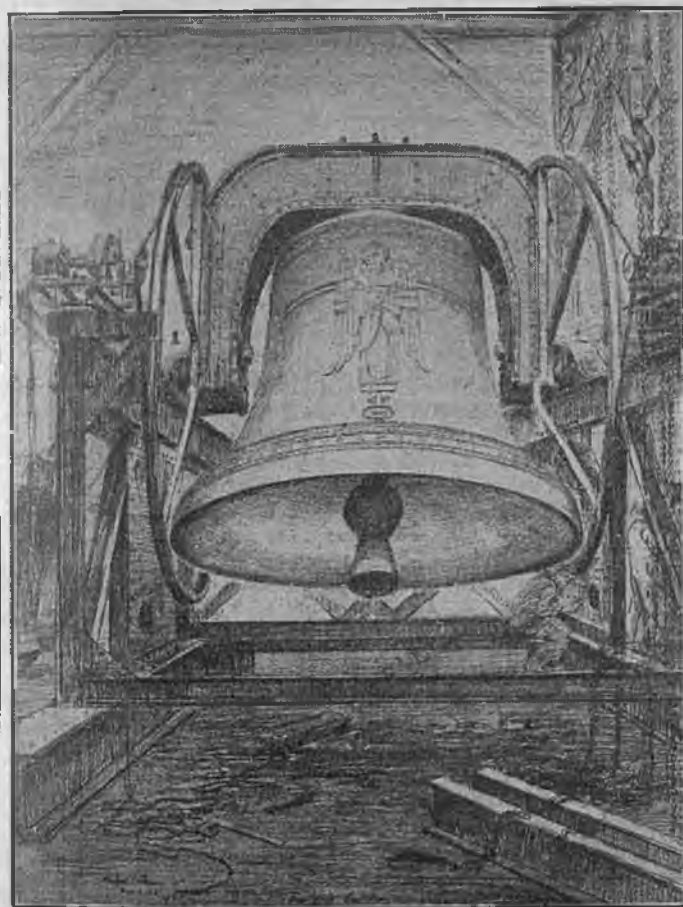
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| LESLIE J. CLARK 3 | GEORGE GREEN 7 |
| HENRY WARM 4 | ARTHUR HEAD Tenor |

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by L. J. CLARK.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, February 13, 1930, 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.

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| FREDERICK A. COLEY ... Treble | JAMES E. DAVIS 5 |
| JOHN WHEADON 2 | WILFRED WILLIAMS 6 |
| JOHN H. CHERSMAN 3 | HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 7 |
| CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 4 | JOHN T. KENTISH Tenor |

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

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NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Wednesday, February 12, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF SPLICED DOUBLE NORWICH, DOUBLE OXFORD, DOUBLE BOB, PLAIN BOB AND LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

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| STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ... Treble | JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 5 |
| JOHN ANDERSON 2 | WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 6 |
| ROBERT T. ANDERSON ... 3 | HENRY B. TAYLOR 7 |
| WILLIAM H. BARBER 4 | ADAM DEAS Tenor |

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

This composition contains 1,344 each of Double Norwich and Double Oxford, 1,008 of Double Bob, 672 of Plain Bob, and 632 of Little Bob.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

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| NOLAN GOLDEN Treble | GEORGE MAYERS 5 |
| JOHN SOUTER 2 | CLEMENT J. MORE 6 |
| WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 3 | WILLIAM STEGGALL 7 |
| GEORGE BAILEY 4 | GEORGE ARCHER Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First attempt to call a peal of Surprise. The composition contains the extent of 4 and 6 in 5-6 without the 2nd or 3rd in sixth's, and is rung for the first time.

ROCHDALE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BALDERSTONE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| WILLIAM CRABTREE ... Treble | MISS ROSE A. BELL 5 |
| GEORGE STAFF 2 | FRANK FIELDEN 6 |
| WALTER STAFF 3 | WILLIAM HORAN 7 |
| JOHN NASH 4 | HERBERT DAVENPORT ... Tenor |

Composed by FRANK HOPGOOD.

Conducted by H. DAVENPORT.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Mitton, of Todmorden.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

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| SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... Treble | LOUIS A. WILSON 5 |
| SIDNEY J. WILTSHIRE ... 2 | SIDNEY HILLIER 6 |
| ERNEST TRUEMAN 3 | FRED LAMBETH 7 |
| WILLIAM C. WEST 4 | GEORGE H. ARCHARD ... Tenor |

Conducted by FRED LAMBETH.

It was intended to ring Double Norwich and to give Mr. W. C. West an opportunity of completing the circle, but his old friend was unable to be present, and Mr. G. H. Archard once again kindly stood in at a short notice and rang his first peal of Stedman.

KIRBY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 15, 1930, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

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| MAURICE J. LING ... Treble | GEORGE ANDREWS 5 |
| GEORGE MOSS 2 | WILBY J. HAZELL 6 |
| FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... 3 | WILLIAM J. NEVARD 7 |
| WILLIAM KEEBLE 4 | GEORGE GREEN Tenor |

Composed by W. MICKLEWRIGHT. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung to celebrate the 74th birthday of Mr. W. J. Nevard, who at the conclusion of the peal kindly entertained the band to an excellent repast. They wish to express their sincere thanks to Mr. Nevard for his hospitality. The band represented eight parishes—Kirby, Mistley, Earls Colne, Feering, Thorington, Edmonton, Great Bentley, Great Baddow.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 15, 1930, in Three Hours,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 3024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

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| MRS. C. HAZELDEN Treble | ARTHUR H. SMITH 5 |
| MISS IRENE L. HASTIE 2 | CHARLES HAZELDEN 6 |
| ALFRED H. WINCH 3 | ALBERT HARMAN 7 |
| GEORGE MARRINER 4 | ALAN R. PINK Tenor |

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by A. HARMAN.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of SS. SIMON AND JUDE.

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

ILKESTON VARIATION.

Tenor 12 cwt.

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| C. HENRY WEBB Treble | ALFRED BALLARD 5 |
| REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 2 | FRED COTTON 6 |
| T. KELHAM DEACON 3 | ERNEST MORRIS 7 |
| A. PERCIVAL ALDHAM 4 | GEORGE A. NEWTON Tenor |

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
A birthday compliment to T. K. Deacon. First peal in this variation on these bells. The composition, now rung for the first time, has the 2nd 57 times in 'slow' and 7-8 never there.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, February 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| GEORGE ARTHUR BAKER ... Treble | ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 5 |
| HERBERT E. BOOTH 2 | FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 6 |
| CHAS. WILLIAM COOPER ... 3 | ALFRED FALLON 7 |
| ALBERT D. COLLINS 4 | JAMES SHAW Tenor |

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 18¾ cwt.

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| FREDERICK A. COLEY ... Treble | HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... 5 |
| WILFRED WILLIAMS 2 | JOHN WHEADON 6 |
| ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 3 | RONALD H. BULLEN 7 |
| HARRY HOVERD 4 | FREDERICK J. COLLUM, JUN. Tenor |

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by FREDK. J. COLLUM, JUN.

SOUTHLEIGH, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. James-the-Great,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

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| THOMAS W. BOND Treble | JOHN NOBES 5 |
| JOHN MONK 2 | ALBERT E. LOCK 6 |
| MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ... 3 | GORDON CAUDWELL 7 |
| FREDERICK MESSENGER ... 4 | RICHARD KEEN Tenor |

Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

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| *SYDNEY TAYLOR ... Treble | WILLIAM G. COLLETT ... 5 |
| FREDERICK NEALE 2 | WILLIAM SIMMONDS ... 6 |
| FREDERICK SHARPE ... 3 | WALTER F. JUDGE 7 |
| †JOHN B. HOWES 4 | GEORGE HORWOOD Tenor |

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F sharp.

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| WILLIAM E. TAYLOR ... Treble | ROLAND BIGGS 5 |
| FRED BIGGS 2 | HARRY WINGROVE 6 |
| GEORGE MARTIN 3 | WILLIAM HENLEY 7 |
| JAMES W. WILKINS 4 | GEORGE GILBERT Tenor |

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE. Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

First peal in the method by the Guild, on the bells, and by all of the band. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Fletcher (mother of the Misses Fletcher, and wife of Mr. Fletcher, three much respected members of the Beaconsfield band).

TOTTENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of All Hallows,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

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| *HERBERT W. STRICKLAND Treble | GEORGE R. PYE 5 |
| HENRY A. BARNETT 2 | JOHN G. NASH 6 |
| CHARLES T. COLES 3 | JAMES BENNETT 7 |
| *WILLIAM J. ELLIS 4 | WILLIAM PYE Tenor |

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

* First peal of Major.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

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| *GERALD SUTTON ... Treble | *WILLIAM PICTHALL ... 5 |
| EDWIN JENNINGS 2 | *JAMES E. BURLS 6 |
| WILLIAM ROBINSON ... 3 | *THOMAS S. JEFFERSON ... 7 |
| *JIM TEBAY 4 | *FRANK WILSON Tenor |

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. First of Treble Bob Major as conductor; also the first in the method, on the bells and by the branch.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

E. MORRIS' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

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| RICHARD W. HILL ... Treble | CHARLES DRAPER 5 |
| JOHN H. SWINFELD 2 | CHARLES SMITH 6 |
| JOSEPH BAILEY 3 | E. HARRY STONELEY ... 7 |
| ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... 4 | ERNEST W. BEADSMORE ... Tenor |

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

R. W. Hill was elected a member of the M.C.A. before starting. This was his first peal and first attempt. He is only 14 years of age.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

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| WILLIAM BRANTS ... Treble | *WALTER PECK 5 |
| WILLIAM SHORTER 2 | ERNEST J. GOATER ... 6 |
| JOHN PHILIPS 3 | WILLIAM E. BUTLER ... 7 |
| WILLIAM WELLING 4 | †WILLIAM HOWES Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

* Proposed a member before starting. † First peal. Rung to celebrate the 89th birthday of the Rt. Hon. Sir Edward Clarke, K.C., donor of the above church and bells.

We regret that, owing to pressure on our space, we have had to hold over the reports of several peals.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 1, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, CASTLE HALL.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 18 cwt.

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| JACK SMITH Treble | JOHN E. FIELDING 4 |
| HARRY NUTT 2 | HAROLD SHAW 5 |
| CYRIL R. PARKIN 3 | JOSEPH BURGESS Tenor |

Conducted by JACK SMITH.

First peal by all the band. *First peal of Minor on the bells since they were rehung in 1924. All the band are Sunday service ringers at Christ Church, Friezland, Yorkshire.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, February 2, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven different extents, three 720's of Plain, and two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

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| ALPHAEUS J. BERRY Treble | DAVID WHITING 4 |
| GEORGE BROWN 2 | ERIC G. BENNETT 5 |
| KEITH WHITTLE 3 | GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL Tenor |

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

NEMPNETT THRUWELL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

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| JOHN HODSE Treble | JEFFREY TOSSELL 4 |
| CHARLES FIELD 2 | HAROLD E. BLACKER 5 |
| *FRANK FILER 3 | ERNEST TOSSELL Tenor |

Conducted by H. E. BLACKER.

* First peal 'inside.' First peal on the bells.

KISLINGBURY, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With ten different callings.

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| *W. CROWDER Treble | J. HAYNES 3 |
| R. ROCKALL 2 | F. BROWNING 4 |
| W. LUFF 3 | Tenor |

Conducted by J. HAYNES.

* First peal and first attempt.

HARESFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

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| OSWALD PROUT Treble | EDWIN SIMMS 4 |
| PHILIP POCKET 2 | WILLIAM JONES 5 |
| ALBERT WRIGHT 3 | HERBERT SELWYN Tenor |

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

MARHAM, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(MARSHLAND BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 8, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

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| *FREDERICK MATTHEWS Treble | REV. B. H. TYRWHITT-DRAKE 4 |
| ALFRED E. BACON 2 | WILLIAM BUCKENHAM 5 |
| *JOHN BUCKENHAM 3 | EDWARD BARKER Tenor |

Conducted by EDWARD BARKER.

* First peal. First peal rung on these bells since 1825. Ringers and parishioners commented on the good striking of the peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Buckenham, ringer of the third.

BASSINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)On Saturday, February 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**
The Rev. E. Banks James' arrangement. Tenor 10½ cwt.

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| HAROLD MARCON Treble | JOHN WALDEN 4 |
| CHARLES MCGUINNESS 2 | HAROLD WALKER 5 |
| H. LESLIE PASK 3 | FREDERICK W. STOKES Tenor |

Conducted by FREDERICK W. STOKES.

First peal of Cambridge Minor by all. All the band have now rung peals of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus inclusive.

MARSTON BIGGOTT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 9, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.).

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| LEONARD C. WILMOTT Treble | WALTER J. TILLEY 4 |
| *GEORGE BUNCE 2 | WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5 |
| EDWARD G. L. COWARD 3 | WILLIAM H. MILLS Tenor |

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

* First peal away from treble. Rung as a birthday compliment to Walter J. Tiley and Cecil Bunce, brother of the 2nd ringer.

ALMELEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, February 9, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 20 six-scores, and five 240's of Morris' and six of Pitman's. Tenor 10 cwt.

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| OWEN DAVIES Treble | BARNESLEY W. CADMAN 4 |
| *ERIC R. WEBB 2 | G. JAMES R. PRICE 5 |
| JAMES RANDLE 3 | JAMES P. HYETT 5 |

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal inside. Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Harry Male, a member of the local band for nearly 40 years. First half-muffled peal on the bells.

SHELFANGER, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 13, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising ten extents each of St. Simon's and Plain Bob and twenty-two of Grandsire, with 8, 10 and 10 different callings respectively. Tenor 8½ cwt. (approx.) in A flat.

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| ALBERT G. HARRISON Treble | ERIC G. BENNETT 3 |
| NOLAN GOLDEN 2 | ALPHAEUS J. BERRY 4 |
| WILLIAM MUSK 3 | Tenor |

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal on the bells.

SHOULDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

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| FREDERICK MATTHEWS Treble | REV. B. H. TYRWHITT-DRAKE 4 |
| ALFRED E. BACON 2 | EDWARD BARKER 5 |
| JOHN BUCKENHAM 3 | WILLIAM BUCKENHAM Tenor |

Conducted by EDWARD BARKER.

The conductor has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal. The Vicar and Mrs. Price entertained the ringers to refreshments after the peal, and their kindness was very much appreciated.

CADOXTON.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents called differently. Tenor 7½ cwt.

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| *JOHN L. BLOXHAM Treble | JOHN E. BLOXHAM 4 |
| HARRY BOYCE 2 | GWYN I. LEWIS 5 |
| DAVID REES 3 | EDWARD PHILLIPS Tenor |

Conducted by G. I. LEWIS.

* First peal of Minor.

FELKIRK RINGERS' GREAT ACHIEVEMENT.

253 METHODS IN A YEAR.

The ringers at St. Peter's Church, Felkirk, Yorks, put up a wonderful performance during 1929, when they rang 253 extents of Minor in as many methods. All the ringing was done at St. Peter's Church, Felkirk, and the eight members of the company were joined by seven visitors (who took part in eleven methods).

Of these 253 extents, 119 were rung for Sunday service and 134 for special services and practice and peal attempts. The methods rung were 70 Surprise methods, 142 Delight methods, 40 Treble Bob methods and 1 Plain Bob.

There were 113 methods from Central Council Collection, also the following methods, namely: Tanner's Pleasure, Lancashire, Royal Bob, Luton, Northorpe, Billingsly, Houghton, Nostel, Hadfield, Bocking, Morning Star, Rhyl, Linden, Ripley Paddock, Notton, Thorne, Penistone, York Minster, Ecclesfield, Barnsley, Nelson's Victory, Bolton Abbey, Royston Delight, Walsh Delight, Felkirk, South Kirkby, Chichester, Worcester, Ranskill, Strathmoor, Rawmarsh, Havercroft Delight, March, Selby, South Hindley, Brierley, Staveley, Repton, Stocksbridge, Dove Delight, Dinting, Darfield Pleasure, Darfield Exercise, Snowdrop, Slaithwaite, Strimes, Thurtone, Hasky, Lichfield, Bristol, Plevnor, Arnold's Victory, Luda, Royal Sovereign, Minehead, Dionfield, Campanula, Gladstone, Appleby, Brampton, Woodside, Langsett, Marsden, Sleaford, Middlewood, Dearne Valley, Spalding, Goldthorpe, Melton, Beighton, Bangor, Midthorpe, Fulstone, Grantham, Chester-le-Street, King Edward, Relford, Ringers' Surprise, Paston, Stretton, Kimberworth, Berrybrow, Eastwood, York Delight, Kirkburton, Wortley, Netherwood, Lindley, Darfield Surprise, Paston, Stretton, Kimberworth, Berrybrow, Eastwood, Scholes, Hadfield, Redcar, Langland, Deepcar, Kirkheaton, Cuckney, Evesham, Glossop, Burnby Surprise, Thorobill, Coverleigh, Ackworth, Thurnscoe, Monsal, Cawthorne, Blythe, Lockwood, Belper, Bawtry, Ardsley, Boston, Sandiacre Pleasure, Dunaton and Nelson's Delight.

The following ringers took part: J. T. White, 247 (conducted 247); H. Chant, 240 (conducted 2); D. Smith, 192 (conducted 3); M. Perry, 207; A. Kelsall, 191; F. Priestley, 148; A. Cole, 239; H. Cooper, 23. Visitors: A. Gill, 5; A. Panther, 1; C. Normington, 1; Bell, 1; Bell, jun., 1; Lank, 1; C. D. Potter, 1.

EIGHTY-THREE EXTENTS AT WATH.

At All Saints' Church, Wath-on-Dearne, 83 720's were rung during the year 1929, 69 of them for Sunday services, 15 on practice nights. The methods were College Exercise, Superlative, Rishton, College Pleasure, Whiston, Wath Delight, Felkirk, Sheffield, Darfield, Warwick, York Minster, Duke of Norfolk, York Delight, Neasden, Campanula, Barnsley, Sandal Exercise, Snowdrop, London Scholars' Pleasure, Old Oxford Modernised, Leasowe, March Delight, Bogedone, Appleby, Minehead, Royston Delight, Fotheringay, Rhyl, Royal Sovereign, Nelson's Delight, Grantham, Barnby, Duke of Clarence, Duke of Leeds, Boston Delight, Queen Victoria, Bakewell, Bawtry, Beighton, Wilmslow, Tanner's Pleasure, Oxford (twice), Killmarsh, Arnold's Victory, Paston, Ludlow, Castleton, College Bob V., Morning Pleasure, Bangor, Cumbermere, Oystermouth, Chadkirk, Woodside, Langland, Swansea, Gladstone Delight, Queen Bess, Vale Royal, St. Albans, College Bob IV., South Kirkby, Burton, Ecclesfield, Rochester, College Bob I., Kingstone, Wragby, Norbury, Royal Bob, Ringers' Surprise, King Edward, Surfleet, Beverley, Bourne, London, York, Canterbury, Lancashire, Wells, Newcastle, and Durham. The following ringers took part, and except the two last-named belong to the local company: W. Bramham 62, W. Green 64, J. W. Champion 32, G. Lord 12, A. Gill 75 (conducted 6), A. Panther 69 (conducted 59), W. Ashworth 34, H. Chamberlin 47 (conducted 7), R. J. Ricketts 39, C. Walsh 46 (conducted 7), A. Nash 12 (conducted 4), C. Bell, sen., 5, C. Bell, jun., 1.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-TWO 720's AT FRYERNING.

The following 122 720's were rung on the bells of St. Mary's Church, Fryerning, Essex, during 1929: Surprise methods: London 6, Cambridge 8, Canterbury 2, Ipswich 8, Beverley 5, Norwich 8, Southwell 5, Carlisle 3, Wells 4, York 6, Annable's London 3, Chester 2; total 60. Treble Bob methods: Duke of York 2, Woodbine 8, College Exercise 2, London Scholars' Pleasure 4, Kent 6, Oxford 6, College Bob IV. 2, Kingston 3, New London Pleasure 6, Baintree Delight 2, St. Albans Delight 1; total 42. Plain methods: Double Court 4, Double Oxford 2, St. Clement's 2, Double Bob 1, College Single 1, Plain Bob 1, Canterbury Pleasure 1, Grandsire Doubles 5, Bob Doubles 3; total 20.

The number of 720's rung during the year 1929 at Little Munden, Herts, was 90, in 17 methods.

LOUGHTON BELLS REHUNG.

The bells of St. John's Church, Loughton, Essex, have been rehung on bull bearings, with new headstocks, etc., by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and the 'go' of them is perfect. On February 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Clark, who was 73 on the 10th inst.: A. White (first quarter-peal) 1, G. Perry 2, E. A. Bacon (conductor) 3, H. W. Hayes 4, J. Rann, sen., 5, P. S. J. Thorpe (first quarter-peal inside) 6, G. Carter 7, W. Clark 8.

REDEDICATION OF HEYTESBURY BELLS.

A MEDIAEVAL TENOR.

The rededication of the bells of the Parish Church, Heytesbury, Wilts, after rehanging in a new oak frame by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Foundry, took place on Saturday afternoon, February 8th, the ceremony being performed by the Ven. H. W. Carpenter, M.A., Archdeacon of Sarum. The Archdeacon, with the Vicar and surpliced choir, with crossbearer, walked up the central aisle, singing the 122nd Psalm. The Archdeacon took his position under the tower, where the dedicatory prayers were said. The Heytesbury ringers rang the bells for a few minutes, and the Archdeacon then gave a helpful address, taking as his text, 'Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.' He first congratulated the people of Heytesbury on the work that had been done, and then drew some lessons from the composition of the metals used in the making of a bell, and then on the words of the text as to the use of bells in times of rejoicing and sorrow in the family, parish and nation. The preacher then applied the lesson of the harmony and notes of a ring of bells to the work of a parish.

A collection was taken towards the fund for the rehanging of the bells, and the service closed with the blessing pronounced by the Archdeacon. The local ringers rang the bells for a short time after the service, and the tower was open for visiting ringers. Among those present were Mr. B. Cook, vice-chairman of the Devizes Branch, Mr. F. Green, secretary of the Devizes Branch, Mr. J. Francis, assistant Ringing Master, Messrs. White and Fletcher and other members from the Minster Church, Warminster, Trowbridge and Mere. Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, the chairman of the Devizes Branch, was unavoidably absent owing to attending a meeting of the Marlborough Branch.

Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob were rung during the afternoon and evening, the bells being kept going till after 7 p.m. All were satisfied with the 'go' of the bells.

The work has cost about £450, some portion of which has still to be raised.

Heytesbury has a beautiful church, dedicated to SS Peter and Paul. The tower contains six bells, inscribed:—

- 1st.—Wm. Cockey, Bell Founder, 1739.
- 2nd.—Richard Markes, Edward Brice, C.W., I.L., 1668.
- 3rd.—Mr. Wm. Childs and Mr. Richd. Young, Gh. Wardens + Jas. Burroughs in Devizes, Founder. Fecit 1755.
- 4th.—ANNO-DO-MINI, 1619, R. (bell) P.
- 5th.—Thomas Mears, Founder, London, 1843.
- 6th.—(On shoulder, large shield with coat of arms of Knollys.) + Intonat. E. Celis Vox. Campana Michaelis.

The tenor is a fine mediæval bell, weighing 20 cwt., by Kebyll, of London, about 1460. William Cockey and I.L. (which stand for John Lott) were bell founders of Warminster. In 1553, Heytesbury had iiij bells.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHERTSEY DISTRICT.

Those who are seeking to promote change ringing in the Chertsey District are having an uphill fight, but they are to be congratulated upon the determination with which they persevere in the face of difficulties. At the annual meeting of the district on Saturday week, at Chertsey, there was a small attendance, only some 16 members being present. A service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. E. H. W. Leachman), and Admiral T. P. Walker presided over the subsequent business meeting, when the Vicar and organist were thanked for their service.

The Ringing Master (Mr. H. J. Chaffey), in his report, said the meetings had been badly attended by district members, although most of them had been successful from the help received from visiting members. He especially thanked Mr. A. H. Winch, of Leatherhead, for assistance he had given in the district. He hoped in the future that more members in the district would attend the meetings, which were arranged for their benefit.

The balance sheet showed receipts amounting to £6 2s., of which one-half was remitted to the Guild treasurer, and, after paying expenses, last year's balance of £1 6s. 9d. had been increased to £3 3s. The Secretary reported 54 ringing members and 3 hon. members in the district.

Mr. H. J. Chaffey was re-elected District Ringing Master, and Mr. H. Hancock hon. secretary. After a ballot, Mr. F. Hawthorne and Mrs. Beeson were re-elected on the Executive Committee. The Rev. E. H. W. Leachman was elected as the hon. members' representative.

The following were nominated for election as representatives of the Guild on the Central Council: Messrs. Edwards, A. H. Pulling, F. Hawthorne and C. Hazelden.

The places for meetings during the ensuing year were selected as follows: Hershaw, Thames Ditton, Ottershaw, Weybridge, Chobham and Egham (annual).

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the business.

The standard methods were practised during the afternoon and evening, and at 8 p.m. the curfew, which is heard daily from this tower, was rung on the bell which is over 600 years old.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**WESTERN DIVISION.**

The annual meeting of the Western Division took place at Shipley on Saturday. Although this village is rather out of the way, about a score of good ringers came to ring on this handy little peal of six. Visitors are always sure of a hearty welcome and good ringing. The following towers were represented: Billingshurst, Heene, Lindfield, Brighton, Kirdford, Warnham, West Grinstead and Shipley.

Tea was partaken of at the Village Room, and at the business meeting, with Mr. Walter Charman presiding, the election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: A. W. Groves, hon. district secretary; Messrs. T. Adams, G. Norriss and W. Charman, committee; Messrs. J. Burdfield, E. Lindup and H. Turrell, committee of advice. Only one new member was elected, viz., Mr. R. P. Wood, of Billingshurst.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar, Rev. C. J. Radford, for granting the use of the bells, also to Mr. Charman for presiding, was carried, and another visit to the belfry brought this very enjoyable meeting to a close.

DEATH OF MR. W. W. BONHAM, OF WOLVERTON.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild sustained a sad loss on January 19th, when the death took place of Walter William Bonham, of Stony Stratford, who was 65 years of age, and had been regularly, for the past 36 years, a Sunday service ringer at St. Giles' Church, where he will be sadly missed, and his place difficult to fill. He had rung 55 peals in a variety of methods.

Deceased was taken suddenly ill about a fortnight earlier, and had not regained consciousness once during that time. He leaves a widow and two sons.

Deceased retired from his employment (as a traverse driver for the L.M. and S. Railway Company at their Wolverton Carriage Works, where he was employed for about 38 years) only seven months ago, and was respected by all with whom he came in contact.

The interment took place on Wednesday, January 22nd, and among the many floral tributes sent were wreaths from the Oxford Diocesan Guild and from his fellow-ringers at St. Giles'. Four of his ringing colleagues bore the mortal remains to their last resting place. After the funeral 504 Grandsire Triples was rung with muffled bells by E. Yates 1, W. G. Clarke 2, T. C. Tompkins 3, H. E. Tompkins 4, William Neale 5, E. C. Lambert (conductor) 6, H. C. Edwards 7, T. Trasler 8.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

A special meeting of the East Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Association was held on Saturday at the Parish Church of St. Mary, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts, which possesses a beautiful ring of six bells, tenor 15½ cwt. The bells were raised about three o'clock, and a goodly number of visitors kept them going to the various standard methods for an hour, when a short service was held in the tower, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. R. P. Tinsley, M.A.). During the service the Vicar dedicated a peal board, the gift of a local ringer, Mr. C. M. Heathcote, which was unveiled by Mrs. Aked. The board was neatly executed in gold lettering on a black surface, and recorded two peals. The first was a peal of Bob Minor (5,040 changes) rung on September 8th, 1923, the first peal on the bells, in which local ringers took part. The second was a peal of Bob Doubles and Grandsire Doubles, rung on October 21st, 1929, and was the first peal of Doubles on the bells.

Immediately after the ceremony, the band which took part in the last peal rang a short touch, and then the company adjourned to the Parish Room at the Vicarage, where a sumptuous tea was provided, 35 persons sitting down.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of bells and the room for tea, also for his kind remarks with reference to the ringers, etc., during the service, on the motion of Mr. J. W. England, seconded by Mr. Joseph Lord. The Vicar suitably replied, giving the ringers a hearty welcome to Sutton-in-Ashfield. Mr. T. Bettison voiced the thanks of the association for the good tea provided by Mr. C. M. Heathcote, which was seconded by Mr. J. Bleby.

Mr. Heathcote responded, and Mrs. Tinsley, the wife of the Vicar, made a happy little speech, reminding the listeners that the sound of the bells reached much further than the tower itself, and brought happiness to numberless people, who, for various reasons, were unable to attend church.

After the good ladies who had prepared the tea had been thanked, the ringers returned to the tower, and good use was made of the bells until eight o'clock, when they were lowered in peal, and this brought to a close an enjoyable gathering. The methods rung varied from Grandsire Doubles to London Surprise Minor, and some very good striking was heard. Ringers attended from Blackwell, Grich, Derby (St. Peter's), Mansfield, Mansfield Woodhouse, Morton, Nottingham (St. Peter's), Ripley, South Normanton, Tibshelf, Worthington, and the local band.

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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 regret that we are compelled, by pressure on our space, to hold over several letters to the Editor.

The Bishop of Birmingham has promised to attend the Henry Johnson Dinner at Birmingham on March 1st. Early application should be made for tickets in order to avoid disappointment.

The first peal rung at Shelfanger, Norfolk, was scored last week. In this small tower there is a clock case of such liberal proportions that the third and fourth ringers do not see each other during the ringing.

Mr. John Souter, of Diss, in his eightieth year rang a peal of Superlative last Saturday, and received the congratulations of the company on the characteristic excellence of his striking throughout. Mr. Souter rang the tenor at St. Peter Mancroft to Superlative on February 13th, 1902, the heaviest ring of bells on which a peal of Surprise Major had then been rung. A couple of years later, on February 27th, 1904, Mr. H. R. Newton rang the tenor at Southwark Cathedral to a peal in this method.

Another peal rung last week celebrated the 80th birthday of Mr. F. Fraser, who has been a ringer and steeplekeeper at Eltham, Kent, for the long period of 62 years. Despite his years, Mr. Fraser rang the 2nd to the peal of Kent Treble Bob.

In perusing our peal columns, our readers will notice that one of the Painswick 'Youths' who took part in the attempt for the twelve-bell record length, which ended in a peal of 9,000 odd on Saturday, was the gentleman who refuses to grow old—Mr. James George. Fancy a man at 78 years of age having the audacity to stand up to a 16,000 peal attempt! But there, he would be just as ready to make one for 80,000 if it were on.

Mr. Harold Walker, who has recently been stationed at Lincoln, has been transferred to the Carriage and Wagon Department of the L.N.E.R. at Colwick, Notts.

To-day is the anniversary of a peal of 14,016 Kent Treble Bob Major rung at Oldham in 1821.

Cambridge Surprise, now so popular a method, was first rung to a 'peal' on February 23rd, 1783, at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London—the greatest performance ever achieved in the Campanistean Art.

The record length of Minor, which has stood for well over a hundred years, was rung at Wath, Yorks—where they still know something about Minor ringing—on February 27th, 1816. It consisted of 21 seven-twenties in different methods.

It was described—and, in view of present controversies, the description may well be noted—as 21 peals, making 15,120 changes, 'which were brought round in a grand and masterly style without a man quitting his rope.'

THE TOM BEADLE APPEAL FUND.

Previously acknowledged £18 5s.; Mr. F. Stamp, Brentford, 5s.; collected at the annual meeting, Isleworth, £1 16s., which Mr. Beadle received, making a total of £20 6s. (expenses nil). Mr. Beadle offers his sincere thanks to the editor of 'The Ringing World,' William H. Hollier (hon. secretary of the South and West District of the Middlesex Association, and to all who contributed to the fund, which is now closed.

THE CROFTS MEMORIAL DINNER. SHERWOOD YOUTHS' GATHERING.

The 8th annual dinner, organised by the Sherwood Youths in memory of William Doubleday Crofts, was held at the Welbeck Hotel, Nottingham, on Saturday. The Master, Mr. Albert Coppock, presided over a company of over 60 members and friends. He was supported by the Ven. Archdeacon of Nottingham, Canon Spencer Elliott, Vicar of Mansfield, the Rev. W. K. Gallagher, Rector of Wilford, and Mr. E. Alex. Young, hon. secretary of the Central Council. There were also present Sergt. W. H. Johnson, the only V.C. ringer, Messrs. Colin Harrison, D. Collins, F. H. E. Stubbs and J. H. Wilson (Loughborough), R. H. Dove (Croydon), A. H. Ward and A. Braines (Derby), H. W. Wilde (Chester), S. F. Palmer, W. Bugar, E. Wilson and W. A. Wooler (Sheffield), Councillor J. T. Brown (Spalding), J. Marshall (Cotgrave), H. Walker (Lincoln), A. J. Baker ('Irenaeus Pistor'), Miss I. B. Thompson (treasurer to the society), F. Blood (hon. secretary), and A. R. Hickton (steward). An excellent dinner was served, after which the toast of 'His Majesty the King' was proposed by the Master and loyally honoured by the company.

The Master, in his introductory remarks, said that W. D. Crofts was a man who, when he left this world, left it a little better than he found it, and however trivial his efforts might appear to some people, they, at any rate, secured for him a measure of immortality. On introducing Sergt. Johnson, V.C., to the company, he asked that every person present who wore His Majesty's uniform during the Great War should rise. This they did, and he and the rest of these comrades drank to the health of the recipient of the most coveted decoration in the services.

The toast of 'The Church' was entrusted to Mr. Colin Harrison, who said he thought the best thing he could speak on was loyalty to the Church. For the last 40 to 50 years ringers had had a great heritage to preserve, and had lifted ringing from the lowest depths. We could now include in our ranks all classes of society from dukes and admirals, clergy and judges. Thanks to the loyalty of the clergy of bygone days, we had had handed down to us such piles as York, Selby, Lincoln, Southwell, etc., which were preserved, not so much to reduce the wealthy as to uplift the poor.

Replying to the toast, Canon Spencer Elliott, in a very eloquent and forceful address, made a strong point of the phrase, 'Stick to the Church.' He had heard that ringers never attended the services they rang for, but in actual fact all his ringers not only attended regularly but were also communicants. He related a story of a certain church clock, which received the attentions of the local plumber, wheelwright and other craftsmen until, owing to their inability to get it to function properly, they called in the maker of the clock. He advised them to leave it alone for a period, and all would be well. It was the same with the Church. Leave the Church alone and let it get on with its work in its accustomed way. They should stick to the Church. It was a manly thing to be a Christian, and he did not think it a wise thing to put off the good things in life until a man was at his last gasp. Was it a wise thing to wait until a man was all but unconscious and asking for water to relieve his parched lips before sending for a clergyman to help to get him over the border safely?

The Ven. Archdeacon Conybeare, himself a ringer, proposing the next toast, said the ringing associations had done a great deal to improve the belfries and ringers throughout the kingdom. They were also responsible for such gatherings as these, at which social intercourse enabled them to get to know each other better. He would like to see all the local associations brought together into one diocesan body, and was glad to see so many of the younger generation taking up the art, for, with the presence of such 'Youths,' there was no prospect of change ringing declining. He was proud of one fact, that for the past 14 years he had not missed ringing at 5 a.m. on Christmas morning at Southwell Cathedral.

Mr. E. Alex. Young made a most interesting response, speaking rather as a lover of bell music than as a ringer. He pointed out the influence he assumed that bell music had had over the earlier English composers of music, citing as an instance one number from the Beggar's Opera, which, he was confident, had been inspired by the music of the bells.

The toast of 'The Visitors' gave Mr. F. S. Price opportunity for a very capable speech, which was suitably responded to by Councillor Brown, of Spalding.

The toast of 'The Ladies' created a good deal of diversion owing to the specified proposer having to leave earlier than expected. Eventually, after an arduous task of finding a substitute, Mr. J. W. Kirton proposed the toast in a racy but felicitous manner, to which Miss I. B. Thompson replied in surprisingly concise terms.

The musical programme was, as is usual, excellent and varied. Miss Nellie Alvey, a cultured contralto, contributed two tastefully rendered solos, and left a distinct desire in the minds of the listeners for more, had time permitted. Miss Kathleen Pearce presented three solo dances, of widely different character. Mr. Albert Kent, who had been associated with Mr. Coppock in amateur operatic productions for many years, gave humorous songs cleverly, also a short sketch from one opera assisted by Mr. Coppock. The Welbeck Quartet, Messrs. Warren, Pearce, Coppock and Adkin, sang glees,

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NEW TREBLES AT ST. JOHN'S, WORCESTER. RESTORATION AND AUGMENTATION.

The old six bells at St. John's Church, Worcester, having become unsafe and very hard to ring, have been thoroughly reconditioned and retuned, fitted with entirely new fittings of the latest type, and augmented to eight by the addition of two trebles. They were reopened and dedicated at a special service on Thursday evening, February 13th, an event which brought together a large congregation of parishioners. The Vicar read the dedicatory prayers, following which the bells were rung for the first time for a few minutes.

The Rev. J. F. Hastings, Rector of Martley, gave a most interesting and instructive address based on Psalm cl., 'Praise Him upon the well-tuned cymbals, praise Him upon the loud cymbals.'

After the service, there was general ringing by visitors from Crowle, Upton, Snodsbury, Upton-on-Severn, Madresfield, Suckley, Malvern Link, Martley, the Cathedral Guild and the local band, everyone expressing themselves as very highly delighted at the result of the restoration, the 'go' of the bells being excellent, and the tone all that can be desired.

The contract was entrusted to Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who removed the six old bells to the foundry, sand-blasted them, and took off the canons, retuned them, fitted them with ball bearings and cast the two trebles, which have been tuned to harmonise with the old bells. The tenor is about 16 cwt in P.

The peal have been hung in the old frame, which was in a good condition, and has been thoroughly strengthened with powerful angle plates top and bottom. The result is a thoroughly sound job, the whole cost being about £420. The St. John's Feoffees very kindly undertook the restoration of the old bells and the provision of the Elhambe chiming apparatus. For the additional bells, the parish is very much indebted to a gentleman who is intensely interested in church bells and has done much in the way of adding to and improving bells in this neighbourhood, viz., Mr. E. P. Thomas, of Claines, who very generously offered, through Mr. W. Page, to give one bell if the cost of the other was provided.

The Vicar gave his permission to make the attempt, and Mr. Page set out to get £80, the inclusive cost of one bell. The response was so generous that with the help of members of the C.E.M.S. and the Mothers' Union, Mr. Page was able to raise over £112, and this enabled a few necessary improvements to be made, including a new sound-deadening floor to make ringing more comfortable, and shutters to the louvres to minimise the sound outside the tower when ringing is in progress. These shutters are made to operate from the ringing chamber. The tower is a very low tower, and complaints were frequent in the past.

ST. JOHN'S, WORCESTER.

Inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—
Treble.—Taylor, of Loughborough, cast me in 1929. Given by E. P. Thomas, of Claines. C. T. Powell, Vicar; J. W. Noake, J. Dorrell, Churchwardens.

2nd.—Taylor, of Loughborough, cast me in 1929. Cost collected by W. Page. C. T. Powell, Vicar; J. W. Noake, J. Dorrell, Churchwardens.

3rd.—T. Mears, of London. Fecit 1816. J. Lucy, T. Woodyatt, Churchwardens.

4th.—T. Mears, of London. Fecit 1815.

5th, 6th and 7th.—T. Mears, of London. Fecit 1816.

Tenor.—Thomas Mears, of London, 1816. Rev. J. Meakin, Vicar; J. Lucy, T. Woodyatt, Churchwardens; Messrs. J. Williams, J. Elcox, J. Hooper, J. Garnett, J. Young, Committee.

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part-songs, solos and duets. Mr. Fred Blood gave two very fine pianoforte solos, and shared the accompaniments with Madame Raynor, while the handbells were by no means idle.

During the afternoon, through the great courtesy of Councillor Emmony, the party inspected the new Council House, which is decidedly the 'dernier cri' in beauty, comfort and utility in public buildings. The rooms are beautifully lighted with not a lamp to be seen, and the heating apparatus is also totally invisible. The clock and bells naturally came in for expert criticism, the crowd being magnetically attracted to 'Little John,' the deepest-toned hour bell in the Empire.

LONG PEAL—BUT NOT A RECORD.**9,261 GRANDSIRE CINQUES AT PAINSWICK.**

The attempt at Painswick on Saturday to set up a new twelve-bell length was again unsuccessful, although a long peal of Grandsire Cinques was rung. There was good striking, but after about 8,600 changes had been rung, the tenorman gave warning that he would not be able to complete the full length, and the conductor was able to get the bells into position to come home at 9,261, after 6 hrs. 10 mins. ringing.

The band were by no means downhearted, and consent has been given by the Vicar for another attempt on Easter Monday.

SUGGESTED RESTORATION OF NOTABLE LONDON BELLS

A few days ago the 'Daily Chronicle' commented on the fact that two of the three bells at St. Olave's Church, Tooley Street, were to be removed to St. Olave's, Milham, when the new church is built. The other bell, weighing about 4 cwt. and cast in 1844, is to be given to the Whitechapel Bell Foundry to defray the cost of fitting and erecting the other two. The 'Daily Chronicle' adds: 'To compensate for the silence of Tooley Street, could not funds be raised to repair the belfry of St. John's, Horsleydown, whose bells used to be among the most celebrated in London?'

It was at St. John's, Horsleydown, that the first peal of Stedman Calers was rung, and Mr. F. W. Richardson, of Brockley, writes: 'It would be a most appropriate 150th anniversary to have the Horsleydown "ring" put into ringing order. These bells were cast in 1783, so now is the time to get a move on. It is most regrettable, to say the least, that so many of our London rings are out of order.'

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
ISLE OF WIGHT DISTRICT.**

The annual meeting of the Isle of Wight District was held at Newport on Saturday last. Ringers were present from Brading, Carisbrooke, Chale, Godshill, Newport, Portsmouth, Portsea, Ryde and Whitwell, and included the Rev. J. C. Orr, of Whitwell, Rev. H. C. Stokes, of Brading, Mr. F. W. Rogers, hon. secretary of Portsmouth District, and Mr. and Mrs. F. Bailey, of Titchfield. The service was conducted by the Vicar of Newport (Rev. Canon C. H. Thompson), who, in the course of a few words of welcome, emphasised the important work of bellringers to-day for the Church in sending forth a message to those indifferent in public worship. The Guild's form of service was used, and Dr. J. B. Williamson kindly presided at the organ.

The ringers were afterwards entertained to tea by the Vicar, who also presided at the business meeting in the absence of the president, the Rev. C. W. Hampton Weekes, who sent a letter of apology. The Rev. H. C. Stokes acknowledged the compliment paid by the members of the Guild, who arranged and rang a peal at Brading Church the previous week in honour of the marriage of his eldest daughter to Lieut. Grey A. Neville, R.N.

The reports of the secretary, auditor and Ringing Master were received and adopted. The accounts showed receipts £3 18s. 9d. (including a credit balance of 9s. 9d. brought forward from 1928). The expenditure included £2 0s. 7d. for the district during 1929, and £4 4s. 6d. sent to the general treasurer of the Guild, leaving a credit balance of £2 15s. 8d. in hand.

The Rev. J. C. Orr was elected district president for 1930, and Messrs. H. Barton (Ringing Master and representative on the Central Committee, B. J. Snow (hon. district secretary and treasurer), and H. Phillips (hon. auditor) were all re-elected and thanked for their past services.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Carisbrooke on January 31st, 1931, and the next quarterly meeting at Freshwater on May 3rd next, with a combined by-practice meeting at Brading on March 29th.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for providing tea and presiding at the meeting. Handbells were then rung, and further ringing indulged in on the tower bells until 8.30 p.m. The methods ranged from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Surprise.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting was held at All Saints' Church, Walk-on-Dearne, on Saturday, February 8th. Ringing in various methods was enjoyed by members from Sandal, Felkirk, Ecclesfield, Sholley and Darfield.

Tea was provided in the Church House, after which a short business meeting was held, Mr. Nash presiding.

Congratulations were offered to Mr. C. D. Polter on his recovery from his recent illness, and the hope was expressed that the members would now see him among them more. Mr. Polter thanked all for their kind remarks. He also gave a short resume of the old West Yorkshire Association, whose headquarters were at Barnsley in the year 1879.

Mr. H. Chant, of Felkirk, was deputed to act as penit secretary.

It was agreed that the shield contest be held the second Saturday in July. Darton was selected for next place of meeting.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for use of the bells and Church House.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**TONBRIDGE DISTRICT'S SATISFACTORY YEAR.**

There was a large gathering of ringers at the annual meeting of the Kent County Association held at Tonbridge on Saturday, February 8th. There were members present from Tonbridge, Edenbridge, Horsmonden, Chiddingstone, Lamberhurst, Leigh, East Peckham, Penshurst, Sevenoaks, Shipbourne, Speldhurst, Tunbridge Wells, Cranbrook, Westerham, Seal, Lghtham, Wrotham, Bonenden and Plantol, and visitors from East Grinstead, Lewes, Mayfield and Leatherhead.

Service was conducted in the Parish Church by the Vicar (Canon S. H. Clark), Mr. W. E. Pitman, Mus.Bac., being at the organ. The address was given by the Archdeacon of Tonbridge from the text, 'We will go into the House of the Lord.'

After tea at the Carlton Cafe, Canon Clark was thanked for the service and use of the bells. Mr. F. G. P. Neve, Vicar's warden, presided at the business and gave the members a hearty welcome to Tonbridge.

Mr. W. Latter, hon. secretary, presented his report, which stated that although the district had lost one tower, Marden, during the year, he was glad to report that two six-bell towers, Cowden and Shipbourne, and one eight-bell tower, Cranbrook, had joined the association. The number of towers in the Union was now 20. During the year 38 practising members, three non-resident life members, and two honorary members had been elected, and there were now 20 honorary members and 168 practising members. Four district meetings had been held during the year, at Edenbridge, Cranbrook, Westerham, and Shipbourne. A band of young ringers had been formed at Cranbrook under the tuition of Mr. F. White, and these had joined the association. The Secretary thanked the incumbents of the various churches where meetings had been held, for the use of the bells and for helping with the services and meetings. He also thanked Mr. W. E. Pitman, who was ever ready to come any distance to play the organ at the services (applause). During the year 18 peals had been rung on the bells in the towers in the district, and the Horsmonden band were to be congratulated on ringing a peal of London Surprise Minor on New Year's Eve, this being the first peal in this method by any band on the bells in the district (applause). Repairs to the bells at Tonbridge had been done by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank through the efforts of Mr. W. Steed, and they were now in good going order. The rehanging of two back bells and other necessary repairs were being carried out at Chiddingstone.

The following new members were elected: Messrs. G. Singyard, Shipbourne; P. Taylor, Horsmonden; W. Durham and T. Fuller, Lamberhurst; — Igglusden, Westerham; John Saunders, East Peckham; A. H. Jones, A. Bridger and B. Lenningham, Tonbridge. Mr. F. G. P. Neve was elected an hon. member.

Mr. George Edwards gave a report of the Central Committee meeting.

Mr. Latter was unanimously re-elected hon. secretary, and, in reply, said he had forgotten for how many years he had replied to that re-election. He did not like to think about it too much—it made him feel old (laughter). Mr. W. Steed said that Mr. Latter had been hon. secretary for 36 years, and he was first elected at Tonbridge.

Mr. Latter affirmed this, and said he had been a member of the association for 46 years. The last year had been particularly gratifying as the attendances had been so good, and he thanked the members for their support.

Mr. G. Edwards and Mr. Markwell were re-elected delegates to the Central Committee.

It was decided that meetings be held at Marden, Hever and Hawkhurst during the year, with the next annual meeting at Penshurst. It was agreed, after some discussion, that if Marden be found unsuitable for a meeting place the secretary fix up with either Sevenoaks or Westerham.

Votes of thanks to the chairman for presiding and to Mr. Jack Medhurst, scepkeeper, for having everything in readiness for the members, concluded the meeting.

Ringling in a variety of methods took place before and after the meeting.

BULKINGTON RINGERS' SUPPER.

The ringers of Bulkington St. James' Parish Church had their annual supper on Thursday, January 23rd, when an excellent 'spread' was provided by the wives of the ringers and other ladies. There were upwards of 30 present, including the Vicar, churchwardens and sidesmen, a very enjoyable evening being spent.

After supper, the party engaged in various games, including a table tennis tournament, which was won by Miss B. Farndon and Mr. C. Neale, both ringers in the local band.

The cost of the supper was defrayed out of the annual Christmas Box Fund, for which the ringers wish to tender their best thanks to all their many friends, who so liberally contributed.

The annual meeting was held after the supper, when the officers and committee were re-elected en bloc. The funds, after the year's working, show a balance in hand of £3 3s., which was considered good for a village band.

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 8th. The bells of St. Mary's and St. Laurence's were rung during the afternoon. A ringers' service was held at St. Mary's, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. G. Parham), and an appropriate address was given by the Rev. Canon Coleridge. Dr. Daughtry gave his services at the organ.

Seventy-one members from the branch towers, and visitors from Newbury, Maidenhead, Abingdon, Uxbridge and Faringdon attended the tea and business meeting at the Central Cafe.

Mr. L. Joyce presided over the business meeting, at which there were also present the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Guild), Canon Coleridge, Mr. W. P. Routh, Mr. A. J. Wright (treasurer of the Guild), Mr. R. T. Hibbert (general secretary), Rev. St. George-Edwards, and Mr. F. W. Hopgood (hon. secretary and treasurer of the branch).

The Secretary, in presenting his report, said it had been a very successful year, but regretted to say that two members had been lost during the year by death—Mr. A. Brown, of Nettlebed, and Mr. E. Shepherd, of Tilehurst. The quarterly meetings, which had been held at Shiplake, Nettlebed, and Henley, had been very successful and popular.

The election of officers then took place, the retiring officials being in each instance re-elected, viz.: Chairman, Mr. L. Joyce; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. F. W. Hopgood, with his assistant, Miss M. Hopgood; auditors, Messrs. A. Wiggins and E. Foster; committee, Messrs. J. Swain, W. Appleby and H. Tucker. All of these officers were thanked for their services during the past year. The quarterly meetings for 1930 were arranged for Tilehurst, Mortimer, Chesham, and Salford. Satisfactory tower reports were heard from most of the branch towers.

The Master then spoke of the restorations which had taken place in the branch during the year, namely, St. Mary's, Reading, and St. Laurence's, Reading, and mentioned the hope of restoring Tilehurst and Purley.

A vote of thanks, on the proposition of the chairman, was given to the Vicar and organist of St. Mary's for the beautiful service which had been held.

The meeting then concluded, and good ringing was again enjoyed at St. Peter's, Caversham.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Eastern Branch was held at Benington on Saturday, February 8th. Members were present from Boston, Butterwick, Frampton, Freiston, Kirton, Leake, Sibsey, Wrangle and the local band. The Rev. H. Law James, Master of the Guild, Mr. C. T. H. Bradley, hon. secretary, Southern Branch, and Mr. J. T. Brown, Elloe Deaneries Branch, were also present.

Ringing commenced about 2.30 p.m., and divine service was later conducted by the Rev. Canon Hodge, Rector of Benington.

After tea, which was partaken of in the Parish Hall, the business meeting was held, and all the old officers re-elected as follows: President, Rev. J. R. Trotter (Vicar of Freiston-with-Butterwick); hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. Phillips (Butterwick); Branch Ringing Master, Mr. W. E. Clarke (Boston); Guild representative, Mr. Alex. Sharp (Freiston).

Three new ringing members were elected, and Kirton was unanimously chosen as the place for holding the next quarterly meeting.

Touches in the following methods were successfully brought round during the afternoon and evening: Grandsire, Single Court, Double Court, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Plain Bob, Little Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise.

ELY AND SUFFOLK JOINT MEETING.

A joint meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association and Suffolk Guild was held at Newmarket on Saturday, when ringers were present from Boxmoor, Cambridge, Cherry Linton, Exning, Fulbourn, Longstanton, Sawston, Trumpington, Stetchworth and Newmarket; Mr. Hunt, of Luton, Mr. G. Dent, Harlow Common, and the general secretary, Rev. R. Copeman. Tea was provided by the Rector, about 25 ringers and friends sitting down. At the conclusion, a short meeting was held, at which ten new members were elected.

Mr. F. Warrington, district secretary, proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector, Rev. J. Pranker, M.A., for allowing the use of the bells and taking the service.—Mr. B. D. Buttress, in seconding, added thanks also for the Rector's generosity in providing tea.—The Rector, in reply, welcomed the association to Newmarket, and hoped they would come again.

Further ringing took place after tea, methods rung including Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Double Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. At the service, Mr. H. J. Hazell, A.L.C.M., presided at the organ. Mr. L. Moon and Mr. R. C. Sharpe kindly made arrangements.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**DORCHESTER BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.**

The Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild held its annual meeting at Fordington. Members were present from Dorchester, Fordington, West Lulworth, Bere Regis, Abbotsbury, Shaftesbury, Frampton, Bradford Peverell, Sydling, Wool and Charmminster. During the afternoon there was the customary ringing on the bells of Fordington St. George Church, where a service was conducted by the Rev. R. G. Bartolot (Vicar), who gave an interesting account of the history of the Fordington bells. The singing of the hymns was led by the choir boys, Mr. W. R. Hurst being at the organ.

After the service, tea was served in the Moule Institute to a party numbering nearly 60, and a pleasing feature was the decoration of the tables in St. George's colours. Subsequently the annual business meeting of the branch was held under the chairmanship of Mr. R. N. Dawes (chairman of the branch), who tendered thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of St. George's for their hearty welcome, to the organist and choir, and to the ladies for providing the excellent tea (applause). They were all very sorry that their excellent hon. secretary (Mr. C. H. Jennings, Wyke Regis) was too ill to attend, although he had made all the arrangements for that gathering.

The financial statement showed a balance in hand of £10 3s. 2d., and in addition there are National Savings certificates now worth £9 9s.

The Hon. Secretary, in his annual report, dealt with the activities of the branch. Work of restoration, with the addition of a sixth bell, was to be carried out as soon as funds permitted at Bradford Peverell, Charmminster and Sydling. Regret was felt that there was now no company of ringers at Buckland Newton, and sincere regret was expressed at the departure from St. Peter's, Dorchester, of the Rev. Dr. G. C. Niven, who was always a ringers' friend. The death during the year of Mr. C. B. Hurst, one of their oldest members and a pioneer in change ringing, was regretted by all the members. Thanks were tendered by the secretary to all who had assisted him, and to the Rev. G. Wynne, Mr. W. Bedford, and Col. H. D. Robson for their hospitality. Twelve towers had been visited by the branch during the year. The membership was 105, a decrease of two compared with the previous year.

The April meeting of the branch was fixed to be held at Bradford Peverell.

Mr. R. A. G. Trevett (Bradford Peverell), Col. and Mrs. Gambier Parry (West Lulworth), Mr. F. Legg (Sydling), and the Rev. J. W. Weruineke (Sydling) were elected as members.

Mr. Dawes and Mr. C. H. Jennings were re-elected chairman and hon. secretary respectively, Mr. G. T. White Ringing Master, and Mr. A. Runyard Deputy Ringing Master.

The usual votes of thanks concluded the meeting.

A collection of £1 was taken at the service in the church for the memorial in Salisbury Cathedral to ringers who fell in the late war, and in addition there were donations given by Bradford Peverell (11s.) and Charmminster (5s.).

After the meeting, further ringing took place on St. Peter's Church bells.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT.**

On Saturday, Feb. 1st, the first monthly meeting of the Nottingham District was held at Ilkeston, and there was a good attendance, about thirty ringers turning up, most of them in 'ringing uniform.' Stedman, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Spliced Treble Bob in the Ilkeston Variation were indulged in until about 7.30 p.m., when the bells were rung down in fine style, thus giving the market people a chance to dispose of their goods.

The next monthly meeting was arranged for the first Saturday in March at Ruddington, Notts, where there are eight bells.

NEW RECTOR OF STREATHAM.

On Tuesday evening, January 21st, at the Church of St. Leonard, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,280 changes) in 41 mins.: Miss E. E. Harcastle 1, John Lee 2, E. E. Bish 3, R. Sanders 4, W. Essery 5, J. H. Rumley 6, J. W. Chapman (conductor) 7, E. Wright 8. This quarter-peal was rung for the induction service of the new Rector (Rev. George William White, B.A.). He was a former curate at St. Leonard's, and is very popular in the district. Two short touches were rung after the service, in which W. G. Gray, Miss Gray and S. Gardner took part.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the West Norfolk Branch (the first since the recent reorganisation) was held at Dersingham. There was a good attendance of ringers from various towers in the district, and a few visitors from outside, making a total of 24. Under the circumstances this was considered most encouraging, and the ring of six bells, recently tuned and rehung, were kept going to a variety of methods from 2.30 until the last bus at 7.30.

Tea was most generously provided by the Vicar, who is chairman of the branch, and it was decided, subject to permission being obtained, to hold the next gathering at Swaffham on Saturday, April 5th.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY.—For evening service, on Sunday, February 16th, 720 London Surprise Minor: H. Harding, sen., 1, N. Harding 2, G. Grover 3, J. Goacher 4, F. Day 5, F. Bennett (conductor) 6. First extent on the bells in this method by an entirely local band since the fire of 1913, and first extent in the method by a local band for the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

LUTON, BEDS.—At the Parish Church, on February 16th, for evening service, 1,344 changes of London Surprise Major in 48 mins.: E. Shane 1, A. Smith 2, T. Blackburn 3, A. King 4, H. Wood 5, F. Hunt 6, T. Kendall 7, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 8. First quarter in the method by ringers of 1st and 3rd.

LONDON.—On Sunday, February 16th, at the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, for evensong, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: T. Walker 1, H. Belcher 2, E. F. Pike 3, W. H. Hewett 4, J. H. Crampin 5, G. B. Cole 6, C. W. Roberts 7, J. E. Davis (conductor) 8.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows', on Sunday, February 16th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 42 mins.: E. G. Hibble 1, H. A. Barnett 2, W. J. Ellis 3, J. G. Nash 4, H. Ellis 5, M. Fensom 6, N. A. Tomlinson (conductor) 7, A. Crane 8.

PULHAM.—At All Saints', on Sunday, February 16th, for evening service, 1,259 Grandsire Caters in 48 mins.: H. Page 1, W. H. Hollier 2, R. Mackrill 3, H. Cook 4, A. Waddington 5, W. Bolwell 6, C. Hunt 7, A. Harding 8, F. Skevington (conductor) 9, G. Block 10.

SHOULDHAM, NORFOLK.—On Sunday, February 16th, at All Saints' Church, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins., for morning service: Watson Stewart 1, Harry Bowen 2, Bertie Malby 3, Edward Barker (conductor) 4, Gilbert Plaice 5, Albert V. Bowen 6. All are service ringers at this church.

HOLBORN.—On Sunday, February 16th, at St. Andrew's, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 47 mins.: H. C. Alford 1, J. S. Hawkins 2, W. J. Norton 3, R. W. Green 4, C. J. Choct 5, A. C. Darnell 6, E. Brett 7, C. W. Pipe (conductor) 8.

LONDON.—The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—On Sunday, February 16th, for evening service, at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, 1,056 Spliced Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Maximus: A. J. Weale 1, Mrs. N. J. Deal 2, Miss Freda Orr 3, J. D. Matthews (conductor) 4, A. Deserens 5, T. Newman 6, W. Williams 7, G. Card 8, G. H. Cross 9, N. Bullen 10, C. J. Matthews 11, L. H. Baybutt 12.

KENSINGTON.—At the Church of St. Mary Abbots, for evening service, on Sunday, February 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): J. Kenyon (first quarter-peal) 1, W. E. Judd (conductor) 2, W. W. Bailey (first quarter-peal on ten bells) 3, J. A. Dart 4, A. Cutmore 5, A. Waddington 6, E. R. Mackrill 7, F. Skevington 8, G. C. Rice 9, Capt. C. Warner 10.

WARFIELD, BERKS.—On Sunday morning, February 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Dyer 1, W. P. Cross 2, G. Higgs 3, J. Brant, sen., 4, L. Stilwell (conductor) 5, T. Smith 6, E. S. T. Farr 7, W. Henley 8. First quarter by W. Dyer and G. Higgs, who are local men.

SOUTH CROYDON.—On Sunday, February 2nd, for evening service, 1,440 of Kent Treble Bob Royal in 1 hr. at St. Peter's Church: D. Wright 1, J. Trappitt 2, C. Dean 3, W. Bulpitt 4, F. Larbey 5, W. Joiner 6, B. Newson 7, R. Grimwood 8, E. Denham 9, W. Smith (conductor) 10. First quarter-peal of Royal by ringers of 4th, 5th and 9th.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**SOUTHERN BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.**

The Southern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild held the annual meeting at Grantham on Saturday, January 18th. The weather being fine, there was a good attendance, upwards of 30 ringers and friends being present from Spalding, Surfleet, Bourne, Edenham, Rippingale, Folkingham, Bottesford, Hough, Barkston, Melton Mowbray, Stanton-by-Dale, Spondon, Woodford, E. Hitchin, Butterwick, Orston, and the local band. The peal of ten were available during the afternoon and evening, and touches of Treble Ten, Plain Bob Royal, Stedman and Grandsire Caters were successfully brought round. Service was held in St. Wulfram's Church, Canon Markham conducting the service, and giving a very appropriate address to those present.

The tea and business meeting followed, held in St. Wulfram's Church Room, 29 sitting down to the excellent tea provided.

The Rev. H. Law James (Master of the Guild) presided at the meeting, at which the usual business was transacted, there being no change in the election of officers for the ensuing year.

Three new performing members, two from Hough and one from Folkingham were duly elected.

It was gratifying to see ringers attend this meeting from so far afield as Hitchin, Woodford, E., Spondon, and, last but not least, Melton Mowbray, in the person of Mr. Harry Bartram, sen.

A hearty vote of thanks to Canon Markham for the use of the bells, and the service concluded a successful meeting. Further ringing on tower and handbells was continued until about 8.30.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM. (Established 1755.)—The 42nd annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 1st, at 6 o'clock, when the chair will be taken by Canon 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 St. Chad's R.C. (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 entitles members who have not met twenty times in the previous year to vote on matters of finance should be paid immediately. Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 27th.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Old Woking, on Saturday, February 22nd. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome.—Hilda F. Mills, Cairneyhill, Bridgefield, Farnham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Canterbury, on Saturday, February 22nd. Cathedral and St. Alphege bells, etc., available. Service will be held at St. Alphege's Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Foresters' Hall at 5 p.m., followed by a business meeting. Subscriptions are now due and may be paid at this meeting.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—The Langford Memorial Meeting will be held at Bradpole on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Tower available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Other local towers if needed.—T. H. Beams, Bradpole, Bridport.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—A meeting and social will be held on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. All Souls' bells will be available from 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Social in the Bolton Borough Police Athletic Club, Old Hall Street, from 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held on Saturday, Feb. 22nd, at 3 p.m. Ringing, St. Leonard's (8) and St. Mary's (6). Short service at St. Mary's at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Cost of tea, per head, 1s. 3d.—H. O. Baker, Hon. Sec., 14, Whitburn Street, Bridgnorth.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Hereford on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. City bells available 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea, Booth Hall, 5.45 p.m.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Barwell on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea provided in the Institute at 4.30. A good meeting is requested, all ringers being welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand.—William Horan, 2, Greenbirst Hey, Todmorden.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Iver (8 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 22nd, at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Harlow on Saturday, Feb. 22nd, at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea, 1s. per head, at 5.30. Business meeting follows. Those requiring tea kindly advise me.—C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

SUFFOLK GUILD AND ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting will be held at Clare on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—L. Allington, 32, Acton Lane, Sudbury; F. Ridgewell, Queen's Road, Earls Colne, Secs.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Thirsk on Saturday, February 22nd. Bells (8, tenor 17 cwt.) will be available for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided at the Primrose Cafe at 5 p.m.: Members 1s., non-members 1s. 6d. It is hoped there will be a good number of members and friends at this meeting.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Brant Broughton (6) on Saturday, March 1st. Tower open 2 p.m. Notifications for tea to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Loughton on Saturday, March 1st. Bells (8, recently rehung) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will those requiring tea advise me at latest by Feb. 25th? Subscriptions for 1930 are now due.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Spalding on Saturday, March 1st. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. Tea, at White Hart Hotel at 4.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by Feb. 25th?—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Thorpe Malsor (6) on Saturday, March 1st. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly advise me by Tuesday, Feb. 25th?—H. Baxter, Bredon, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting will be held at Birling on Saturday, March 1st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45, followed by tea and business meeting. Please notify me not later than Tuesday, Feb. 25th.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

LEICESTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES.—An annual dinner and concert will be held at the King Richard III. Hotel, Highcross Street, Leicester, on Saturday, March 1st, at 6.30 p.m. It is most essential that those intending to be present should inform me not later than Saturday, Feb. 22nd. (Charge 3s. 6d. per head.) The following towers will be open for ringing from 3.30 p.m. till 6 p.m.: St. Margaret's (12), the Cathedral (10), St. John-the-Divine (10), All Saints' (5). All ringers heartily welcome.—Alban Disney, Hon. Sec., 3, Highgate, Aylestone Lane, Leicester.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch will be held on Saturday, March 1st, at 6 p.m., at the Park End Hotel, Parkend Road. Tickets 3s. St. Mary-de-Lode bells from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.; St. Michael's from 4 p.m. to 4.45 p.m.; St. Mary-de-Crypt 4 to 4.45. Will those requiring tickets kindly let me know not later than the 22nd inst? Ladies invited.—W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 15, Painswick Road, Gloucester.

APPLETON, BERKS.—The anniversary of these bells will be held on Saturday, March 1st. Tower open all day. Dinner at 4.30 p.m. Please notify R. White, Appleton, Berks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bispham Parish Church on Saturday, March 1st. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30. Subscriptions due.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Pre-Lent meeting at Wylam-on-Tyne on Saturday, March 1st. The bells of St. Oswin's (6, tenor 22 cwt.) will be available after 2.30, and it is hoped that Newburn belfry will also be open. Tea at the Ship Inn, Wylam, at 5. Those intending to be present please notify Mr. F. Gordon, 7, Dene Terrace East, Wylam, not later than Wednesday, Feb. 26th.—George S. Taylor, Sec.

WATFORD, Saturday, March 1st. Bells open from 3.30. Tea, in Old School, 5.30. Oxhey bells open from 7.30. Cheap tickets from all stations to Watford. Cheap return tickets by motor coach from London to Watford. Number for tea by Feb. 24th.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Dereham on Saturday, March 1st, at 3.30 p.m.—W. B. Duncan, Branch Sec., Reepham, Norwich.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Market Lavington, on Saturday, March 1st. Bells (6) ready 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.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Ulverston Parish Church on Saturday, March 1st. Bells (6) available at 2 p.m. Meeting 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Twyford on Saturday, March 1st. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service at 3.30 p.m. Members of Central Bucks Branch and other visitors heartily invited. Those requiring tea please notify in good time.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Kempston (6 bells) on Saturday, March 1st, at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Buses every 10 minutes from Silver Street, Bedford. Everybody welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Stagsden.

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Whimple on Saturday, March 1st. Service 4.15. Tea 5 (1s. per head). Bells recently rehung. All ringers welcome.—Miss E. Lomas, Hon. Sec., Whimple, Devon.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—A special meeting will be held at Burghclere on Saturday, March 1st. Bells available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (1s. per head) in Parish Hall. Those requiring tea kindly notify by Feb. 26th.—The Rev. F. C. Sear, St. Mary Bourne Vicarage, Andover.

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON, TAUNTON.—Ringers' re-opening of bells on Saturday, March 1st. Bells from 2.30 p.m. All ringers heartily welcomed. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. S. G. Coles, 3, Holly Terrace, Staplegrove Road, Taunton, not later than Wednesday, Feb. 26th.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Chieveley on Saturday, March 1st. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at 1s. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify the Rev. H. Bonsey, The Vicarage, Chieveley, near Newbury, not later than Wednesday, Feb. 26th, for tea. Good bus service from Newbury, 3½ miles, at 1s. return.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A meeting will be held at Wootton on Saturday, March 1st. Bells (5) 2.45. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Will all who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Feb. 25th? — T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next quarterly meeting will be held at Baglan on Saturday, March 1st. Bells (6) available 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.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Old Cleeve on Saturday, March 1st. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at Old Cleeve at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec., 6, Park Street, Minehead.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—A meeting will be held at Hartford on Saturday, March 1st. Houghton bells also available. Service at 4.30. Tea will be provided by the Vicar, and I shall be glad if all who expect to be present will let me know by Tuesday, Feb. 25th.—Catherine Fields, High Street, St. Neots, Hunts.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Thornby on Saturday, March 1st. Usual arrangements.—R. Adams, East Haddon.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Feltham on Saturday, March 8th. The usual arrangements will be made.—Wm. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Rolleston-on-Dove on Saturday, March 8th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify Mr. L. C. Smith, Rolleston, by 6th at latest. Subscriptions are now due and may be paid at this meeting. Will members please see that this meeting is well attended? — John Leach, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leyland St. James' on Saturday, March 8th. Bells available from 2.30. All ringers welcome.—F. Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 8th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in St. Thomas' Church at 4.30. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, March 4th. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Helens Parish Church on Saturday, March 8th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Preacher: The Lord Bishop of Warrington. Tea (9d. each) 6.15 p.m. Meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. E. Mercer, 13, Spray Street, St. Helens, before Wednesday, March 5th.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Ruddington on March 8th instead of the 1st owing to the Leicester meeting. 8 bells ready from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please come and put your backs to it.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Springfield on Saturday, March 8th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service in church 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5 o'clock. Will those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, March 5th?—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

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EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD. — The annual general meeting will be held at Coleman's Hatch on Saturday, March 15th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Will all those attending kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, March 12th.—G. Lambert, Drum-mood Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — The annual general meeting will be held at Beddington on March 22nd. Notices of any proposed alterations or additions to the rules must be sent to the undersigned not later than February 22nd.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual committee meeting.—Preliminary Notice. — Will all branch secretaries try to keep Saturday, April 5th, clear of meetings, as, if possible, the committee meeting will be held at Oxford on that date? Usual notice will appear later.—R. T. Hibbert, Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Will those who are desirous of contributing to the 'Henry W. Jackson Memorial Fund' please forward their contributions as early as possible. The fund is now closing.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton, Lancs.

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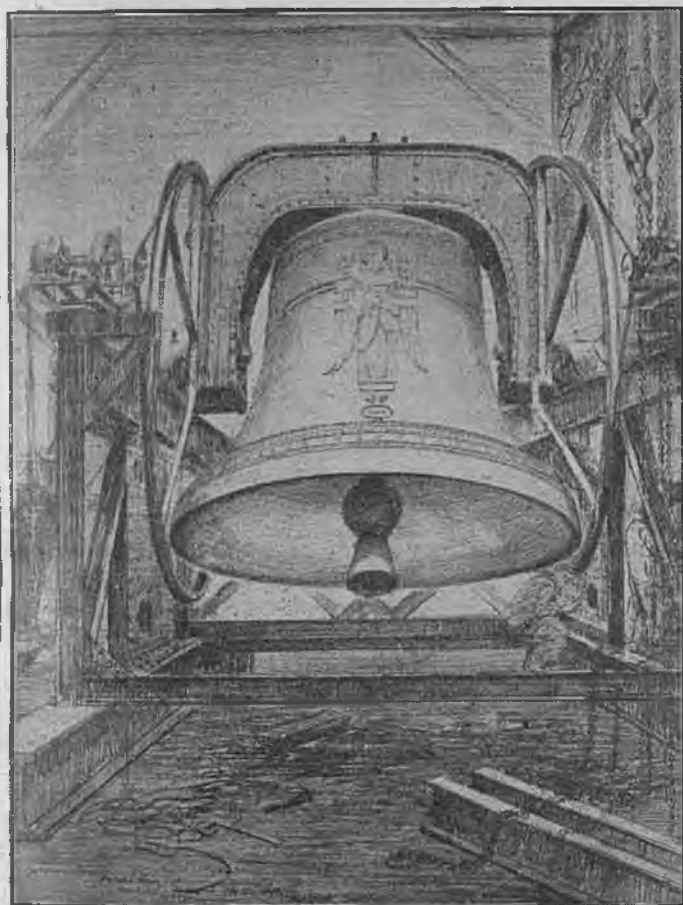
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To-day is the anniversary of the birth of one of these men—Henry Johnson, whose memory will be honoured in a great gathering of ringers at Birmingham to-morrow. Apart from the value which such events as these have in bringing ringers, from widely scattered places, together in social intercourse, they do definitely serve to remind the present generation of something of their indebtedness to the worthies of the past. Even though a ringer may never have attended one of these functions, the mere fact that there is such a commemoration every year, reminds him that such a man as Henry Johnson lived and that in his day he was a force which had its influence in the Exercise; an explorer who opened up new paths, and who left his mark upon the art. Without this commemoration it is probable that by this time, except in the gradually narrowing circle of those who came into personal contact with him, the name of Henry Johnson would be no more to the ringers of to-day than many a score of others, whose names have deserved a place in the temple of ringing fame. Happily, however, the notable place which Henry Johnson occupied is kept before us in a manner that serves a double purpose. Johnson himself, could he tell us, would no doubt approve of the spirit of the Birmingham gathering, which, apart from preserving his memory, helps to spread, in no uncertain manner, the real feeling of brotherhood which does so much to expand the art of ringing wherever it penetrates and makes the efforts of all so much more worth while.

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| C. A. BINES 3 | * J. HURRELL 7 |
| W. A. MARTIN 4 | R. BRETT-SMITH Tenor |

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob. Rung as a compliment to F. Fraser, on his 80th birthday. He has been a ringer and steeple-keeper at the church for the long period of 62 years.

TURNERS HILL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

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| RICHARD B. LAMBERT ... Treble | THOMAS HOAD 5 |
| * HERBERT D. WHITE 2 | ALBERT E. EDWARDS 6 |
| ERNEST J. LADD 3 | JOSEPH WREN 7 |
| RICHARD B. DIVALL 4 | SIDNEY W. CHESSEON Tenor |

Composed by W. MATTHEWS.

Conducted by A. E. EDWARDS.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Wren, wife of the ringer of the 7th, who is the respected captain of the East Grinstead ringers.

CRESWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... Treble | ARTHUR KNIGHTS 5 |
| MISS K. BURCHNALL 2 | WILLIAM BIGGIN 6 |
| * LESLIE W. BACON 3 | * GEORGE L. CHAMBERS 7 |
| HERBERT HAIGH 4 | A. PENCAVAL KNIGHTS Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS.

* First peal of Oxford and first peal of Oxford on the bells. This peal was composed on February 15th, 1882, and is now rung for the first time.

BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 25 cwt.

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| JAMES HUNT Treble | ALEXANDER EVANS 5 |
| * ARTHUR REED 2 | WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT 6 |
| ALFRED J. WYATT 3 | WILLIAM A. CAVE 7 |
| JOHN THOMAS 4 | JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor |

Composed by JAMES HUNT.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal in the method.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

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| * GEORGE LINES Treble | HARRY CHAMBERS 5 |
| WALTER PERKINS 2 | JAMES WARD 6 |
| GEORGE BASFORD 3 | JOHN J. MAWBY 7 |
| JOHN R. MAIN 4 | ANDERSON Y. TYLER Tenor |

Composed by FREDK. DENCH.

Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER

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

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

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| ROBERT COLLINS Treble | WILLIAM COLLISON 5 |
| DR. E. L. TAYLOR 2 | HERBERT MARKWELL 6 |
| FREDERICK WHITE 3 | JOHN DEARLOVE 7 |
| WILLIAM LATTER 4 | KEITH HART Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

CHIGWELL ROW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 16 cwt.

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| CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Treble | WILLIAM H. THEOBALD 5 |
| * FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON ... 2 | GEORGE DAWSON 6 |
| WILLIAM H. HEWETT 3 | JAMES E. DAVIS 7 |
| ERNEST W. FURBANK 4 | EDWARD D. SMITH Tenor |

Conducted by EDWARD D. SMITH.

* First peal of Surprise away from the treble.

EXETER, DEVONSHIRE.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, February 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAVIES' TEN-PART, No. 1.

Tenor 15 cwt.

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| EDWIN SHEPHERD Treble | WILLIAM RICHARDSON 5 |
| EDWARD W. BIFFIN 2 | H. J. CORRY 6 |
| JOHN HOSGOOD 3 | ARTHUR H. GOAD 7 |
| WILLIAM HOWE 4 | WILLIAM WILLS Tenor |

Conducted by EDWARD W. BIFFIN.

First peal for William Wills, who rang well throughout the peal.

WELLS, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 17, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Cuthbert,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 27 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

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| ARTHUR RICKETTS Treble | HERBERT BAKER 5 |
| LEONARD PULLIN 2 | JOSEPH T. DYKE 6 |
| JOHN E. MEYCALEE 3 | FRANKLIN D. RICKARDS 7 |
| RONALD G. BECK 4 | JOHN FORD Tenor |

Conducted by F. D. RICKARDS.

HORLEY, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Sunday, February 16, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 11½ cwt.

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| WALTER CHARMAN 1 | ALFRED J. BULL 5 |
| BERNARD H. WELLS 2 | P.C. WALTER CLAYDON ... 6 |
| ARTHUR H. SMITH 3 | *WILLIAM G. NEWBERRY ... 7 |
| ALAN R. PINK 4 | ALBERT HARMAN Tenor |

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.
* First peal of Surprise Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. H. T. Lewis, Vicar of Horley.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 17, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 10½ cwt.

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| *HENRY COLLEY Treble | FRANK BENNETT 5 |
| FREDERICK N. SMEATON ... 2 | JACK M. CRIPPS 6 |
| ALFRED W. GROVES 3 | ROBERT RICHARDSON ... 7 |
| WILLIAM HILLMAN 4 | EDMUND LINDUP Tenor |

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
* First peal in a Surprise method.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(GLOUCESTER BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, February 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

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| THOMAS BALDWIN Treble | GEORGE CONDICK 5 |
| WILLIAM H. HARRIS 2 | HERBERT BECKETT 6 |
| JOHN AUSTIN 3 | EX-SGT. J. WILLIAMS ... 7 |
| JESSE GILLET 4 | ALBERT MARTIN Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.
Rung with the bells muffled as a last token of respect to G. L. Brunsdon, a very much respected member of the Gloucester Branch.

TWYFORD, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 19, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. REEVES' TEN-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| *ERNEST AUSTIN Treble | *FREDERICK WIGMORE ... 5 |
| RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... 2 | REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ... 6 |
| FREDERICK DENTRY 3 | GEORGE GILBERT 7 |
| *MRS. E. FOSTER 4 | WALTER BRADLEY Tenor |

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.
* First peal.

SCUNTHORPE, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, February 20, 1930, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

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| *GEOFFREY BRAY Treble | FRANK LORD 5 |
| MRS. J. BRAY 2 | BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. ... 6 |
| CHARLES H. BIRD 3 | GEORGE O. DIXON 7 |
| WILLIAM GARTRY 4 | JACK BRAY Tenor |

Composed by H. TUCKER. Conducted by FRANK LORD.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

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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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FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, February 20, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

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| ALBERT E. WHITING ... Treble | LESLIE G. BRETT 5 |
| JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... 2 | GEORGE BENNETT 6 |
| GEORGE PRYKE 3 | LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 7 |
| *WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... 4 | T. WILLIAM LAST Tenor |

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by L. G. BRETT.
* 100th Surprise peal. L. G. Brett's first attempt for a peal as conductor. He had not previously called a bob in the method. It was also on this bell that the conductor rang his first peal on January 5th, 1923.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 20, 1930, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

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| WILLIAM A. CAVE Treble | WILLIAM KNIGHT 5 |
| THOMAS F. KING 2 | HENRY PRING 6 |
| ALFRED E. REEVES 3 | CHARLES R. LILLEY ... 7 |
| REV. R. H. WHITFORD ... 4 | JOHN A. BURFORD Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN A. BURFORD.
First peal of Cambridge Major as conductor. Rung after meeting short for Cambridge Royal.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6400 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| TOM O'HARA Treble | FRED WATKINSON 5 |
| ARTHUR KNIGHTS 2 | *WILLIAM T. PALMER ... 6 |
| JOHN THORPE 3 | WILLIAM BIGGIN 7 |
| FREDERICK CARDWELL ... 4 | A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... Tenor |

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS.
* 50th peal. Rung on the anniversary of the composer's wedding day.

GREAT BARDFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
ANNABLE'S. Tenor 16 cwt.

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| ALBERT RIBBANS Treble | *WILLIAM PIPER 5 |
| ERNEST TOWNSEND 2 | *H. WALTER SMITH 6 |
| *FRANK HARRINGTON ... 3 | ERNEST W. RICHARDSON ... 7 |
| ARTHUR T. SMITH 4 | JOSEPH C. JENNINGS Tenor |

Conducted by J. C. JENNINGS.
* First peal of Bob Major. First peal in the method on the bells. First peal of Major as conductor. Rung to celebrate the erection of a new lych gate at the above church.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, February 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF EMMANUEL, COMPTON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

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| *MISS E. J. C. ANGWIN ... Treble | THOMAS G. MYERS 5 |
| WILLIAM J. RUNDLE 2 | ARTHUR S. ROBERTS ... 6 |
| ROBERT J. BALDRY 3 | JOSEPH WOOLEY 7 |
| PHILIP J. HITCHENS ... 4 | SYDNEY SYMONS Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RUNDLE.
* First peal on eight. Ringers of treble and 6th from Truro, 4th from Penzance, 5th from St. Andrew's, Plymouth; the remainder are members of the local band. Ringers of treble, 4th and 6th were elected members of the Devon Guild previous to starting. After the peal, an excellent repast was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Woodley, who were heartily thanked for their hospitality.

We regret that, owing to pressure on our space, we have had to hold over the reports of several peals.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

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| WALTER F. JUDGE Treble | RICHARD G. RICE 5 |
| THOMAS EAST 2 | ALFRED H. WEBB 6 |
| HUGH J. BALCOMBE 3 | RICHARD T. HIBBERT 7 |
| REV. C. W. O. JENKYN 4 | WILLIAM A. GOODENOUGH Tenor |

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WOOLTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

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| LESTER L. GREY Treble | HARRY SMALE 5 |
| ERNEST JONES 2 | GEORGE R. NEWTON 6 |
| THOMAS HAMMOND 3 | EDWARD CAUNCE 7 |
| *EDWIN JENNINGS 4 | HARRY GRACE Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal of Stedman, and hails from Kendal.

BARTON LE CLEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

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| *REGINALD J. SCOTT Treble | †ALBERT G. MATTHEWS 5 |
| GEORGE W. HARRIS 2 | RICHARD KENDALL 6 |
| AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 3 | ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 7 |
| GEORGE W. HELEY 4 | *HAROLD ROBERTS Tenor |

Conducted by ARTHUR E. SHARMAN.

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

SIX BELL PEALS.

COMPTON MARTIN.

On Monday, January 6, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With ten different callings.

Tenor 15 cwt.

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| J. HOUSE Treble | G. GILLING 4 |
| C. FIELD 2 | W. F. WEBB 5 |
| J. TOSSELL 3 | E. TOSSELL Tenor |

Conducted by W. F. WEBB.

Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the second on his 16th birthday.

SIDCUP, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 14, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

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| JIM HURRELL Treble | CYRIL BRETT-SMITH 4 |
| ROBERT BRETT-SMITH 2 | OSCAR GILBEY 5 |
| CHARLES A. BINES 3 | THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor |

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

This peal was rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Canon E. Basil Spurgin, Vicar of St. John's.

BICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

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 12½ cwt.

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| HAROLD HARPER Treble | WILLIAM E. CLARKE 4 |
| ALBERT H. BENNETT 2 | FRANK P. HARWOOD 5 |
| WILLIAM WILKINSON 3 | STANLEY E. BENNETT Tenor |

Conducted by W. E. CLARKE.

BENINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, February 14, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Single Oxford, two 720's each of Canterbury Pleasure, Single Court and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.).

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| *GEORGE CRAWFORD Treble | FRANK DEWEY 4 |
| GEORGE W. HOUGHTON 2 | HAROLD HARPER 5 |
| FRANK P. HARWOOD 3 | WILLIAM E. CLARKE Tenor |

Conducted by W. E. CLARKE.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Crawford and Miss P. Dewey, daughter of F. Dewey.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

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| ERNEST BENNETT Treble | WILFRED STEVENSON 4 |
| SIDNEY HOUGH, SEN. 2 | JOHN WORTH 5 |
| *FRANK TWIGG 3 | HARRY PARKER Tenor |

Conducted by HARRY PARKER.

* First peal of Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. John Worth.

WALTHAM, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Canterbury Reverse, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

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| CHARLES W. TAYLOR Treble | FRANK LORD 4 |
| MRS. J. BRAY 2 | HERBERT I. MINGAY 5 |
| STEPHEN BROOMFIELD 3 | JACK BRAY Tenor |

Conducted by J. BRAY.

First peal in seven methods by all the band, also in the Grimsby district. Mr. C. W. Taylor's 50th peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Dr. Fry, Dean of Lincoln, president of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

SHENLEY, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

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| *ALASTAIR CAMERON Treble | HARRY CARTER 4 |
| *SIDNEY GRACE 2 | HENRY JORDAN 5 |
| *HAROLD DANIELS 3 | ERNEST G. WILLETT Tenor |

Conducted by H. DANIELS.

* First peal. Rung in honour of the tenth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Willett. The above are all members of the local band.

HOFTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, February 16, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different extents, one each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Double Court, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and two of Plain Bob.

13 cwt. in F sharp.

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| RAYMOND GRANT Treble | ALPHAEUS J. BERRY 4 |
| CHARLES F. GOODMAN 2 | NOLAN GOLDEN 5 |
| ERIC G. BENNETT 3 | GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL Tenor |

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal on the bells for the Guild and since 1913. Arranged and rung as a compliment to C. F. Goodman, of Benham, who wished to ring a peal upon these, the bells of his birthplace. The company appreciated the tea provided by the Vicar after the peal.

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

On Tuesday, February 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of York, London and Cambridge Surprise, Woodline, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

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| FREDERICK SEABRIGHT ... Treble | JOHN BURLS 4 |
| CYRIL M. MITCHELL 2 | FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 5 |
| FREDERICK A. MITCHELL ... 3 | HARRY ARGENT Tenor |

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

Specially arranged as a 'coming of age' peal for F. Seabright. H. Argent has now rung every bell in this tower in a peal of seven methods.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 20, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With ten different callings.

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| HARRY TYSOR Treble | HERBERT SHARP 4 |
| EDGAR H. TINGEY 2 | WILLIAM STAPLETON 5 |
| MISS EVELYN STEEL 3 | THOMAS HARPIN Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.

First peal of Stedman Doubles rung in the county, and by all the band.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 12, 1930, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes

IN THE TOWER OF THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

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| FRANK A. TURNER 1-2 | ARTHUR SYMONDS 5-6 |
| STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 3-4 | MADRICE T. SYMONDS 7-8 |

Composed by J. E. BORTON. Conducted by M. T. SYMONDS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to F. A. Turner.

OVER, CAMBS.

THE OVER SOCIETY.

On Friday, February 14, 1930, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. G. WHYBROW, CHAIN ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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| MANSFIELD GINN 1 | RUPERT THODAY 4 |
| *GEORGE WHYBROW 2 | A. WILLIAM T. GINN 5 |
| DENNIS ADAMS 3 | FRANK WARRINGTON 6 |

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal: also first on handbells by 4th and 5th. Ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th belong to beginners' class.

HOVE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT 528, PORTLAND ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

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| MRS. RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 1-2 | FRANK I. HAIRS 5-6 |
| RUPERT RICHARDSON 3-4 | MRS. F. I. HAIRS 7-8 |

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

Umpires: J. M. CRIPPS and F. N. SMEATON.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, February 23, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT 23, VINCENT ROAD, HIGHAMS PARK,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

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| MRS. RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 1-2 | *GEORGE R. PYE 5-6 |
| RUPERT RICHARDSON 3-4 | *WILLIAM PYE 7-8 |

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON

Umpires: A. W. COLES and C. T. COLES.

* First peal in the method on handbells. Great credit is due to the ringers of 5-6 and 7-8 for the way in which they rang their bells.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BOLTON BRANCH SOCIAL WITH POLICE.

On Saturday last, the Bolton Branch held what is beginning to be looked upon as an annual affair. The Bolton Borough Police Athletic Club had again given an invitation to the ringers to visit their club for a billiards match and social. The arrangements were made in conjunction with the monthly meeting of the Bolton Branch, and the bells of All Souls' were at liberty from 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Over 30 ringers visited the tower and rang touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich Court Bob and Cambridge Surprise Major.

Then an adjournment was made to the Police Club, and here was a real 'gathering of the clans.' Over 100 ringers, wives and friends met and enjoyed a 'free and easy' concert. Mr. John Booth and his daughter were encored again and again for their handbells, and Miss Booth's rendering of 'Londonderry Air' with piano accompaniment was splendid. Miss Annie Potter and Mr. C. Gudgeon gave vocal solos, Mr. A. Sewart was the accompanist, P.C. Hayhurst provided the humour, and Mr. J. P. Fidler was a good story teller. A course of Grandsire Caters was rung on the handbells.

In the billiards match, the police were easy winners.

The appreciation of these events is shown by the way they are patronised by ringers, who come from long distances. The invitation extends beyond members of the Bolton Branch: it is to all ringers, and they are taking advantage of it. The president, Rev. Canon Elsee, and the two general secretaries were present.

At the conclusion, P.C. Hayhurst moved a vote of thanks to the artistes, and, on behalf of the club, gave another cordial invitation to the ringers to come to the bowling green sometime during the summer. He said they looked forward to the ringers coming, as they knew they would have an enjoyable time. He said he would like to couple the name of Sergt. Crook with the success of this evening. He knew that he had gone to a lot of trouble to make the social a success, and he was to be congratulated.—Sergt. Tebbutt seconded this, and supported the invitation.

On behalf of the ringers, Mr. J. P. Fidler thanked the police for their invitation with appropriate remarks.

Sergt. Crook said he was in a peculiar position: he applauded for both sides; but as a ringer his chief object in organising these events was to give the womenfolk an opportunity to meet and enjoy themselves. The menfolk enjoyed ringing, and to some women this was a bore, so he thought it was only fair to consider them.

SPADE WORK BEARING FRUIT.

Another successful meeting of the Preston Branch was held at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Brownedge, on Saturday week, when about forty ringers were present during the day, amongst them being visitors from Lancaster, Blackpool, Standish and Bolton.

The bells were kept going in various methods from 3 p.m. until after eight o'clock, except for a brief interval for tea and the business meeting. It was gratifying to note that the spade work of some of the members was bearing fruit, also that some fresh faces were to be seen.

An unknown non-ringer, who had found his way to the belfry, said, in a conversation with the secretary, that for what it was worth he would like to say how much he had appreciated the beautiful tone and pealing of the bells as he had been cycling towards the church, and he also said how very much he was impressed by the class of men at the meeting, and that, from the attitude and interest of those ringing, it was an 'ideal exercise for team work.'

During a short interval between the tea and meeting a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by F. R. Martin, B. A. Knights, C. Sharples and J. Booth.

The meeting was then held, Mr. Wm. Sharples presiding. The Chairman said how pleased he was to welcome the visitors from the other branches.

The usual routine business having been transacted, one or two suggestions were made as to trying peals in other methods than those usually rung in the branch.

The Secretary said he wished to remind those present that, in ringing the peal of Cambridge Major at Higher Walton recently, Mr. B. A. Knights had completed one hundred peals for the association, and was the first Preston Branch ringer to do so. On behalf of the branch he would like to congratulate Mr. Knights on his performance.—The Chairman also added a few appropriate remarks.

The usual vote of thanks to the church authorities for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for having all in readiness for the meeting, concluded the business.

A DATE TOUCH.

On Monday, February 17th, at the Church of St. Peter, Goldhanger, Essex, a date touch (1,930 changes) in 1 hr. 3 mins., consisting of 130 Plain Bob, 360 College Exercise and 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob: S. J. White 1, B. C. Mann 2, J. D. Buckingham (conductor) 3, C. J. Mann 4, G. H. Neville 5, A. Appleton 6. Rung as a mark of appreciation to the conductor on completing 30 years as towerkeeper and conductor at the above church.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**PEAK DISTRICT.**

A very successful meeting of the Peak District was held at Hathersage on Saturday, February 15th, when about 40 ringers and friends attended from Bakewell, Baslow, Castleton, Dore, Eyam, Hathersage and other places. The beautiful and historic church of St. Michael, situated in a commanding position amidst the glorious scenery of the Peak, with its many objects of interest, including the grave of 'Little John,' mate of Robin Hood, was a great attraction, apart from the ringing. The bells, a heavy and old ring of six, three of them pre-Reformation, and with a tenor reputed to be 17½ cwt., were raised about 3 p.m., and were kept going in various methods till 8 p.m. A pleasing feature was that the local ringers, who have little knowledge of change ringing, turned up in force, showed themselves keenly interested, and were given all possible encouragement and help.

A splendid tea was provided gratis in the Schools through the kindness of Mr. H. Newbury, of Hathersage, and was presided over by the Rev. J. H. Brooksbank, Vicar and Rural Dean, who welcomed those present in a racy and kindly speech.

The Rev. W. P. Wright (Eyam) presided over an informal business meeting, and expressed great appreciation of the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Newbury, and of the cordial welcome received that day, and voiced the earnest good wishes of all present for the progress and success of the Hathersage ringers.

Mr. Newbury, who was received with great applause, welcomed the M.C.A. to Hathersage, and, although not a ringer himself, expressed his great affection for and interest in their historic bells, and his intention to do all in his power to help and encourage the local ringers.

The next meeting was fixed for March 15th at Matlock, and, after some discussion, it was decided on a vote to limit the length of touches at all meetings to not more than 20 minutes. The methods for special attention remain as before, i.e., Double Norwich on eight and Cambridge Minor on six.

KEYNSHAM RINGERS ENTERTAINED.

On Wednesday, February 12th, the Keynsham ringers were entertained to dinner by the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Hunt, a party of 18 sitting down to a splendid spread. The Vicar (Rev. E. Walters) and curate (Rev. S. Hale) were present, and after dinner a few members of the church choir, assisted by the organist (Mr. F. Laurence) rendered songs, etc. A very enjoyable evening was spent.

INTERESTING PEALS RECORDED.

Before morning service, at West Clandon, Surrey, on Sunday, February 16th, the Rev. Sir John Herschel (Rector), in the presence of members of the Parochial Church Council and the ringers, unveiled a peal board. The board, which is, of course, hung in the belfry, commemorates two peals of Surprise Minor in seven methods, one being the last peal rung on the bells before the fire of 1913, and the other the first peal rung on the bells after their restoration. The former was accomplished in 1911 and the latter in November, 1928. The war helped to some extent to fill up the intervening space of 17 years, but it depleted the ranks of the ringers at West Clandon to such an extent that this long period elapsed before a band could be got together sufficiently advanced to attempt a peal of Surprise Minor in seven methods. It is interesting to note that Messrs. F. Bennett, F. Day and J. Goacher took part in both peals. The peal of 1928 was not rung by an entirely local band, as the services of Mr. W. J. Robinson, from the Cathedral Church, Guildford, had to be enlisted. There are great hopes, however, that in the near future a similar peal will be rung by a local band.

After the service the ringers again went to the belfry and rang a short touch, and most of the congregation who were invited to watch the ringing took advantage of the opportunity. Those who did so appeared to be keenly interested, and the ringers were kept busy endeavouring to answer in non-technical terms the many questions which were asked about the bells and change ringing.

The ringers are indebted to the Misses Warren for the painting of the peal board.

After Sunday's experience, the writer of these lines is convinced that, if more opportunities could be found for ringing in front of an audience actually in view of the ropes, the work of ringers and the fact that change ringing in a fascinating and intricate art would be more deeply appreciated by the general public than it is at present. Although many of those who entered the belfry hear the bells Sunday after Sunday, very few had the slightest idea that there was anything in ringing beyond a display of brute force and ignorance to appeal to its devotees.

A UNITED PRACTICE.

At Dunmow Church, on February 15th, for a united practice with members from Great Bardfield and Dunmow, 1,680 Bob Major: A. Ribbans 1, B. Richardson (longest length on an inside bell) 2, A. Smith 3, E. Perry 4, W. Smith 5, E. Townsend 6, E. Richardson 7, J. Jennings (conductor) 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.

We have received from the hon. secretary of the Central Council, for publication, the official minutes of the last meeting. We regret that the pressure on our space will prevent us, for a week or two, from publishing the minutes, but we will do so at the earliest possible moment. We feel this announcement is due to the hon. secretary.

A well-known official of the Surrey Association was nearly hanged the other day—not in an attempt to commit suicide, but in a successful endeavour to save a ringing pupil from an unhappy fate. He still bears the scars upon his neck, but he is Kippin very cheerful over it all.

Two promising ringers rang their first peal of Bob Major on handbells on Sunday, and from the footnote to the report sent by an independent observer, they acquitted themselves well in the performance. By the way, both these ringers took part in the first peals of London, Cambridge and Bristol Surprise on handbells.

A peal of 8,064 Grandsire Caters was rung at Painswick on March 1st, 1734, and on the same day a year later a peal of 10,080 was rung on the same bells.

Another long peal of Grandsire Caters, beating the Painswick length, was rung at Nottingham on March 3rd, 1778. The 'Cambridge Chronicle' of March 7th, 1778, recorded the performance in the following paragraph:—

'On Shrove Tuesday, a complete peal of 10,260 Grandsire Caters was rung upon the deep-toned peal of ten bells at St. Mary's Church in Nottingham, being the first and only attempt ever made for the same. The above performance continued 7 hrs. and 20 mins., and was performed by eleven of the Nottingham Society. The tenor, as customary with bells this weight, was rung by two men, and the other nine singlehanded. St. Mary's bells are the heaviest peal of ten bells within one hundred miles of the place, York Minster excepted.'

On March 6th, 1832, a peal of 7,392 Kent Treble Bob Maximus was rung at Oldham. In 1871, James Mills and Abraham Jackson, two survivors of the band, rang in a commemorative touch.

The peal rung at Shipham, Somerset, was Oxford Bob, not Oxford Treble Bob, as published.

'House Full' is the notice posted for the Leicester dinner to-morrow, which is going to be a great feast day, with the Johnson dinner at Birmingham (a national affair) and other dinners at Gloucester and Appleton.

The meeting of the Fylde Branch of the Lancashire Association at Bispham has been postponed to March 8th.

APPEAL FOR A LANCASHIRE RINGER.

Previously acknowledged, £10 6s. 6d.: W. H. Fussell, Farnburn Avenue, Slough, 5s.; R. Newton, 28, State Street, Boston, Mass., U.S.A., 10s.; Rev. Canon Elsee, M.A., St. George's Vicarage, Bolton, 10s. Any further donations to this fund for assisting Mr. Harry Tomlinson will be gratefully received by Mr. F. Hindle, hon. secretary, Blackburn Branch, 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

THE BELLS OF ST. MARY'S, NOTTINGHAM. WHERE W. D. CROFTS PRACTISED.

The dates of the present ten bells stretch from 1595 to 1856, through the reign of fourteen sovereigns. At least half of the present peal replace earlier bells, since, as early as the end of the 14th century, William Brayser de Nottingham was a prominent bell founder, and there is a record that the clerk was sued for selling a clapper in 1394. The present bells may be grouped into three periods. The 9th, 8th and 6th bells belong roughly to the beginning of the 17th century, and bear the mark of Henry Oldfield, jun. This great firm carried on business in Nottingham for two hundred years; and the 7th and 5th bells, added after the Restoration, have borders and lettering which suggest Oldfield workmanship.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follow:—

Treble.—C. and G. Mears, Founders, London. Recast in 1856. J. W. Brooks, Vicar; W. Dearden, J. Coope, Churchwardens.

(The original inscription would be the same as that on the second bell; and both seem to have been given at the time of the coronation of King George III.)

2nd.—Richd. Lambert and John Wyer, Churchwardens. Raised by subscription, 1761. Scrope Beardmore, Vicar, D.D. The Hon. Wm. Howe and John Plumtre, Esq., Members for the town. Lester & Pack, London, fecit.

(Inscription is in small Roman capitals, curiously arranged.)

3rd.—Rev. Scrope Beardmore, D.D., Vicar. G. Brown, H. Ward, J. Burgess, Churchwardens, 1765. By subscription. Sodales Musici Nottinghamienses Restauraverunt. Lester & Pack, of London, fecit. Translation: 'Nottingham friends of music restored me' (supposed to be the Sherwood Youths).

4th.—As the 3rd, except for Latin pentameter: 'Untouched, I silent am; strike, and I sweetly sing.'



ST. MARY'S CHURCH, NOTTINGHAM.

5th.—Inscription translated from Latin: 'When my voice is lifted up, do Thou, O Jesu, direct pious souls. O come, let us sing.' I. Edwardes, I. Sweetapple, Churchwardens.

6th.—Ralph Shawe and Henry Alvie, Wardens, 1613; Robert Aldredg, Vicar.

(This bell bears two founder's marks of Henry Oldfield, jun., the Calvary cross, crescent and star, and H.O., and a fleur-de-lis between the two letters H.O.)

7th.—Translated: 'May this bell be consecrated by the Blessed Trinity.' W. Sturup, T. Graze, Wardens, 1690.

8th.—Translated: 'In the name of Jesus Christ let every knee bow, of things in Heaven, of things in earth and of things just.' R.A.V., M.G., 1605, W.L.

9th.—Translated: 'Thus, O Bell, with thy sound, do thou summon the hosts of the Lord.'

(There are four impressions of the Royal Arms alternating with four founder's marks. This is a magnificent bell: it has three rows of decoration, and lettering finely stamped. The circular mark found on this bell was reserved for Henry Oldfield's more important works, among which was Great Tom, of Lincoln, cast 1610. Names of Mayor, Wardens and Alderman appear on this bell, which is dated 1595.)

Tenor.—Rev. Scrope Beardmore, D.D., Vicar; G. Brown, H. Ward, J. Burgess, Wardens, 1765.

'I will sound and resound unto thy people, O Lord,
With my sweet voice, and call them to thy word
I tole the tune that doleful is to such as live amiss,
But sweet my sound unto them who hope for joyful bliss.'
Lester & Pack, of London, fecit. (Weight 34½ cwt., dia. 57½ in.)
(Continued in next column.)

A PEAL OF MINOR.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In a previous issue, I suggested a definition of a 'peal of Minor and Doubles.' It is now necessary to justify the definition.

Many ringers seem to think that it is necessary to ring seven 720's from rounds to rounds to ensure the truth of the peal; but rounds is only one row chosen arbitrarily out of the 720, and if it is necessary to insist that rounds must always come up 720 changes from the previous rounds, it is also necessary that every other row must also come up at the same interval, and this means that we must ring all seven 720's in the same method and call them all exactly alike; for if we ring different methods or call the seven 720's differently, some rows will come up at intervals of less than 720, and some at intervals of more than 720.

The definition says that the peal must consist of 5,000 changes at least equivalent to six or more 720's, etc., in order to get rid of that absurdity.

The truth is that the peal is really one round block and not seven.

| A. | continued. | B. | continued. |
|---------|------------|-----------|------------|
| 23456 | 25463.1 | 23456 | 52364.1 |
| 23564.1 | | 23564.1 | 43526.4 |
| 23645.1 | 42563.5 | 23645.1 | 54326.5 |
| 34562.2 | 35426.4 | 34562.4 | 54263.1 |
| | 35264.1 | 34625.1 E | 32546.4 |
| 25346.4 | 23564.5 | 42563.2 | 53246.5 |
| 25463.1 | 23645.1 | 35426.4 | 53462.1 |
| 42563.5 | 34562.2 | 35264.1 | 36245.2 |
| 26354.2 | 46253.2 | 23564.5 | 45236.3 |
| 54326.3 | 53246.3 | 23645.1 | 45362.1 |
| 54263.1 | 53462.1 | 34562.2 | 62345.3 |
| 63254.3 | 36245.2 | 46253.2 | 24536.2 |
| 35426.2 | | 53246.3 | 52436.5 |
| 35264.1 | 45236.3 | 53462.1 | 52364.1 |
| 23564.5 | 45362.1 | 36245.2 | 64352.3 E |
| 45236.4 | 62345.3 | 36452.1 E | 45236.2 |
| 45362.1 | 62453.1 | 52436.3 | 45362.1 |
| 34562.5 | 25346.2 | | 62345.3 |
| 25346.4 | 25463.1 | | 62453.1 |
| | 42563.5 | | 25346.2 |
| | 42635.1 | | 25463.1 |
| | 23456.1P | | 42563.5 |
| | | | 42635.1 |
| | | | 23456.1 |

Compare the two round blocks A and B. A consists of three 720's beginning and ending with rounds, B is the same round block with three extra bobs marked E put in at the points having a line drawn across in A. This splits A up into three pieces, and joins those pieces up in a different order, in exactly the same way as Reeves' Variation of Holt's Ten-part alters it.

Now everyone admits that A is true, and it follows that B, which is the same thing in a different order, must also be true.

Lastly, the definition admits of the use of compositions which cannot be used as separate 720's, e.g.:—

| X. | Y. | Z. |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------|
| 23456 | 45623 | 26435 |
| 23564 + | 52436 | 26354 — |
| 36245 | 52364 + | 26543 — |
| 64352 | | 64235 |
| 64523 — | Four times repeated | 43652 |
| Four times repeated. | | 35426 |
| X and Z are two round blocks | | 35264 + |
| equivalent to a 720. Z is a 720. | | 56342 |
| | | 64523 |
| | | 42635 |
| | | 23456 |

Twice repeated.

Omit the bobs marked + and the whole becomes a round block equivalent to two 720's.

H. LAW JAMES.

(Continued from previous column.)

This bells seems to be, at least, the fifth of its line. There was, presumably, its predecessor in pre-Reformation times; then, in 1590, the 'greate bell' was set up, which was perhaps the one 'brought from Mr. Quernbe's.' This must have been recast about 50 years later, for Blackner gives the date of the tenor bell as 1637, and states that it was broken in 1757 and recast by Hedderley. Finally, the present tenor bell was cast in 1765.

There is also a priest's bell. It has no inscription, date or decoration.

The great interest of St. Mary's, Nottingham, to ringers is the fact that this was the church where William Doubleday Crofts, the Nottingham solicitor, who was a pioneer of change ringing in the Sherwood Forest district, did most of his ringing. The annual gathering to commemorate him was held at Nottingham on Saturday week.

CROYDON BELLS FOR YORKSHIRE.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have been entrusted with supplying three new new octaves of bells for Yorkshire, as follows:—

Giggleswick-in-Graven, near Settle (St. Alkelda's Church).—Peal of six, tenor 12 cwt., to be recast and augmented to peal of eight, tenor 11 cwt., and a rider frame to carry the two extra bells added.

Burley, Leeds (St. Matthias' Church).—Peal of six, tenor 7½ cwt. to be recast and increased to peal of eight, tenor 8½ cwt., and hung with new fittings in a new frame.

Holbeck, Leeds.—Recasting present ring of eight, tenor 16 cwt., into lighter peal, with 12½ cwt. tenor, and equipping with new fittings and installing a new metal frame.

Other current work being carried out at the Croydon Foundry includes: **Wootton Bassett, Wilts**, peal of eight being rehung; **Church Oakley, Hants**, peal of six being rehung; **Whittlesay, Cambs**, peal of six to be rehung with new fittings in new eight-bell frame.

A NEW DEPARTURE AT DORE.**EXPERIMENT THAT MAY BECOME HISTORIC.**

At a recent lecture at the Mappin Hall at Sheffield University to the Sheffield Trades Technical Societies, by Mr. R. W. Allott, M.A., on 'The nitration process of case hardening,' the lecturer, in commenting upon the many and varied uses to which this wonderful new process of case hardening steel was being applied in this and other countries, remarked that a word of congratulation was due to the authorities of Dore Church on their enterprise in being the possessors of the first church bell in the world to be given 'nitralloy' fittings.

It may be added, in explanation, that all the clappers of the peal of eight at Dore were recently rebushed and fitted with rubber buffers through the kindness of Mr. A. J. Grant, managing director of the great steel firm of John Brown and Company, Ltd., who is a generous supporter of the church, and on his suggestion, and under the supervision of Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey, A.M.I.Mech.E., the tenor was fitted experimentally with a 'nitralloy' clapper, pin and bush, which is so far very successful. It may perhaps be of interest to add further that 'nitrated steel' is a form of super-case hardening being developed by Messrs. John Brown and Co., by means of which a surface hardness approximating to double that previously obtainable, is reached, and a mirror-like surface can be obtained. The steel can be made to scratch glass, is practically rustless, and almost 'unwearable,' and has undoubtedly a great future, so that Dore tenor bell may in time become notable for the experiment.

GREAT BRICKHILL BELFRY IMPROVEMENTS.

It will be of interest, perhaps, to members of the North Bucks Branch (Oxford Diocesan Guild) and other ringers in the district to inform them that considerable improvement has been made to the above following some suggestions that were made at a quarterly meeting which was held at Great Brickhill some six months ago. The ringing chamber was absolutely dark, with no ventilation, the disadvantages for ringing were brought to the notice of the Vicar, and suggestions as to the practicability of having a window placed in the belfry were spoken of to improve conditions to give both light and ventilation. This work has now been carried out satisfactorily, and other belfry improvements are going to be put in hand which will add additional comfort for ringers. Thanks are due to the Rev. D. R. James, Vicar of Great Brickhill, for so kindly taking up this matter, which has made so great an improvement.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**ENCOURAGING SHOP-ASSISTANT RINGERS.**

A very successful meeting was held at Harlow on Saturday, February 22nd. Brilliant sunshine prevailed during the afternoon, and no doubt this helped to account for the good attendance. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and a service was held in the church. Afterwards 35 members and visitors were served with tea in the adjoining Church Hall. A brief business meeting followed, with Mr. G. Dent (Master of the division) in the chair. Miss Nottage, of Matching, and Mr. F. Munfield, of Epping Upland, were accepted as ringing members of the association.

It was decided to visit Radwinter early in May. This tower has not been visited for a number of years, and the district looks forward to an interesting meeting.

Mr. E. J. Butler moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his most appropriate address during the service, to the curate who also officiated at the service, to the organist and blower, also to the ladies who prepared and served tea, to the steeple-keeper and local band who had the bells all in readiness, and especially to Mr. G. Dent, who so courteously and generously provided the excellent tea.—Mr. Dent, in replying, said it gave him real satisfaction to see such a large attendance, and he should continue to do his utmost to further the Exercise by visiting isolated towers and to extend to learners all the help that lay in his power. He stated that his especial attention at the moment was centred on 'shop assistant' ringers who could not attend Saturday afternoon meetings, and it is hoped to hold a 'middle-of-the-week' meeting for their benefit in the near future.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**CANTERBURY DISTRICT'S SUCCESSFUL YEAR.**

The annual meeting of the Canterbury District was held at Canterbury on Saturday. The meeting was remarkably well attended, 17 towers being represented by 58 members as follows: Ospringe, Sittingbourne, Tunstall, Borden, Dover, Walmer, Wickhambsraux, Littlebourne, Ashford, Wye, Wingham, Canterbury Cathedral and St. Alphege, St. Nicholas-at-Wade, Sturry, St. Peter's Thanet, Brabourne.

Service was held at St. Alphege's Church, at which the Rev. A. H. Taylor, Vicar of Wingham, officiated, Canon Crum, of Canterbury, giving a very instructive address, based on the composition and rhythm of the 119th Psalm.

The ringers adjourned to the Foresters' Hall for tea, at which the Rev. A. H. Taylor presided, and subsequently paid a warm tribute to the services rendered to the association by Canon F. J. O. Helmore, who was unhappily prevented from being present owing to a cold. The chairman also explained the absence of Rev. A. A. Carter, Vicar of St. Alphege's, owing to ill-health, and Rev. C. A. Manley, Vicar of Littlebourne, and went on to thank Canon Crum for his delightful address at the service. The ringers showed their appreciation, and it was regretted that Canon Crum was unable to be with them for the meeting.

The secretary (Mr. P. W. Smith) presented a report for the district for the year ending November, 1929. The report showed that the district had had a very successful year, with an increased balance of £1 0s. 3d. over 1928, and an increase of 14 practising members over 1928. A total of 15 district meetings had been held during the last two years—eight in 1928 and seven in 1929. The report continued: During the year, and perhaps before, the need has been constantly felt that the district should have a Ringing Master. At a quarterly meeting held at Wingham in October, this was proposed and carried, Mr. F. Brett being elected to that office. Although the new office had had but a short trial, it was generally agreed that the step was a wise one, and would ultimately lead to improved and more varied ringing at the meetings. The report concluded with thanks to all who had materially helped to make the meetings successful; particularly, perhaps, might be mentioned the kindly encouragement given by the clergy. This encouragement was very much appreciated, and it was hoped the district might look forward to the same understanding sympathy during 1930.

The report was warmly received by the company, and the chairman later paid a tribute to the secretary for producing a clear and concise account of the working of the Canterbury District.

The election of officers for 1930 resulted in the district secretary and the two representatives being unanimously re-elected, Mr. F. Brett having the added honour of being re-elected Ringing Master.

The arrangements for quarterly meetings for 1930 were decided upon as follows: Summer meeting to be held at Birchington, autumn meeting at Upper Deal, and the annual meeting at Canterbury.

Eight new practising members were elected from Sturry, Deal, Dover, St. Nicholas-at-Wade and St. Alphege, Canterbury, and Mr. A. B. Beresford-Jones as a life member.

Mr. W. Spice, one of the Rochester District representatives, offered the Canterbury District his heartiest congratulations on his great success of all their meetings. He had, he said, been given to understand that some district secretaries had the idea that theirs were the only districts which had successful meetings. In future, he would, he said, remind them that the Canterbury District could always show them what a successful meeting could be. Mr. Spice's remarks were received with much enthusiasm.

The suggestion of a combined meeting with Ashford District, made by the secretary, who intimated that the Ashford District secretary (Mr. A. Kay) was desirous of such a meeting, was discussed, but no definite arrangements were made.

Mr. Cobbold proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. A. H. Taylor for taking the chair at the meeting. This was seconded by Mr. Whitehead, and received the wholehearted support of the meeting.—The Chairman suitably responded.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar of St. Alphege's and the Rector of St. Stephen's for the use of the bells, and to the organist for kindly presiding at the organ during the service.

After the meeting, the ringers adjourned to the three towers available—the Cathedral, St. Stephen's and St. Alphege's.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the East Norfolk Branch was held at St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, on Saturday, January 25th. Those present were Mr. A. L. Coleman, general secretary, and about 25 members (including three ladies) from Beccles, Lowestoft, Great Yarmouth, Acle, Loddon, and Wrentham. The musical peal of eight, by Messrs. Taylor and Co., were set going soon after 3 p.m., and various touches of Grandsire, Sledman, Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Double Norwich were brought round, in several of which the veteran ringer, Mr. R. Spalding (in his 80th year) took part. The bells were kept going almost without a break until about 6.30 p.m., when a very enjoyable meeting was brought to a close. The inclement weather was doubtless responsible for the meeting not being even larger. The members wish to accord their thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. R. T. Woodley for having them in perfect ringing order.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The annual visit paid by the Leeds and District Society to Birstall took place on Saturday. The following methods were rung during the day: Double Norwich, Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob. Ringers were present from Armley, Almondbury, Batley, Headingley, St. Chad's, Hunslet, Leeds Parish Church, Lindley, Liversedge, Pudsey, Rothwell, and the local company. The business meeting was held in the tower, with the president in the chair. The date of the next meeting was brought forward a week to March 22nd, in order to prevent clashing with the Yorkshire Association meeting. Members are reminded that the Armley meeting is the annual nomination meeting, when all officers retire according to rule 7.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of Birstall, for allowing the use of the bells, and to the local company for the arrangements, was proposed by Mr. Jackson (Hunslet), and seconded by Mr. Ash (Leeds). Mr. Adams replied on behalf of the local company.

LADIES' GUILD.

The ladies of the Southern District found a very warm welcome awaiting them on their visit to St. Peter's, Old Woking, on Saturday last. Ringing commenced soon after three o'clock, and various methods were rung until 4.30, when the Rev. Canon Askwith conducted the Guild service and delivered a well-chosen address.

After the service, a substantial tea, kindly arranged by Mrs. Edwards, was enjoyed by some 35 ringers.

At the business meeting, it was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Aldershot in April.

The belfry was revisited, and the bells were put to good use till nine o'clock. A feature of the ringing was that on two occasions the bells were rung in rounds by eight ladies, Miss Fisher, of Aldershot, mastering the tenor, which is about 20 cwt.

The Guild thank all who assisted in making the meeting go so well, and special thanks are due to the ringers who provided the cigarettes and sweets, and to the kind individual who paid for the hire of the hall and wishes to remain anonymous.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The practice meeting of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch at Iwer, on Saturday last, was quite a success, some ten different towers being represented by over thirty ringers.

The excellence of the 'go' and tone of the bells was commented upon, and was acknowledged by Mr. C. F. Johnston, who interested the company, after a really good tea, with some tuning details.

The methods rung during the afternoon and evening included Double Norwich, Cambridge and London. Several of the residents have expressed their pleasure and enjoyment of the ringing, and the branch therefore look forward to paying another visit at no distant date.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SWINDON BRANCH AND CENTRAL COUNCIL AFFILIATION.

A meeting of the Swindon Branch was held at Highworth on Saturday, February 15th, to discuss the circular letter sent out by the executive committee of the association with regard to re-affiliation with the Central Council. A resolution was moved to support the resolution of the Gloucester Branch, as published in 'The Ringing World' of February 7th (page 89). The resolution was in the following terms: 'That this branch, while having no objection to the suggested alterations of the Central Council rules, is of opinion that re-affiliation with the Central Council is desirable without any proviso whatever.'

With regard to the question as to what should form a quorum, this branch moved a resolution that, owing to the vast area covered by the dioceses of the Gloucester and Bristol Association and the inability of a large number of members to be present at the annual meeting of the association, due notice be given to all branch secretaries (say six weeks) previous to the annual meeting of the association of all important alterations of rules, etc., so that a branch meeting can be called and a vote taken by proxy, the total vote to be over twenty-five per cent. of the whole membership before such alterations are carried.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At St. Thomas' Church, Northaw, on February 10th, a quarter-peal of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor (1,440 changes): N. Clark and G. Stevens 1, J. North 2, T. Bryant 3, J. Roberts, jun., 4, J. Roberts 5, J. Parker (first quarter-peal as conductor) 6. Rung with the clappers half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. F. A. Milne, president of the Middlesex County Association, and London Diocesan Guild, the association to which the above tower is affiliated.

THE LATE DEAN FRY.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild has lost a great friend by the death of the veteran Dean of Lincoln, Dr. T. C. Fry, who was president of the Guild. Dr. Fry had reached the advanced age of 83 years, and his residence at Lincoln had been marked by his efforts in connection with the restoration of the Cathedral, for which he will ever be remembered. On this work he had laboured for seven years, and while he did not live to see its completion he had the satisfaction of knowing that the great task was nearing its conclusion. Even greater, perhaps, than his efforts for the preservation of the Cathedral fabric was his work for the social amelioration and well-being of the people throughout the whole of his 20 years in Lincolnshire, and his death is mourned throughout the county.

Members of the Central Council will recollect his kindly interest when the meeting was held there in 1922, and he personally conducted a party round the Cathedral.

The point of greatest interest to ringers in connection with the restoration of the fabric was the work on St. Hugh's tower. Only those who saw its condition six years ago, when it was in actual danger of collapsing, and who have seen it since its restoration—now one of the finest bell towers in the country and containing probably the finest peal of twelve for their weight—can realise what is owed to Dean Fry and his staff of workers.

At the request of the Sub-Dean, Canon Jewdine, immediately after the funeral service on February 13th, the Cathedral bells were rung open. Three courses of Grandsire Triples on the back eight were rung by: Mrs. East 1, A. Chester 2, G. Chester 3, T. Pyle 4, H. Marcon 5, L. Pask 6, J. A. Freeman 7, A. Marcon 8.

In the evening, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Stedman Cinques (1,325 changes) in 1 hr. 4 mins. by: H. Marcon 1, G. Flintham 2, G. Chester 3, C. McGuinness 4, L. Snell 5, B. Chester 6, S. Wolfe 7, F. W. Stokes 8, J. A. Freeman (conductor) 9, L. Pask 10, J. Walden 11, A. Marcon 12.

At Burton-on-Stather, Lincs, on Friday, February 14th, 720 Kent Treble Bob: G. Bray 1, A. Thornton 2, J. Coles 3, G. Habbins 4, B. Gillett, jun., 5, Jack Bray (conductor) 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Dr. Fry, Dean of Lincoln, president of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

BRIGHTON RINGER'S TRAGIC DEATH STRUGGLES OF 40 YEARS AGO RECALLED.

There has been a tragic sequel to the report, to which we referred a fortnight ago, that Mr. Richard W. Hoather, a Brighton ringer, was missing from his home. He was afterwards found dead, and at the inquest it was stated that death was due to lysol poisoning. A verdict of 'Suicide while of unsound mind' was returned.

The deceased, who was about 60 years of age, began ringing about the year 1890 at Southover, Lewes. At that time there were no change ringers there. All that could be done was a plain course of Doubles rung from a card. Mr. Hoather was one of about half a dozen youngsters who took up ringing at the same time, and who, having heard about peals of 5,000 changes, soon got the idea that there was something more in it than they were practising. They therefore got into touch with the neighbouring tower of Ringmer, which at that time had a very good band under the Rev. C. D. P. Davies. A visit to the tower one practice night quickly revealed that the youths were on the wrong track, and a talk with the Rev. C. D. P. Davies resulted in them afterwards each becoming a possessor of a copy of 'Rope Sight.' They began to study in the right way. Starting on Bob Singles, they worked through Doubles and Minor to Triples, and could lay claim to being a self-taught band. They could probably claim to be the only self-taught band in Sussex, although they never rang a complete peal. The conductor of this struggling little company was Mr. R. J. Dawe.

About the year 1891, Mr. Hoather removed to London, where he got into touch with the Royal Cumberland Youths, and joined the Fulham Society. While in the Metropolis, he rang a few peals, but he migrated to Brighton about three years later, and joined the St. Nicholas' Society, to which he remained attached to the end of his life. He was never keen on peal ringing, and probably rang only about 30 in all. Another of Mr. Hoather's favourite pastimes was angling, and he was for a time secretary of the Sir Robert Peel Angling Club.

His death came as a great shock to his many friends, and much sympathy has been extended to the widow and daughter, who are left to mourn their loss.

The first part of the service was held at St. Wilfred's Church, and was attended by a large gathering of sympathising friends. In addition to members of the family, the mourners included Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Dawe and Mr. J. Carley, of Lewes, who were lifelong friends, Mr. and Mrs. H. Rann, Mr. and Mrs. G. Ades. Others present included Mr. J. T. Rickman (Master of the Sussex County Association), Mr. G. B. Bleach, representing St. Nicholas' Society, Brighton, and Mr. K. Hart, representing St. Peter's Society, representatives of the Southern Publishing Company, where deceased was employed, and the Sir Robert Peel Slate and Tontine Clubs, of which deceased was secretary up to about a year ago. The ringers of St. Nicholas' Church sent a wreath, and a muffled peal was rung in his memory.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, February 23rd, for evensong, H. Johnson's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: F. V. Jephcott 1, W. J. Meers (conductor) 2, F. S. Sanders 3, G. F. Garrison 4, J. Preston 5, W. Davies 6, F. Price 7, J. E. Pywell 8. First quarter-peal in the method inside for ringer of 3rd.

SIBSEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Sunday, February 23rd, for morning service, 720 Single Court in 25 mins.: Mrs. Laxton 1, Mrs. Harper 2, H. Harper (conductor) 3, F. Dewey 4, W. Wilkinson 5, W. E. Clarke 6. For evening service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure in 26 mins.: Mrs. Laxton 1, Mrs. Harper 2, F. Harwood 3, W. Wilkinson 4, H. Harper 5, W. E. Clarke (conductor) 6.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows' Church, on Sunday, February 23rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 41 mins.: H. W. Strickland 1, H. A. Barnett 2, W. J. Ellis 3, J. G. Nash (conductor) 4, W. Dickinson 5, M. Fensom 6, H. Ellis 7, E. A. Hull 8.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—On Sunday, Feb. 23rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thursdays): F. R. Coombes 1, W. E. Judge (conductor) 2, J. Franklin 3, F. Tuffrey 4, E. Bennett 5, W. H. Thorne 6, C. Bennett 7, A. Morris 8. All the above, except the conductor, are Sunday service ringers at this church.

SHERBORNE ABBEY, DORSET.—On Sunday, February 23rd, before the morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 55 mins.: D. Clothier 1, W. Lambert 2, E. Coward 3, F. Price 4, L. A. Perrett 5, W. C. Shute 6, F. A. Coward (conductor) 7, H. Pope 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the sister of E. Coward. First quarter-peal of Triples by the ringers of treble, 2nd and tenor.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.—On Sunday, February 23rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes) in 55 mins.: J. W. J. Cottam 1, T. Brothwell 2, J. H. Brothwell 3, A. Firth 4, C. Poulteney 5, A. Nash (conductor) 6, S. Briggs 7, T. C. Ryder 8.

OXFORD.—On Sunday, February 23rd, for evening service, at the City Church of All Saints, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: A. Williams 1, W. Thomas 2, Miss Margaret Reynolds 3, H. Gardner 4, A. Hawes 5, F. Cooper 6, W. Simmonds 7, L. Wills 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1, 2, 4, 6 and 8, and first attempt. First quarter of Grandsire as conductor, and a birthday compliment to Miss Reynolds. All are Sunday service ringers at the above church. First quarter in the method on the bells.

WORCESTER.—On Sunday, February 23rd, at the Cathedral, for evensong, 1,320 Stedman Cinques: R. G. Knowles 1, S. T. Holt (conductor) 2, G. Hinton, jun., 3, G. W. Checketts 4, F. Lawrence 5, D. R. Morris 6, W. C. Jones 7, C. Tansell 8, W. Page 9, J. J. Jefferies 10, C. Camm 11, W. Lewis 12.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, February 23rd, for evening service, at St. Mary's, 1,280 Double Norwich Major in 50 mins.: J. D. Harris 1, *C. Guy 2, A. T. Greenwood 3, H. Jennings 4, T. R. Taylor 5, R. J. Stone 6, F. W. Rogers (composer) 7, E. J. Harding, sen. (conductor) 8. * First quarter-peal in the method.

HOLBORN.—On Sunday, February 23rd, at St. Andrew's, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: J. S. Hawkins (conductor) 1, C. J. Choct 2, W. J. Norton 3, H. C. Alford 4, G. Cole 5, R. W. Green 6, E. Brett 7, C. H. Vilder 8.

SUDDEN DEATH OF A GLOUCESTER RINGER.

The death occurred on February 14th of Mr. G. L. Brunsdon, of Gloucester, under tragic circumstances. He had been attended by Dr. Neill during the past fortnight, but had not been confined to his bed, but on the morning of the 14th his daughter (Miss H. Brunsdon) visited his room at 7.30 a.m., and spoke to her father three times, but, failing to receive any response, turned back the bed clothes and found that he had passed away in his sleep. The doctor, who was quickly on the spot, could only pronounce life extinct.

The funeral took place on February 18th. The first portion was held at St. Paul's Church, which the deceased attended, and was fully choral. The hymns were, 'Jesus, the very thought of Thee,' and 'The King of Love my Shepherd is.' Among the large congregation attending were the following members of the Gloucester Branch of the association: Mr. J. Austin (chairman), Mr. W. E. Harris (branch secretary), ex-Sergt. Williams (Newent), Mr. A. A. Waite and Miss Waite, Messrs. B. Etheridge, C. E. Merchant, S. D. Roberts, J. Callender, T. Hawkes, J. Stephens and W. Wasley. At the graveside, two courses of Grandsire Triples by: B. Etheridge 1-2, J. Austin 3-4, ex-Sergt. Williams 5-6, W. H. Harris 7-8. The deepest sympathy goes out to the family and relatives in their sad and sudden bereavement. The late Mr. Brunsdon always took a keen interest in ringing, and his genial disposition will be sadly missed. A muffled peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Quedgley, as reported elsewhere, and at Maisemore, his native parish, the 'whole pull and stand' was also rung. St. Mary de Lode bells and Newent bells were also rung muffled during the evening as a last token of respect, and wreaths were sent from the Crypt Youths and members of the Gloucester Branch and the Maisemore bellringers.

NOTICES.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM. (Established 1755).—The 42nd annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 1st, at 6 o'clock, when the chair will be taken by Canon 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 St. Chad's R.C. (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.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Brant Broughton (6) on Saturday, March 1st. Tower open 2 p.m. Notifications for tea to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Loughton on Saturday, March 1st. Bells (8, recently rehung) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Subscriptions for 1930 are now due.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Spalding on Saturday, March 1st. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. Tea, at White Hart Hotel at 4.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Thorpe Malsor (6) on Saturday, March 1st. Usual arrangements.—H. Baxter, Bredon, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting will be held at Birling on Saturday, March 1st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45, followed by tea and business meeting.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch will be held on Saturday, March 1st, at 6 p.m., at the Park End Hotel, Parkend Road. Tickets 3s. St. Mary-de-Lode bells from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.; St. Michael's from 4 p.m. to 4.45 p.m.; St. Mary-de-Crypt 4 to 4.45. Ladies invited.—W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 15, Painswick Road, Gloucester.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Dereham on Saturday, March 1st, at 3.30 p.m.—W. B. Duncan, Branch Sec., Reepham, Norwich.

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Whimble on Saturday, March 1st. Service 4.15. Tea 5 (1s. per head). Bells recently rehung. All ringers welcome.—Miss E. Lomas, Hon. Sec., Whimble, Devon.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Pre-Lent meeting at Wylam-on-Tyne on Saturday, March 1st. The bells of St. Oswin's (6, tenor 22 cwt.) will be available after 2.30, and it is hoped that Newburn belfry will also be open. Tea at the Ship Inn, Wylam, at 5.—George S. Taylor, Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Ulverston Parish Church on Saturday, March 1st. Bells (6) available at 2 p.m. Meeting 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Twyford on Saturday, March 1st. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service at 3.30 p.m. Members of Central Bucks Branch and other visitors heartily invited. Those requiring tea please notify in good time.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Kempston (6 bells) on Saturday, March 1st, at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Buses every 10 minutes from Silver Street, Bedford. Everybody welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Stagsden.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—A special meeting will be held at Burghclere on Saturday, March 1st. Bells available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (1s. per head) in Parish Hall.—The Rev. F. C. Sear, St. Mary Bourne Vicarage, Andover.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next quarterly meeting will be held at Baglan on Saturday, March 1st. Bells (6) available 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.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Old Cleeve on Saturday, March 1st. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at Old Cleeve at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec., 6, Park Street, Minehead.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Willesborough, Ashford, Kent.—The dedication of the bells, ringing chamber and choir vestry by the Archdeacon of Canterbury, Canon Hardcastle, will take place on Saturday, March 1st, at 3 o'clock. Tea at the Old School Room.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec.

LEICESTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES.—An annual dinner and concert will be held at the King Richard III. Hotel, Highcross Street, Leicester, on Saturday, March 1st, at 6.30 p.m. All seats now booked. The following towers will be open for ringing from 3.30 p.m. till 6 p.m.: St. Margaret's (12), the Cathedral (10), St. John-the-Divine (10), All Saints' (5).—Alban Disney, Hon. Sec., 3, Highgate, Aylestone Lane, Leicester.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—On Saturday, March 1st, a meeting will be held at Great Wymondley. The bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. St. Ippolyt's bells (6) are also available, and it is proposed to visit St. Ippolyt's after tea. Please come and make the meeting 'go'.—Donald C. Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin, Herts.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Chieveley on Saturday, March 1st. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at 1s. All ringers welcome. Good bus service from Newbury, $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles, at 1s. return.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—A meeting will be held at Hartford on Saturday, March 1st. Houghton bells also available. Service at 4.30. Tea will be provided by the Vicar.—Catherine Fields, High Street, St. Neots, Hunts.

BY motor coach or by train you can get to Watford, Saturday, March 1st, and have a pleasant change.

'THE' MEETING, March 1st, Watford. Bells open 3.30. Tea 5.30. Ringing till 7.30. Oxhey 7.45.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held on March 8th, instead of March 1st, at Ranmoor Church, Sheffield. Bells open early. Committee meeting at 4 o'clock. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. (1s.). Business. Presentation of balance sheet and election of officers for coming year. It is hoped that we have a good attendance.—R. Harrison, Hon. Sec., 72, Yew Lane, Ecclesfield.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on March 4th (and for Evensong on the 9th at 5.30 p.m.), St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 6th, St. Magnus' on the 13th and 27th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 18th, and Southwark Cathedral on the 20th, 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 Feltham on Saturday, March 8th. The usual arrangements will be made.—Wm. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Rolleston-on-Dove on Saturday, March 8th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify Mr. L. C. Smith, Rolleston, by 6th at latest. Subscriptions are now due and may be paid at this meeting. Will members please see that this meeting is well attended?—John Leach, Dis. Sec.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Darton on Saturday, March 8th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. G. Broadhead, 1, Church Field Avenue, Darton, near Barnsley, not later than Wednesday, March 5th.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Braunston (6) on Saturday, March 8th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me?—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at North Marston on March 8th. Ringing 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Address by the Vicar. Tea 5 p.m., 1s. each. Please send numbers for tea to the Hon. Sec., Rev. J. F. Amies, Edgecote Rectory, Aylesbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leyland St. James' on Saturday, March 8th. Bells available from 2.30. All ringers welcome.—F. Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Monthly meeting will be held at Lacock on Saturday, March 8th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4 p.m., after which, through the kindness of Miss Talbot, the historical Abbey will be open to the ringers. Tea and business meeting after. Ringing will follow. Will visitors please notify me not later than Wednesday, March 5th? Hourly bus service from Chippenham and Trowbridge.—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., 38, Downing Street, Chippenham.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 8th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in St. Thomas' Church at 4.30. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, March 4th. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Ruddington on March 8th instead of the 1st owing to the Leicester meeting. 8 bells ready from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please come and put your backs to it.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Springfield on Saturday, March 8th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service in church 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5 o'clock. Will those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, March 5th?—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Helens Parish Church on Saturday, March 8th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Preacher: The Lord Bishop of Warrington. Tea (9d. each) 6.15 p.m. Meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. E. Mercer, 13, Spray Street, St. Helens, before Wednesday, March 5th.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bispham Parish Church on Saturday, March 8th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30. Subscriptions due.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—A meeting will be held at Upholland Parish Church on Saturday, March 8th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested at this meeting. Business important.—James W. Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the committee will be held at Northwich on March 8th. Tea (2s. per head) 5 p.m., at Temperance Hotel; meeting directly afterwards. Bells available 4 p.m. Those requiring tea should notify H. Parker, 8, Oak Street, Northwich, by Wednesday, March 5th.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Clifford District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Eardisley on Saturday, March 8th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting afterwards.—J. P. Hyett, Dis. Sec., Hay, Hereford.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Kingsley (in place of Silverdale) on March 8th. Buses leave Hanley at five minutes to each hour. Tea, at 5.30, will be provided for all who notify Mr. H. Carnwell, Sunnyside, Kingsley, near Cheadle, before March 5th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Petton on Saturday, March 8th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at the Rectory at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested. Will all those intending to come kindly let me know by Wednesday, March 5th?—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Broxbourne on March 8th. Bells ready during the afternoon and evening. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea at the Welcome after. All ringing friends will be made welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Coleman's Hatch on Saturday, March 15th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Will all those attending kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, March 12th.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Bexhill on Saturday, March 15th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow. Half rail fares (maximum 1s. 6d.).—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The spring meeting of the Cheltenham branch will be held at Badgeworth on Saturday, March 15th. Bells open 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30, by kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. W. Downes). Business meeting after tea. Will all those requiring tea please notify me by the 11th?—Walter Yeend, Branch Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Goole on Saturday, March 15th. Further particulars next week.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, March 15th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due.—F. Hindle, Hon. Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Twerton-on-Avon on Saturday, March 15th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.15. Tea and meeting to follow in Church Hall. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by March 12th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at North Wingfield on Saturday, March 22nd. Gentlemen cordially invited. Arrangements for tea please notify, Miss D. Tarlton, 16, Bright Street, North Wingfield, near Chesterfield.—N. Cawthorne, Dis. Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual committee meeting.—Preliminary Notice. — Will all branch secretaries try to keep Saturday, April 5th, clear of meetings, as, if possible, the committee meeting will be held at Oxford on that date? Usual notice will appear later.—R. T. Hibbert, Sec.

BIRTH.

JACQUES.—On February 12th, at Elmleigh Nursing Home, Narborough Road, Leicester, to Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Jacques, of Mansfield Woodhouse (nee Hilda F. Willson), the gift of a daughter.

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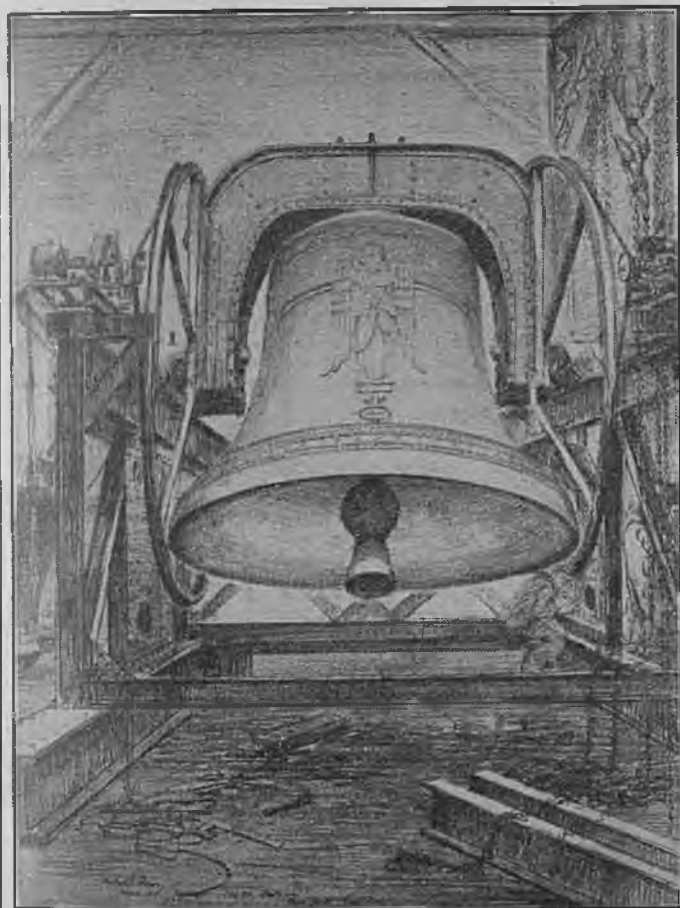
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Tenor 19½ cwt.

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| ERNEST E. HOLMAN Treble | JAMES C. ADAMS 6 |
| JAMES BENNETT 2 | ROBERT J. MAYNARD, SEN. 7 |
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| CHARLES T. COLES 4 | FRED C. MAYNARD 9 |
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AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6003 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

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| J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE Treble | ARTHUR HARDING 6 |
| ROBERT A. FARDON 2 | *CHARLES F. W. HUNT 7 |
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| WILLIAM H. HOLLIER 4 | FRANK CORKE 9 |
| ARTHUR CUTMORE 5 | PERCIVAL W. NORTON Tenor |

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

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| WILLIAM C. HART Treble | JACK M. CRIPPS 6 |
| JOHN DEARLOVE 2 | FRANK BENNETT 7 |
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| CHARLES HAZELDEN 2 | ALBERT HARMAN 7 |
| RAYMOND OVERY 3 | MAURICE SMITHERS 8 |
| MISS IRENE HASTIE 4 | ARTHUR J. BARTLETT 9 |
| †BARRY ELLIOTT 5 | JOHN H. B. HESSE Tenor |

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ALBERT E. PARKER'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

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| MAURICE SWINFELD Treble | E. HARRY STONELEY 5 |
| JOHN H. SWINFELD 2 | JAMES S. HUTCHBY 6 |
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| RICHARD C. BELTON 4 | THOMAS K. DRACON Tenor |

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JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

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| WILLIAM H. BARBER Treble | R. ALDER GOFTON 5 |
| *JOHN ANDERSON 2 | ADAM DEAS 6 |
| WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 3 | STEPHEN W. STRATFORD 7 |
| †ROBERT ANDERSON 4 | THOMAS T. GOFTON Tenor |

Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

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

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES

Tenor 7½ cwt. in A flat.

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| ALBERT G. HARRISON Treble | ERIC G. BENNETT 5 |
| NOLAN GOLDEN 2 | GEORGE ARCHER 6 |
| CLEMENT J. MORE 3 | GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL 7 |
| ALPHAUS J. BERRY 4 | WILLIAM STEGGALL Tenor |

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On Saturday, February 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

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| HENRY BOWERS Treble | ARTHUR HEAD 5 |
| GEORGE GREEN 2 | DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS 6 |
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| WILLIAM LINCOLN 4 | CHARLES BUTTON Tenor |

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| ERNEST BENNETT 2 | JOHN WORTH 6 |
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Tenor 15 cwt.

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| CHARLES JEFFES Treble | JOHN MALYAN 5 |
| *JOSEPH G. BLOW 2 | WILLIAM NASH 6 |
| *THOMAS A. BLOW 3 | BEN JARMAN 7 |
| †ARTHUR DAY 4 | H. E. C. GOODENOUGH Tenor |

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On Saturday, February 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

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| *WILLIAM STANFORD Treble | CECIL NICE 5 |
| GEORGE OLLIVER 2 | ALFRED J. BULL 6 |
| KENNETH SNELLING 3 | HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 7 |
| ROBERT SWIFT 4 | OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

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| *THOMAS H. CULVER Treble | ROBERT ERETT-SMITH 5 |
| JOHN J. LAMB 2 | †BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE 6 |
| JOHN WHEADON 3 | FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 7 |
| HARRY HOVERD 4 | HERBERT A. HOLDEN Tenor |

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by ROBERT BRETT-SMITH

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

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

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| PERCY PAGE Treble | WILFRED WILLIAMS 5 |
| WILLIAM HAIGH 2 | FREDERICK M. MITCHELL 6 |
| EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 3 | *CHARLES W. FRANKLIN 7 |
| JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4 | HARRY PARKES Tenor |

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN

* First peal 'inside' in the method.

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CAERLEON, MON.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CADOC,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt.

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| DONALD G. CLIFT Treble | EDGAR W. LUFF 5 |
| GEORGE HAWKINS 2 | ARTHUR HAWKINS 6 |
| SAMUEL JONES 3 | WILLIAM PHILLIPS 7 |
| TOM FORD 4 | ALBERT THOMAS Tenor |

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by SAMUEL JONES.

The band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells.

RUSPER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 23, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

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| WILLIAM STANFORD Treble | ROBERT SWIFT 5 |
| KENNETH SNELLING 2 | HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 6 |
| GEORGE OLLIVER 3 | GEORGE ELLIS 7 |
| NELSON ELLIOTT 4 | OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, February 23, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

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| HARRY WINGROVE Treble | WILLIAM WELLING 5 |
| LEONARD STILWELL 2 | WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 6 |
| STEPHEN H. HOARE 3 | WILLIAM HENLEY 7 |
| PHYLLIS M. MAYNE 4 | CECIL C. MAYNE Tenor |

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by C. C. MAYNE.

TILEHURST, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 24, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt. (approx.).

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| *ARTHUR E. HAINES Treble | RICHARD T. HIBBERT 5 |
| HARRY W. HUNT 2 | HARRY GOODGER 6 |
| *CYRIL G. J. WATTS 3 | RICHARD N. RUNHAM 7 |
| REV. C. W. O. JENKYN 4 | RICHARD G. HAINES Tenor |

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

* First attempt for peal.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 24, 1930, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

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| JAMES E. DAVIS Treble | CHARLES W. ROBERTS 5 |
| ALFRED PRIOR 2 | JOHN T. KENTISH 6 |
| GEORGE R. PYE 3 | ROBERT RICHARDSON 7 |
| JAMES BENNETT 4 | WILLIAM PYE Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. Baunerman, sidesman at the above church, and member of the Parochial Council.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

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

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by ALFRED E. REEVES.
First peal of London Surprise as conductor.

SHIPLAKE, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 25, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

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| *MISS ROSINA HOWE Treble | REV. C. W. O. JENKYN 5 |
| RICHARD T. HIBBERT 2 | JOHN SWAIN 6 |
| *JOHN S. TAYLOR 3 | WILLIAM HENSLEY 7 |
| DR. L. JOYCE 4 | PERCY DYKE Tenor |

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

* First attempt for peal. The five peals of Grandsire Triples rung recently in the vicinity of Reading have been arranged to give several keen and enthusiastic young ringers a chance to score a peal.

SHEPTON MALLET, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 26, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

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| *HARRY H. ALLEN Treble | FRANKLIN D. RICKARDS 5 |
| CHARLES MILLARD 2 | WILLIAM G. MOON 6 |
| JOHN E. METCALFE 3 | JOSEPH T. DYKE 7 |
| *HARRY W. E. LANE 4 | HERBERT F. MOON Tenor |

Conducted by FRANKLIN D. RICKARDS.

* First peal of Triples.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 28, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINGS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| *ALBERT FLEET Treble | HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 5 |
| WILLIAM R. BOND 2 | HARRY HOVERD 6 |
| CHARLES W. ROBERTS 3 | EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 7 |
| JOHN WHEADON 4 | *NORMAN CLARK Tenor |

Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

* First peal.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 1, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

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| *ERNEST WILSON Treble | *REGINALD ELY 5 |
| GORDON W. CHECKETTS 2 | WILLIAM LEWIS 6 |
| LEONARD C. DOWDESWELL 3 | DENNIS SAVERS 7 |
| †ARTHUR BARTON 4 | FREDERICK YATES Tenor |

Conducted by G. W. CHECKETTS.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar (Rev. O. A. Moore, M.A.), who retired, after 21 years of office, on March 6th, owing to ill-health. All are local ringers except ringer of 6th.

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

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| WILLIAM BROADLEY Treble | ALFRED COATES 5 |
| MISS LAURA LANCASTER 2 | THOMAS METCALFE 6 |
| *A. WILLIAM COATES 3 | WILLIAM DOWSON 7 |
| CYRIL POLLARD 4 | L. VENUS Tenor |

Composed by REV. C. D. P. DAVIES. Conducted by THOS. METCALFE.
* First peal and first attempt. Ringers of 2nd, 4th and 6th hail from Middlesbrough and remainder from Darlington. Rung as a welcome and compliment to the Rev. John Griffith Stephens, B.A., who was inducted to the benefice of the above church on February 27th.

We regret that, owing to pressure on our space, we have had to hold over the reports of several peals.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, ISLINGTON,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

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| HORACE BELCHER Treble | CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 5 |
| CHARLES W. ROBERTS 2 | JOHN T. KENTISH 6 |
| WILLIAM H. HEWETT 3 | ERNEST BRETT 7 |
| EDWIN F. PIKE 4 | JAMES BULLOCK Tenor |

Composed by J. W. PARKER (Reverse Variation).

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to C. W. R. Grimwood.

LONGWOOD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| *ALBERT TOWNEND Treble | WILLIAM B. FRITH 5 |
| HARRY ARMITAGE 2 | HARRY MARSDEN 6 |
| ARNOLD ROTHERY 3 | DONALD SNOWBALL 7 |
| WILLIAM H. SENIOR 4 | HENRY H. SMITH Tenor |

Composed by CHARLES SEVERN. Conducted by H. H. SMITH.

* First peal on eight bells, and proposed a member of the association before starting. First peal on the bells by the association.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 1, 1930, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

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| GEORGE GREEN Treble | WILLIAM KEEBLE 5 |
| THOMAS LINCOLN 2 | WILLIAM LINCOLN 6 |
| *PERCY GREEN 3 | WILLIAM BURGESS 7 |
| WILLIAM J. NEVARD 4 | ARTHUR HEAD Tenor |

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.
* First Surprise peal. Rung to celebrate the 51st birthday of A. Head.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, March 1, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

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| CHARLES TRIBE Treble | WILLIAM BUTTON 5 |
| MRS. H. BAKER 2 | HARRY BAKER 6 |
| ROBERT EDWARDS 3 | CHARLES W. PLAYER 7 |
| ALEXANDER WADDINGTON 4 | *ALBERT BRANEY Tenor |

Conducted by C. W. PLAYER.

* First attempt for a peal. The conductor's first attempt to call a peal in the method.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

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| FREDERICK A. COLEY Treble | WILFRED WILLIAMS 5 |
| GEORGE POPNELL 2 | RONALD H. BULLEN 6 |
| JOHN WHEADON 3 | GEORGE H. CROSS 7 |
| HERBERT A. HOLDEN 4 | FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. Tenor |

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN.

The ringer of the 2nd was proposed a member of the association previous to starting. First Surprise peal as conductor. Quickest peal of Major on the bells.

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PENWORTHAM, LANCS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

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| WILLIAM TAYLOR Treble | B. A. KNIGHTS 5 |
| JAMES MILLER 2 | JOHN GORNALL 6 |
| WILLIAM SHARPLES 3 | JOHN T. MILLER 7 |
| E. ROGER MARTIN 4 | JOHN R. TAYLOR Tenor |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (279). Conducted by WM. TAYLOR.

Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to the tenor ringer, a highly respected member of the local company.

DUBLIN.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, March 1, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

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| *ERIC A. GEORGE Treble | THOMAS MCMORRAN 5 |
| *ROBERT MCCLELLAND 2 | GEORGE F. WILMOT 6 |
| GABRIEL G. LINDOFF 3 | GABRIEL LINDOFF 7 |
| WILLIAM H. WILSON 4 | JAMES W. TOWNLEY Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by G. LINDOFF.

* First peal. Mr. McClelland, for whom this peal was arranged, hails from Holywood, Co. Down, and is the first member of the Northern Branch to accomplish a peal.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

SOUTHBROOM, DEVIZES.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents.

Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

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| MRS. W. C. WEST Treble | WILLIAM A. SWIFT 4 |
| *GEORGE GUNSTONE 2 | NORMAN V. ANDREWS 5 |
| SYDNEY HILLIER 3 | WILLIAM C. WEST Tenor |

Conducted by WM. C. WEST.

* First attempt for Minor. The thanks of the band are due to the Rev. and Mrs. Tudor Jeffries for their kind hospitality after the peal.

LONGWOOD, YORKSHIRE.

On Saturday, February 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven different extents, viz., three 720's of Kent and two of Oxford Treble Bob, and two of Plain Bob, called alternately.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| *MATTHEW DENNIS Treble | ARNOLD ROTHERY 4 |
| ALBERT TOWNEND 2 | HENRY H. SMITH 5 |
| *ANDREW BLACKBURN 3 | *BRIAN WILLIAMS Tenor |

Conducted by H. H. SMITH.

* First peal. First peal of Minor on the bells and by the whole band.

CLEWER, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Single Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

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| THOMAS S. SMITH Treble | WILLIAM WELLING 4 |
| LEONARD STILWELL 2 | WILLIAM HENLEY 5 |
| GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE 3 | GEORGE GILBERT Tenor |

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

First peal in seven methods on the bells. Specially arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to the Rector's warden (Mr. E. P. Cross), and also to the ringer of second, who afterwards provided an excellent spread and musical evening.

FILLONGLEY, WARWICKSHIRE. THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, February 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

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| FRANK W. PERRENS Treble | THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 4 |
| * ERNEST T. ALLAWAY 2 | * THOMAS H. REEVES 5 |
| ABRAHAM WILKERSON 3 | WILFRED H. J. HOOTON Tenor |

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

* First peal of Cambridge Minor for E. T. Allaway and T. H. Reeves, who have now rung peals of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus inclusive.

OVER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE. THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(OVER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

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| DENNIS ADAMS Treble | FRED C. GINN 4 |
| HARRY ROBINSON 2 | ARTHUR J. GINN 5 |
| A. WILLIAM T. GINN 3 | FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor |

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

First peal in the method by 1st, 2nd and 3rd ringers, who made up the band in a few hours' notice.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

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| HARRY PARKER Treble | HARRY W. HOWARD 4 |
| * REGINALD W. WORRALL 2 | JOHN H. DAVENPORT 5 |
| ALBERT H. BOOTH 3 | DAVID SMITH Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN H. DAVENPORT.

* First peal inside. H. Parker's 60th peal.

NORTON CANON, HERFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, February 23, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

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| * HENRY J. PEAKE Treble | JAMES P. HYETT 3 |
| WILLIAM RICHARDS 2 | GEORGE BRIZE 4 |
| G. JAMES R. PRIGE Tenor | |

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal in three methods, and elected a member before starting. Rung half-muffled, by request, to the memory of the late Dennis Derham-Marshall.

FRAMPTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, February 24, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Plain Bob and three 720's of Canterbury Pleasure.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

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| W. YOUNG Treble | J. R. KEMP 4 |
| A. YOUNG 2 | G. A. COLEMAN 5 |
| J. YOUNG 3 | G. COLEMAN Tenor |

Conducted by G. COLEMAN.

J. Young was elected a member of the Guild. The peal was rung on the 50th anniversary of the ordination of the Vicar (the Rev. R. G. McClelland). The ringers were entertained after the peal at the Vicarage.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At St. Peter's, Staines, on Thursday, February 13th, on the occasion of the funeral of a late member of the tower, Mr. William Chas. Parker, the eldest son of Mr. Wm. C. Parker, captain and steeplekeeper of St. Peter's, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins. by the following members and friends: A. Sylvester 1, E. Phipps 2, J. Philips 3, A. Hiscock 4, W. Peck 5, W. Shorter 6, Geo. Beeby (conductor) 7, W. Brants, jun., 8.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, February 23, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 13 cwt.

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| * CHARLES BUTCHER Treble | SAMUEL J. HECTOR 4 |
| JAMES BILBY 2 | NORMAN V. ANDREWS 5 |
| JESSE FRANCIS 3 | CHARLES F. ANDREWS Tenor |

Conducted by C. F. ANDREWS.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells.

IRNHAM, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two 120's, with ten different callings.

Tenor 12 cwt.

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| * GEORGE BOOTH Treble | WILLIAM H. PROCTOR 3 |
| ALBERT SCOTT 2 | HARRY GIBBARD 4 |
| * CHARLES WILKINSON Tenor | |

Conducted by H. GIBBARD.

* First peal. First peal on the bells and first attempt. First peal as conductor. The ringers wish to thank Mrs. Warriner for the tea which she kindly provided.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD.)

On Thursday, February 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT 1, SALTERS ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

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| JOHN ANDERSON 1-2 | WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 5-6 |
| WILLIAM H. BARBER 3-4 | ADAM DEAS 7-8 |

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

First peal of Triples on handbells by all the band except the conductor.

LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 27, 1930, in One Hour and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT 8, NEW ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

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| * RICHARD BALDWIN Treble | W. J. BENIAMS 3-4 |
| HUBERT JONES 2 | ARTHUR C. NASON 5-6 |

Conducted by WM. J. BENIAMS.

* First peal, and rung at first attempt.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

FIRST VISIT TO BURGHCLERE.

A very successful by-meeting of the Andover District was held at Burghclere on March 1st, about 30 members attending from St. Mary Bourne, Overton, North Stoneham, Winchester (Cathedral), and King Alfred's College, Highclere, Wootton St. Laurence, and Woolton Hill.

The bells were set going about three o'clock, and, later, a service in the church was conducted by the district secretary (Rev. F. C. Sear), with a very interesting address by the Rector of Burghclere (Rev. Canon Medlicott). This was followed by an excellent tea in the Parish Room.

There was no business to be done at this meeting, but Mr. George Williams (Master) thanked Canon Medlicott for the use of the bells and for his interesting address. He also said he was pleased to see that Burghclere bells had been rehung, for when he (Mr. Williams) examined them a year or so ago he found them in a very bad condition.

Votes of thanks were also accorded to the organist and those who were responsible for the tea. A move was then made to the tower for more ringing, which lasted until nine o'clock, the methods rung during the day being Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor. Unfortunately, the company was just one short for ringing Surprise methods. This is the first ringing meeting ever held at Burghclere.

DEATH OF MR. GEORGE BOWEN.

Devon has lost a veteran ringer in the person of Mr. George Bowen, of Ilfracombe, who passed away on Saturday last at the advanced age of 84 years. The funeral was to take place yesterday.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
BEDFORD DISTRICT.**

A most successful monthly meeting of the Bedford District was held at the Parish Church of All Saints, Kempston, on Saturday, March 1st, and was attended by about 26 members during the afternoon and evening.

The bells, which were raised in peal and set going to a well-struck touch of Cambridge Surprise, were kept constantly on the move during the afternoon and evening in numerous methods.

A short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. T. H. W. Barker), who is keenly interested in ringing, and who handles a bell well. Miss E. Steel kindly presided at the harmonium. The service was taken from the 'Manual for Ringers,' and a short address was given by the Vicar based on the text, 'There is one body' (Eph. iv. 4). He said, as a splendid example of team work, ringing reminded him of rowing, for in each case all taking part must keep strict time and work in sympathy one with another, otherwise hopeless confusion would follow. A church possessed of such a fine peal of bells and band of ringers as they had at Kempston was indeed fortunate, and nothing delighted him more than to hear the bells ringing out their invitation on a Sunday, and greater still was his delight as he saw the ringers accepting their own invitation and taking their seats in church as often as they could. In conclusion, the Vicar welcomed the association to Kempston, and wished the members every success in their efforts.

An excellent tea was served in the school, after which a short business meeting was held, when Sharnbrook was chosen for the next meeting on March 29th, with Milton Ernest as an alternative tower. Two new members were elected—Messrs. A. Ford and C. Prindiville, both of Kempston. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, and taking the service and his address, also Mr. P. Inskip for making local arrangements.

The bells were afterwards rung until eight o'clock in the following methods: Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Double Court, Oxford and Kent, Woodbine, College Exercise, London Scholars', Royal Bob, Cambridge and London Surprise Minor. Members were present from Bedford (St. Paul's and St. Peter's), Bromham, Cardington, Keysoe, Harrold, Clapham, Stagsden, Roxton, Biggleswade, and the local towers, also a welcome visitor, Mr. J. Newington, late district secretary.

The bells are a fine-toned peal of six (tenor about 19 cwt.), and 'go' like the proverbial tops.

PEALS OF MINOR.**COUNCIL'S DEFINITION STILL STANDS.**

Sir,—I have been interested in the remarks in your leader of February 14th issue, with reference to the suggestions made by Rev. Law James with regard to definition for peals of Minor and Doubles, and it is evident that the argument is still occupying the same ground as was covered by No. 7 on the agenda of the Central Council of 1929: '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.'

As you say, Mr. James' suggestion raises afresh (I doubt if it has ever abated, at any rate, in certain quarters) the question whether the 720's are to be (complete) true in themselves or not. Mr. James says (in his letter): 'There are only five possible 720's in any Treble Bob method, and some Treble Bob methods have only one possible composition,' and I ask, 'What of it?' According to decisions of Central Council, and the paragraph on 'Six bells' on page 17, if a band rang the Treble Bob method mentioned by Mr. James (which has only one possible composition) seven complete times, striking round only once at the end of each, their performance would be recognised by the Central Council as a peal of Minor, and I contend, Sir, that so long as that decision of the Central Council stands, and it stands yet, that any peal of Minor or Doubles in which the bells do not strike in 720 or 120 different orders before beginning the next 720 or 120 is 'irregular.'

It was with the object of finding out the exact feeling of the Exercise on this critical point that item No. 7 was placed on the agenda last year, but our experts were able to draw so many 'red herrings' across the track that the whole thing became very confused, and it seemed to me that very few in the room really knew what actually they were voting for.

If the Exercise are of the opinion that 720 or 120 different orders should be rung before beginning the next 720 or 120, then a definite vote on a motion such as item 7 on last year's agenda would decide it. If, on the contrary, the Exercise is of opinion that a repetition of changes is to be permitted within the limits of individual 720's or 120's, then a definite vote on a motion embodying Mr. James' suggested new definitions would decide that. I believe, Sir, that it is essential for that critical point to be put and voted on in Council before any satisfactory conclusion will be arrived at, or any headway made on the question.—Yours, etc.,

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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.

His Majesty the King is one of the subscribers to the fund for the restoration of Windsor Parish Church bells. The work is being done by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who are also making a ring of eight for Khartoum Cathedral.

The use of a hall at Lambeth Palace has been secured for the Central Council's meeting at Whitsun. Unfortunately, however, the Archbishop of Canterbury, who had hoped to welcome the members, will be prevented from doing so by an engagement at Portsmouth.

The balance of money required for restoring St. Paul's, Bedford, bells has been generously given by an anonymous donor, amounting to £20, and the work has been put in hand. The work is to be completed before Whitsun.

The next meeting of the Wigan Branch of the Lancashire Association is to be held on March 15th instead of the 8th.

After a lapse of eight years, the Southover (Lewes) Bellringers' Guild revived their annual dinner, when on Wednesday week they met round the festive board with their president (Rev. C. R. Farnsworth), vice-presidents and other friends to the number of 30. The gathering took place at the King's Head, which has been the 'ringers' house' for generations. There were visiting ringers from Brighton, Eastbourne and Uckfield.

Mr. Fred Wilford, Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, is just recovering from a sharp illness. He was to have taken the thanksgiving service and given the address at the reopening after restoration of the bells at Thornby on Saturday, but, of course, was unable to do so. His many friends will wish him a speedy and complete recovery.

A peal of 12,603 Grandsire Caters was rung at Norwich on March 8th, 1737, in 8 hrs. 15 mins.

On March 10th, 1741-2, a peal of 5,040 Richmond Triples was rung by the Richmond Society at Richmond, Surrey. What were Richmond Triples?

VETERAN ESSEX RINGERS DEAD.

The St. Andrew's Guild of Ringers, North Weald, Essex, have sustained a sad loss in the death of their captain, Mr. E. Gridley, on February 24th last. He was 76 years of age, and had been a bell-ringer practically all his life. Chiefly through his efforts, the bells have been kept going for many years at North Weald Parish Church, of which he was clerk for 40 years. He was the first captain of the Guild, and visiting bellringers will all remember the ready welcome he always gave them to the tower.

The funeral took place on Saturday last, when his fellow-ringers acted as bearers, and afterwards rang 360 changes of Grandsire Doubles with the bells muffled.

CELEBRATED TWO SILVER WEDDINGS.

The death of Mr. Alfred Rust, one of the oldest inhabitants of Shalford, Essex, took place on February 26th, aged 88. He resided for the greater part of his life at Wethersfield, where he was for many years the leading bellringer at the Parish Church. Mr. Rust was twice married, and had the unusual experience of celebrating two silver weddings. He leaves three sons and one daughter. The funeral took place at Wethersfield Parish Church on Saturday.

HENRY JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER.

BIRMINGHAM MAINTAINS ITS GREAT TRADITIONS.

Birmingham was a centre of gravity for ringers from many parts of the country on Saturday, when the 42nd 'Henry Johnson commemoration dinner' was held. Complete arrangements for the enjoyment of visitors had been made by the enthusiastic officials of St. Martin's Guild, and Mr. Thomas Reeves, the genial secretary, is especially to be congratulated upon the success of the proceedings. The famous belfry in the Bull Ring became the rallying point during the afternoon. Ringers came from many distant parts of the country once again to join in what is one of the most popular social events of the year in the Exercise. The bells of St. Martin's and of the Cathedral were kept going by numerous bands, and, later, the whole party assembled at the Imperial Hotel, where the dinner was held. The Presiding Ringing Master (Alderman J. S. Pritchett) was in the chair, and was supported by the Lord Bishop of Birmingham (Dr. Barnes). The company, which numbered about 140, also included Canon S. Blofield (Rector of Edgbaston), Rev. B. F. Reiton (Vicar of Walsall), the Deputy Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild (Mr. A. Walker) and Mrs. Walker, Messrs. T. Russam, A. Paddon Smith, J. H. Shepherd, James George and J. E. Groves (vice-presidents), J. Preston and E. T. Allaway (auditors), Geo. Swann (librarian) and T. H. Reeves (hon. secretary), Mrs. Paddon Smith, Mrs. J. E. Groves, Mr. J. Kendall (churchwarden of St. Martin's), Mr. E. A. Young (hon. secretary of the Central Council), Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Parsons and Dr. Mitchell (Old Hill), Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith (Woking), Mr. E. W. and Miss Elwell (Cheshire), Messrs. H. Mason (Hagley), J. Stanley Good (Edgbaston), A. A. Hughes, F. E. Dawe, J. A. Dart (London), S. F. Palmer and H. Naylor (Shelfield), S. T. Holt (Worcester), R. Matthews (Stourbridge), W. Knight and J. Burford (Bristol), T. F. King (Bath), W. T. Pates (Cheltenham), Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Smallwood (Derby), Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Perrens (Coventry), Messrs. R. T. Hibbert (Coventry), W. Hibbert and F. Pervin (Coventry), Mr. W. Griffin and Miss Griffin, Mr. T. J. Elton (Walsall), Messrs. Stevenson and R. Dove (Croydon), C. Harrison and J. P. Fidler (Loughborough), J. W. Pemberton, A. Norman, P. Laffin, Tom Miller, H. Withers, J. Withers, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Johnson (Birmingham), Messrs. W. Martineau and E. C. Shepherd (Solihull).

Among those who sent apologies for absence were the Lord Mayor of Birmingham, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Messrs. C. F. Johnston (Croydon), P. J. Johnson (Leeds), F. B. Yates (King's Norton), W. H. Thomas (Bristol), J. T. Dyke (Chilcompton), Rev. S. P. Riley (Shirley), Rev. W. O. and Mrs. Wormald (Solihull), Messrs. W. R. Heaton, F. J. Salter (Kidderminster), F. Dickens and J. W. Tilley.

After an excellent repast, the toast of 'The King' was honoured. The Hon. Secretary proposed the toast of 'Church and State' in a felicitous speech. He remarked that in these days, when they heard so much about the empty state of the churches and the continual cry of the younger generation that the theatres and cinemas should be open on Sunday, one sometimes wondered if the Church really was losing its hold upon the people. From a first view it looked very much that way, but if they looked more deeply into the question it was not so certain. There was evidence that the Church was considerably interested in a number of directions in the common life of the people, and that it was still keeping in touch with the needs of to-day. With regard to the State, he thought they must admit that the State was permeated with the spirit of religion. They might not always agree with the amount of money spent on alleviating and uplifting the people, but at the back of it all there was the Christian spirit, the spirit of thinking of one's fellow-men. Therefore the State, at bottom, was Christian, and if it were possible—he did not think it was possible—to eliminate the Church from the common life of the people, the main spring of all their idealism would be broken. The Church and the State ran together, and long might they prosper.

Before calling on the Bishop of Birmingham to respond, the Chairman expressed the pleasure of the Guild and those present that night at the presence of his lordship, and he thanked Canon Blofield, who was to have responded, for having given way to the Bishop as responder to the toast.

ENGLISH CHARACTER NOT CHANGED.

The Bishop, who had a very hearty reception, said he was very glad to be present at that gathering, and he rather wondered why he had not been there before. He believed the fact was he had never been invited (laughter), and, however much one wanted to come to a gathering of that kind, one had to wait for an invitation. Continuing, the Bishop said that, like all clergy, he had an interest in bells and bellringing, even though he knew nothing about its technicalities. It was true that when he was at Cambridge he took mathematics, and there was a time when he really knew a great deal about permutations and combinations, but he never applied his knowledge to those things which ringers themselves did, and whenever he had heard them described he had to admit he was an 'outsider,' and that it all passed over his head (laughter). Proceeding, the Bishop said he agreed entirely with the diagnosis of the proposer of the toast in regard to present tendencies. In spite of all appearances, he did not think the influence of the Church, if

they might take the term in its broadest sense, was waning. There was a great deal of confusion, both as regards organisation and as regards the intellectual presentation of religion. They were living through an epoch of extraordinarily rapid intellectual and social change. The discoveries of the last one hundred years were even more remarkable and more fundamental than during any equal period in the history of human civilisation. The formulation of religion always lagged behind the discoveries of secular thought, and it was only now that the new picture of the universe, which men of science had set before them, was filling into shape; only now that they could relate their traditional faith to the new ideas. Many of the younger people felt that the Christian tradition had lost its compelling power—many of them, doubtless, thought it was something that had passed away. They were, of course, wrong. As soon, however, as men began to see that the old ideas and the old principles could be set equally cogently against the background of the new knowledge; as soon as that was perceived, they would get towards the Church once more not only the affection but also the esteem and admiration that it had had in the past (hear, hear). Meanwhile, if only they could preserve in the community the Christian idealism, all would go well. They had to-day a virtually omnipotent State, a valuable, but also, potentially, a most dangerous creation. So long, however, as the State was animated by the right moral and spiritual ideals all would be well, but let the State become an organ of secularism, and there would come at once in the community a lowering of tone and, because of the power of the State, general demoralisation. Personally he saw no reason to fear that. He believed that within the next generation they would see the Church resume its hold on the hearts and minds of the community (hear, hear), and that the Church would continue to work through the State to inspire the State with its own other-worldliness; but, if ever there came a time when religion ceased to have that compelling power, then most certainly they would see the organised State become not a force for good but a force tending to demoralise the community. He liked, for himself, to be living in such a time as the present, when everything was being reshaped, when one could see, as it were, slowly crystallising out of the present chaos the England that was being made. There were those who felt distressed by this chaos around them. If there were any such present that night, he would bid them be of good cheer. The English character had not changed; most certainly it had not changed for the worse during the last two generations. With their universal education, with their growing enthusiasm for knowledge, when attempts were being made in so many ways to create



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and injustice—with all those things around them they could look with hope to the future (applause).

A DIMINISHING BAND.

Mr. F. E. Dawe, as one of the few now surviving who knew Henry Johnson in the flesh, was entrusted with the toast of 'The Memory of Henry Johnson,' and first asked those present who knew the old worthy to raise their hands. Only twelve responded to this invitation, and Mr. Dawe remarked that the little band was growing small by degrees and beautifully less. Associated on the toast list with the toast was the quotation, 'Concerning the dead, nothing but good shall be spoken,' and Mr. Dawe commented that of Henry Johnson it would be impossible to say anything but good. He was a wonderful man, and those who had not the pleasure of knowing him missed one of the joys of life. Ringers were a very united body of churchmen, who now paid as much attention to the Sunday ringing as they did to their peals. Referring to the reforms that had been carried out in the belfries, Mr. Dawe said he had rung in nearly a thousand belfries, but he knew of no better example of what a belfry should be than that at St. Martin's. The esprit de corps and enthusiasm that characterised St. Martin's Guild was remarkable. It used to be said of St. Martin's ringers that they could ring well in their own tower, but were no good anywhere else, but the present ringers had shown, by their magnificent performances at Exeter, Worcester and elsewhere that that was no longer true, if ever it were. Birmingham had produced many great ringers, and Henry Johnson was one of the most wonderful of them. He never had an enemy in the world; he was a genial character, alert, skilful, full of humour and never failing in anecdote. He was a marvellous composer, and could call and conduct peals, but seldom did so, being always willing to leave that to anyone who wished to do so. He (the speaker) had been visiting Birmingham ever since Johnson's 72nd birthday, when the veteran rang in the peal of 9,348, and that was the first time he met him. On Johnson's 80th birthday they had the first Johnson dinner, and Johnson, despite his great age, was himself in marvellous form. The secretary of St. Martin's company

at that time was Alfred Thomas, and ever since those days St. Martin's Guild had continued its success. This was due to the very excellent officers they were able to secure, and while they could do this they would be able to carry on the great traditions that had been handed down to them.

The toast was drunk in silence, and afterwards a course of Stedman Cinques was rung on handbells by Messrs. Pervin, Perrens, Swann, Walker, Norman and George.

A SURVEY.

The Chairman proposed 'Continued prosperity to St. Martin's Guild,' and, following his usual custom, gave a survey of the year. He first of all paid a tribute of respect to the memory of the members they had lost during the year. Happily, he said, their losses were comparatively small—only four had died during the year. They were Mr. William Kent, one of their vice-presidents and one of the oldest members of the society; Mr. Stanbridge, a very old ringer, a model of patience and a great favourite for his many good qualities; Mr. Thomas Bratton; and Miss Pollington. Continuing, the Chairman expressed the great pleasure they all felt at the presence of several old friends, amongst them Mr. Vice-President Russam and Mr. Thomas Miller, who was the last survivor of a band of ringers who visited him (the speaker) at Oxford in 1876. They also had with them the son of Henry Johnson, who with his wife was a most welcome visitor. They also had with them a venerable friend in Mr. Kendall, who had just retired, at the age of 81, from the office of churchwarden at St. Martin's. If he wished to live to be a centenarian, he would advise Mr. Kendall to begin to learn change ringing, which conducted towards longevity. They also had with them Mr. Martineau, of Solihull, who was now recovering from a severe illness, and they trusted he would continue to improve (hear, hear).

Turning next to the progress of St. Martin's Guild, the Chairman said they had gone on very successfully in every way. They had an increasing number of young ringers who were attending the practices and ringing various methods, including Surprise methods. Good work was being done at Erdington under the auspices of Mr. George Swann, and he congratulated the Erdington ringers on ringing a peal of Norfolk Surprise Major, the first in the method in Birmingham. Mr. Webb and Mr. John Neal were doing similar good work at St. John's, Deritend. During the year the Guild had rung 18 peals, in which 62 ringers had taken part, and there had been ten conductors. He heartily congratulated the ringers of St. Martin's on having rung two peals in that extremely difficult method, Cambridge Surprise Maximus, and also the peal of Stedman Cinques at Worcester Cathedral. The tenor was rung by one man throughout—a wonderful performance—and that man was Mr. James George. They all realised, continued the Chairman, that one of their most important functions was to maintain service ringing. They had been able to do this at the various churches except Solihull, where, unfortunately, the tower was in too bad a state of repair to permit of ringing, and at Aston, which was in much the same condition. He believed a movement was to be inaugurated for recasting and rehanging the bells, which would shortly materialise, so that that great breeding ground of ringers, where he himself learnt to ring several methods, would shortly be available to members of the Guild. They wished the church authorities success in their efforts in this most laudable purpose (applause).

In conclusion, the Chairman referred to the service rendered by the other officers during the past year, especially by his deputy, Mr. Albert Walker, who was one of the most able ringers in this country, and one of the most reliable men in every way. He was a tower of strength to the Guild and ringing generally. He coupled with the toast the secretary of the Guild. As they all knew, there had been a change. Mr. Paddon Smith, who had put in 20 years of most excellent service, had relinquished the post. The office of secretary to the Guild was no sinecure; it involved a great amount of work, and, above all, a great amount of tact. Now they had a son of that grand old ringer, Samuel Reeves. During the year he had adequately discharged the duties of the office, and they were sure that, as time went on, he would take the same place in their regard, esteem and admiration as did his predecessor, Mr. Smith. With such officers, said the Chairman, the future prosperity of the Guild was assured (applause).

(To be continued.)

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On Sunday, March 2nd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans): H. E. Simpson 1, Mrs. E. H. Spice 2, W. Wood 3, G. Kenward 4, E. J. Dobbie 5, S. B. Dobbie 6, E. H. Spice (conductor) 7, J. Excell 8. First quarter of Stedman by Messrs. Simpson and Wood.

OVER, CAMBS.—On Sunday, March 2nd, for matins and Communion service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: G. Whybrow 1, D. Adams 2, F. Warrington 3, R. Thoday 4, H. Robinson 5, C. Robinson (first 720 of Treble Bob as conductor) 6.

FULHAM.—For evening service, on March 2nd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. C. Page 1, A. Cutmore 2, C. F. Winney (conductor) 3, H. Cook 4, E. R. Mackrell 5, W. H. Hollier 6, C. F. Hunt 7, P. Stratton 8.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

AN HISTORIC EMBLEM.

The annual meeting of the South and West District was held at Isleworth on Saturday, February 15th. The bells pealed out soon after 3 p.m. under the superintendence of Mr. F. W. Goodfellow (Ringing Master), and the belfry soon filled, as some forty ringers were in the chamber at one time. 'Rounds, Grandsire Triples and methods up to and including Cambridge Surprise Major were rung before service, which was held at 5 p.m., conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. P. W. Shepherd-Smith). The form in the 'Ringers' Manual' was used. The singing was led by the organist, and hymns were heartily sung.

After service, the ringers were entertained to tea by the Vicar and his wardens at the Church Hall. The Vicar presided, supported by the vice-president (Mr. C. S. Bird), the Rev. S. Merrifield, Mr. J. A. Trollope (hon. treasurer), Mr. Edgley (Vicar's warden), the Ringing Master and Mr. Bridges (hon. treasurer to the Isleworth Bell Fund), and 65 signed the attendance book, including Mr. Tom Beadle and Mr. W. H. Fussell. The latter joined the West Middlesex Association (now the present society) over 53 years ago, and he presented to the Vicar, on behalf of the association, his framed certificate, dated 1877, and duly signed. It was the first known society to issue a certificate, with the exception of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. The Vicar, in accepting the gift, heartily thanked the donor on behalf of the Guild and himself for such a valuable and historical emblem, which he would be delighted to place in his church. Before the business meeting commenced, the Chairman asked the company to rise and remain in silence as a token of respect and reverence to the late president, Mr. F. A. Milne.

The balance sheet was presented and adopted, and the report of the year was read. It recorded that eleven meetings were held, with an average attendance of 41. Joint meetings took place with the Oxford Diocesan Guild (S.B. and E.B. Branch), the Guildford Diocesan Guild (Chertsey District), and the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild (South District), with an average attendance of 44. During the year, 18 ringing members and 5 honorary were elected.

The election of officers resulted in the following appointments being made: Mr. F. Corke, Ringing Master; Mr. J. A. Trollope, hon. treasurer; Mr. Wm. H. Hollier, hon. sec.; Mr. W. Bolwell, Assistant Ringing Master; Mr. W. G. Wilson, assistant hon. secretary; Messrs. J. H. Hunnisett, R. A. Fardon and F. W. Goodfellow, representatives on the Central Committee.

Mr. Bird proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar (Rev. P. W. Shepherd-Smith) and his wardens for their kind hospitality, to the Vicar for conducting the service and presiding at the meeting, to the hon. treasurer of the Bell Fund, and to the organist. This was carried with acclamation.—The Vicar returned thanks on behalf of himself and his colleagues.

Thanks were accorded to the auditors, Messrs. H. W. Lidbetter and R. Hsley, the hostess and her assistants, to all tower secretaries and volunteer instructors, the Isleworth band, and all retiring officers for their past services.

A strong appeal is to be made on behalf of the Isleworth Bell Fund in order that it may be completed.

A vote of condolence was passed with the family of the late president (Mr. Milne).

Handbell ringing was indulged in by several members, after which the tower was again visited, as well as that at Twickenham, where a vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar (the Rev. W. P. Cole-Shearer) for their use, and to Mr. E. A. Morris, the local representative.

A RINGER'S DEATH IN CANADA.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Having seen the name of my cousin, Harry Last, mentioned in 'The Ringing World' in Belfry Gossip as being still alive, I thought his old friends would be interested to hear that he died at Medicine Hat, Alberta, and was buried there on August 4th, 1928. He was brother-in-law to me, as well as cousin, his first and third wives being sisters of mine. His second wife was a Miss Balls, of Cratfield, Suffolk, who died at Kingston-on-Thames in 1903, leaving an infant son who is now carrying on with his father's homestead at Elkwater, Alberta. I don't know how many peals Harry had rung in the London area, but he had twenty peals to his name in the Norwich Diocesan Report, including a 10,080 Bob Major at Helmingham (his native place), on December 26th, 1895. His last peal was a peal of Superlative Surprise Major on April 6th, 1907, at Helmingham, just prior to sailing for Canada. His only regret in living in Canada was being unable to get any bellringing there, and he was always interested in any ringing news I could send him.—Yours sincerely,
T. W. LAST.

INCHBECK, Lincs.—On Monday, January 27th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor in 29 mins.: Wm. H. Sutton 1, A. Ground 2, G. Sewell 3, W. Taylor 4, J. Curry 5, G. Ladd (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by the local band, and first by all except J. Curry and G. Ladd, and the latter's first as conductor.

NEW BELLS FOR CASTLE CARY.

On Sunday, March 2nd, two new bells were consecrated by the Bishop of Bath and Wells in the tower of All Saints', Castle Cary, Somerset, giving the complete peal of eight. The bells are a gift to the church in memory of Mr. Charles Allen, for many years churchwarden of All Saints', by his son and daughter, Mr. Charles Allen, and Miss Allen, and by his nephew, Sir James Allen, G.C.B. He died at the age of 96 in the severe spring of last year, full of memories to the last of the church life of Cary. He could remember the notable work of Canon Meade, who found the church having height without sufficient length. He therefore pulled down the former tower and spire and lengthened the church westwards by an extra pier, and then built the present fine tower and spire, which are of greater height than the former. The present proportions of the building, which has now added a fitting length to the height, satisfy every spectator. The bells were restored under the next Vicar, Prebendary Grafton, and now we have the generous gift of the Allens, who have had the whole bell cage and fittings over-



CASTLE CARY CHURCH.

where the bells have been augmented to eight.

hauled and repainted, and provided for a fresh chiming apparatus, and the necessary moving of the position of the clock. The work has been completed under the skilful hands of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

Ringers attended from various towers in the district, including Intobear, Evercreech, West Lydford, North Cadbury, North Chertton, who all commented on the splendid tone and 'go' of the bells, which are now a very nice peal of eight.

Castle Cary is fortunate in having an enthusiastic body of ringers under their captain, Mr. Ernest Creed. When he was absent at the war, his wife stood in and joined in ringing. The team usually take their summer holiday in a tour amongst the towers on their way to the seaside, and get some ringing in each tower. Mr. Creed is secretary of the local branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, and is always ready to assist new teams in neighbouring towers. The quarterly gatherings of the branch are happy social occasions, when their part in church work receives expression and encouragement.

FIFTY-SEVEN YEARS A RINGER.

Mr. J. H. Blake, who has been a ringer since the age of 12, has just celebrated his 69th birthday. In honour of the event, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung at the tower of the ancient Church of Bosham, where Mr. Blake has taken in hand the training of a new band of ringers. Those who took part were: T. Duick 1, H. J. Tucker 2, W. Ticehurst 3, G. Marshall 4, J. H. Blake (conductor) 5, A. Tugwell 6.

Mr. Blake was presented with a silver inkstand with the following inscription: 'Presented to J. H. Blake on his 69th birthday by the Bosham Junior Bellringers, 29th January, 1930.'

THE 'FOURTH OF MARCH.'

RECOLLECTIONS OF RECORD MAKING AT APPLETON.

A glorious day, the meeting of old friends, a fine peal of bells, a good dinner, all combined to add one more to the happy and successful celebrations of the 'Fourth of March' at Appleton. The bells were kept going all the afternoon, Grandsire and Stedman Caters being the favourite methods. It was a pleasure to see Canon Coleridge, president of the Central Council, once again ringing the 9th, as he did in the 15,041 peal of 1888, which was the world's record for many years. The unexpected appearance of Mr. Bert Langdon (who conducted the 21,000 at Appleton) and friends for a pull in passing was hailed with delight, and the shortness of his visit was regretted by all.

At 4.30 a company of some 35 ringers gathered at the Thatched Tavern and enjoyed the usual excellent meal.

The meeting which followed was presided over by the Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), supported by Mr. A. J. Wright (hon. treasurer). The Rector, the Rev. G. E. B. Scanlan, was, to the regret of all present, prevented from coming by illness.

After proposing the opening toast of 'Church and King,' the Master called on Canon Coleridge to give 'The Appleton Society.'

The Canon gave a short summary of record making and record breaking on the Appleton bells, mentioning particularly the record set up on the last day of 1888, when at short notice a band was collected, the tenth man being fetched from his 'showering' in the neighbouring village to take part. With the toast of the society he coupled the names of the two other ringers still in our midst and present at the meeting—George Holifield and F. S. White.

Replying, Mr. Holifield gave a short account of the society enjoying this, the 112th anniversary. He then proposed the health of 'The General Secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild,' Mr. E. T. Hibbert, whose absence was regretted by all.

During the evening, the 'White Brothers' gave a display of hand-bell ringing; when the clapper fell out of one of the bells, other 'clappers' wagged valiantly till it was replaced. Several 'old favourites' were sung by the Master, Messrs. White and Bennett and others.

Mr. Holifield proposed 'The Visitors,' to whose advent the meeting owed much of its success, and a hearty vote of thanks to the host and hostess and all who had helped in the arrangements brought a happy evening to a close.

ANCIENT BELLS TO BE RESTORED.

AN APPEAL FOR HARWELL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—An appeal has been launched to raise funds for the restoration of the six bells of Harwell, Berks, believed to be the oldest ring of six in the country, all having been cast between 1580 and 1615. The frame has been in the tower since the end of the sixteenth century, and the bells have been condemned as unsafe for ringing.

It is thought that now is a suitable time to have the bells rehung and two trebles added to complete the octave.

A large sum of money has been raised recently in the parish for roughcasting the tower and the installation of electric lighting in the church, so we feel we are more than justified in making a general appeal outside the parish, the first ever made for the church, which is not a bad record for a village of not more than 700 inhabitants. I have undertaken to try and raise sufficient funds to provide one of the trebles, and so appeal to anyone, ringer or otherwise, for subscriptions, however small, which will be most gratefully received and acknowledged (with the editor's permission) in these columns.—Yours faithfully,

R. G. RICE,

Hon. Secretary,

St. Matthew's (Harwell) Church Belfry and Bell Fund.
Harwell, Didcot, Berks.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your issue of February 14th, I see the notice that the annual general meeting of the Surrey Association will be held at Beddington on March 22nd. I am surprised that this date has been fixed. Does the general secretary not know that May 21st will be the 50th anniversary of the foundation of the association? That meeting was presided over by the Rev. Canon Bridges, grandfather of the wife of the present Rector of the parish. As the last of the founders, I could wish that the meeting be held on the same date as the original meeting.

I should be pleased to see the amalgamation of Guildford Diocesan Guild and the Surrey County Association, for it seems most absurd that there should be two associations in the one county. Guildford is the county town of Surrey; why, then, should it not be the headquarters of an all-county association? The county will be still there when the diocese is again split up.—Yours faithfully,

J. W. TRAPPITT, SEN.

Dublin.

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

There is no doubt that the fine afternoon, together with a chance of having a pull on a recently restored ring, was responsible for the large number of ringers who made their way to Loughton on Saturday to attend the meeting of the South-Western Division of the Essex Association. Amongst those present were Messrs. C. T. Coles and W. Pye, hon. secretary and Master respectively of the Middlesex Association, Mr. J. Waghorn, sen., who, despite his 87 years, is still able to take a rope, Messrs. J. Dale (Hornchurch), W. Watson (Romford), J. Davis (Bishopsgate), etc. The bells were raised by 3 p.m., and kept going till 4.30, when those present attended the service conducted by the Rector, after which tea and business meeting, presided over by the Rector, supported by the District Master (Mr. A. Prior) and Mr. G. Dent (Master of the North-Western Division), was held.

Ten new ringing and three honorary members were elected, and three elections prior to ringing peals were confirmed. Shenfield was decided upon as the place for next meeting, which it is hoped to arrange for May 24th next.

It was mentioned by the Master with regret that one old member, Mr. F. Gridley, for 30 years clerk, sexton and ringer at North Weald, had passed away, and as a mark of respect all stood for a minute in silence.

The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector, Rev. P. N. Maitland, for allowing use of tower and bells, conducting the service and presiding at tea and meeting; to Mr. Osborne, the organist; to the ladies for preparing and serving the tea; and, last but not least, to the four veteran members of the local band, Messrs. Rann, Carter, Clarke and Bacon, for having everything in readiness. As ringing could not be resumed till 6.15 p.m., the interval was spent listening to Miss Dawson, who once again beautifully rendered one of her well-known solos.

During the afternoon and evening, upwards of 80 members were present, representing 25 different towers, and touches in various methods, ranging from Grandsire Triples to Bristol Surprise, were brought round.

CLEVELAND ASSOCIATION PRE-LENT MEETING.**PROPOSED PRESENTATION TO THE HON. SECRETARY.**

The pre-Lent meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association was held at Thirsk, on Saturday, February 22nd, when 20 members of the association were present, and the towers represented were Middlesbrough, Ormesby, Northallerton, Sharow, Tadcaster and Thirsk.

Ringing was commenced about three o'clock, and continued till a late hour, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman and Kent Treble Bob being the methods rung.

Tea at the Primrose Cafe was a very homely affair, and everyone was happy. An informal meeting was held at the conclusion of tea, and, after two new members had been elected, the question of a presentation to Mr. Thomas Metcalfe, who has been secretary and treasurer of the association for 21 years, was discussed.

It was decided that the president, together with Vice-Presidents Newton (of Stockton) and Stott (of Thirsk) be appointed a committee to organise the matter. Subscriptions are to be invited from each member of the association and other ringing friends of Mr. Metcalfe, and the presentation is to take place at the annual meeting to be held at Northallerton on Whit Monday.

Back to the tower, more ringing was the order. Everybody got a ring during the day; tyros were well looked after; everybody enjoyed themselves; no ringer can ask for more. J. C. P.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION'S TITLE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As no one else appears to have replied to Mr. F. W. Richardson's criticism, may I, as a member, explain that the phrase 'North Southwark Diocesan Guild' was suggested by the Bishop of Kingston when he met representatives of the association on behalf of the Bishop of Southwark, and that the new title was afterwards approved by the latter, and he consented to become patron. As the association has no desire to extend its existing territory, the term 'Southwark Diocesan Guild' would not have been appropriate, hence the present title.

I am not competent to express an opinion on Mr. Richardson's suggestion of 'Southwark Archdeaconry Guild,' but should have thought that if this description met the case the Bishop himself would have proposed it.—Yours faithfully, A. H. KEIGHLEY.

A FIRST QUARTER PEAL.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) was rung on Thursday, February 6th, at All Saints' Church, Kingston Seymour, Somerset, in commemoration of the Rev. Green's induction to that benefice, after serving the parish 25 years as curate-in-charge: Wilfred G. Griffin 1, Harold E. Blacker, Clutton (conductor) 2, Ernest R. Norton 3, E. Alexander Price 4, Herbert A. T. Price 5. This is the first quarter-peal to be rung on the bells, also the first for all the ringers except the conductor.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LONGSTANTON, CAMBS.—On Sunday, March 2nd, for evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. W. Cook 1, C. Robinson 2, F. Warrington (conductor) 3, F. C. Ginn 4, A. J. Ginn 5, G. E. Crisp 6, F. J. Cook 8. Rung with tenor covering, after meeting short for quarter-peal of Major.

NORBURY, CHESHIRE.—On Sunday, March 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bristol Surprise Major (1,286 changes) in 47 mins.: R. E. Jones 1, E. Bennett 2, J. Fernley, jun., 3, H. Langley 4, L. Clough 5, W. Fernley 6, J. Fernley, sen., 7, J. W. Hartley (conductor) 8. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. E. D. Leeman, who is leaving the parish. All are Sunday service ringers at this church.

HORNSEY.—On Sunday, March 2nd, at St. Mary's Church, in 28 mins., 720 Bob Minor (22 Singles): G. W. Blee 1, E. G. Hibble 2, H. Blee 3, F. Fensom 4, M. Fensom 5, J. G. Nash (conductor) 6. Rung as a farewell touch for the Rev. Jehu, for three years curate at St. Mary's.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.—On Sunday, March 2nd, at the Parish Church, 720 Bob Minor: Reginald Brockett 1, Reginald West 2, Harry King 3, Herbert Frossell 4, Noel Wiles 5, Leonard Williams (first 720 as conductor) 6. First 720 by treble and 2nd ringers. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to the conductor.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, March 2nd, at St. Mary's, for special sportsmen's service, at which the Bishop of Portsmouth preached, 1,280 Double Norwich Major in 51 mins.: F. W. Rogers (conductor) 1, C. Guy 2, J. D. Harris 3, H. Jennings 4, F. W. Burnett (first quarter-peal in the method) 5, A. T. Greenwood 6, R. J. Stone 7, E. J. Harding, sen., 8.

NEW BELLS AT WILTON, TAUNTON.**TREBLE GIVEN BY RINGERS.**

Two new treble bells, increasing the ring to the full octave, have been added at St. George's Church, Wilton, Taunton, and they were dedicated on Thursday of last week by the Bishop of Taunton, who gave an inspiring address. Being himself a ringer, the Bishop preached a practical sermon, in which he urged all to live and work together in unity. The Vicar (the Rev. A. F. Judd) conducted the service, and there was a large congregation, including the local ringers.

The bells rang out in a touch of Stedman Triples after the service, and their tone was much admired by all.

The scheme for augmenting the bells has been talked about for ten years or so. The local band agreed to subscribe £25, and the Vicar appealed to four previous Vicars of the parish, who agreed with him to give one bell. The ringers then decided to do likewise, and made an appeal, both personally and through 'The Ringing World.' This appeal brought in over £25 from places as far afield as London and mid-Devon. The parishioners, after such a splendid example, followed with the remaining £200 required to complete the job.

The work has been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, under the supervision of Mr. Jack Thomas (bell hanger). All who have heard the bells are agreed that the 'splice' is perfect. The back six (tenor 9 cwt.) have been on the lathe, and it is difficult to realise that any of them belonged to the old lot. The 'go' and circle are everything a good ringer desires.

Saturday was general ringers' day, when the bells were made full use of from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Major, everyone fully enjoying themselves. A bountiful tea was provided in the Scouts' Hut, presided over by the Vicar (Rev. A. F. Judd), Rev. J. E. G. Sweetman (of St. Mary's), Mr. T. Broomhead and Brig.-Gen. H. C. Frith (churchwardens) being also present. Tea over, a touch was rung on the handbells, and the Vicar then said how glad he was to see so many present. He extended a hearty welcome to all the visitors, and assured the gathering that he was alive to the fact that his ringers were an excellent set of men. Rev. J. E. G. Sweetman also spoke, and the churchwardens gave the ringers an excellent testimonial.

Mr. A. W. Hayward (captain) proposed a vote of thanks to the church authorities, parishioners and ringing friends who had so liberally subscribed to the fund.—Mr. S. G. Coles, the energetic collector, seconded, adding that an excellent feeling existed between the Vicar and churchwardens and the ringers, and it was most appropriate that a Vicars' bell and ringers' bell should hang side by side.

The lettering on the ringers' bell was kindly given by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

NOTICE.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A meeting will be held at Ewhurst on Saturday, March 15th. Numbers for tea must reach me by Tuesday, March 11th.—G. L. Grover, Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, Guildford.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on March 13th & 27th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 18th, and Southwark Cathedral on the 20th, 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 annual meeting will be held on March 8th, at Ranmoor Church, Sheffield. Bells open early. Committee meeting at 4 o'clock. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. (1s.). Business. Presentation of balance sheet and election of officers for coming year. It is hoped that we have a good attendance.—R. Harrison, Hon. Sec., 72, Yew Lane, Ecclesfield.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Feltham on Saturday, March 8th. The usual arrangements will be made.—Wm. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Rolleston-on-Dove on Saturday, March 8th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Subscriptions are now due and may be paid at this meeting. Will members please see that this meeting is well attended?—John Leach, Dis. Sec.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Darton on Saturday, March 8th. Bells ready at 3 p.m.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Braunston (6) on Saturday, March 8th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me?—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at North Marston on March 8th. Ringing 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Address by the Vicar. Tea 5 p.m., 1s. each. Please send numbers for tea to the Hon. Sec., Rev. J. F. Amies, Edgecote Rectory, Aylesbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leyland St. James' on Saturday, March 8th. Bells available from 2.30. All ringers welcome.—F. Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Monthly meeting will be held at Lacock on Saturday, March 8th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4 p.m., after which, through the kindness of Miss Talbot, the historical Abbey will be open to the ringers. Tea and business meeting after. Ringing will follow. Hourly bus service from Chippenham and Trowbridge.—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., 38, Downing Street, Chippenham.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 8th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in St. Thomas' Church at 4.30. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Ruddington on March 8th. Bells (8) ready from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please come and put your backs to it.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Springfield on Saturday, March 8th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service in church 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5 o'clock.—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Helens Parish Church on Saturday, March 8th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Preacher: The Lord Bishop of Warrington. Tea (9d. each) 6.15 p.m. Meeting to follow.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bispham Parish Church on Saturday, March 8th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30. Subscriptions due.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—A meeting will be held at Upholland Parish Church on Saturday, March 8th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested at this meeting. Business important.—James W. Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Clifford District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Eardisley on Saturday, March 8th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting afterwards.—J. P. Hyett, Dis. Sec., Hay, Hereford.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Petton on Saturday, March 8th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at the Rectory at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Broxbourne on March 8th. Bells ready during the afternoon and evening. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea at the Welcome after. All ringing friends will be made welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Coleman's Hatch on Saturday, March 15th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Will all those attending kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, March 12th.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Bexhill on Saturday, March 15th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow. Half rail fares (maximum 1s. 6d.).—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Stoke-in-Coventry on Saturday, March 15th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock in St. Andrew's Hall, Binley Road.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The spring meeting of the Cheltenham branch will be held at Badgeworth on Saturday, March 15th. Bells open 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30, by kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. W. Downes). Business meeting after tea. Will all those requiring tea please notify me by the 11th? — Walter Yeend, Branch Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, March 15th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due.—F. Hindle, Hon. Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division. —The annual meeting will be held at All Saints', Sheffield, on Saturday, March 15th. Bells (8) available from 3. Short service at 5. Tea 5.30, in the Church Institute, Grimesthorpe Road, at 1s. per head. Please notify Mr. A. Smithson, 22, Hooton Street, Sheffield, by the 11th. Business meeting for election of officers after tea. Subscriptions for 1929-30 are now due and the annual report available at this meeting.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —The annual meeting will be held at Goole on Saturday, March 15th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea, at 4.30 p.m., in National Schools, at 1s. per head, to those who send their names to Mr. J. Drake, 29, Second Avenue, Goole, by March 13th. Short service in Parish Church 5.30 p.m., with an address by the Vicar of Goole, followed by the business meeting in the Schools. For further details see circular.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, West Didsbury, on Saturday, March 15th. Bells ready 6 p.m. Mr. R. Davies, ringing master. Will members make an effort to attend and help the branch officials in their efforts to create more interest in these meetings? — J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch. —The reopening of the bells of All Saints', Wootton Bassett, will take place on Saturday, March 15th, at 3 o'clock, having been rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. Tea will be provided at the Vicarage at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—Louis A. Wilson, Hon. Sec., Calne Branch.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch. —A meeting will be held at Woodchurch on Saturday, March 15th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30 p.m.—H. Brockiebank, Hon. Sec.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Smarden on Saturday, March 15th. Bells available at 2 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15. All ringers welcome. — A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District. —The next meeting will be held at Kegworth on Saturday, March 15th. Bells (6) will be ready from 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch. —The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Lawton on Saturday, March 15th. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me know on or before

March 12th?—R. D. Langford, Branch Hon. Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District. —The next quarterly meeting will be held at Twerton-on-Avon on Saturday, March 15th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.15. Tea and meeting to follow in Church Hall. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by March 12th? — N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District. —A meeting will be held at the Church of St. Mary, Lambeth, on Saturday, March 15th. Bells available 3 to 7.30 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. Social hour. Postcards to be in by March 12th.—J. Herbert, Hon. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District. —A meeting will be held at North Wingfield on Saturday, March 22nd. Gentlemen cordially invited. Arrangements for tea please notify, Miss D. Tarlton, 16, Bright Street, North Wingfield, near Chesterfield. — N. Cawthorne, Dis. Hon. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held on March 22nd (postponed from March 15th) at Ufford. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea 4.30, in St. Mary's Hall. Meeting after.—Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — The annual general meeting will be held at Beddington on Saturday, March 22nd. Bells (10) available from 2.30 to 5.30. Service at 5.30. Tea (Harvest Home Hall, Beddington Lane) at 6.15. Meeting 7. Social (with handbells) 8 to 10. Those requiring tea must notify me by Wednesday, March 19th. This year is the jubilee of the association, and Beddington is the foundation tower. Come and make this meeting a record gathering. Please note that nominations for general officers and representatives upon the Central Council must be in the hands of the secretary by Saturday, March 8th.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., 18, Guy Road, Beddington, Croydon.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District. —Next meeting at Finchley on Saturday, March 22nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea, usual charge, at 5.30. All members and friends welcomed, but please let me know if you require tea.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Newchurch-in-Rossendale, on Saturday, March 22nd. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions are due. Reports and diagrams to hand.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, March 29th. Further particulars later.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The jubilee meeting will be held at Canterbury on Easter Monday. His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury will give an address in the Cathedral at a special service at noon, and will preside at the luncheon and meeting at the County Hall. Special railway facilities (see news columns). Luncheon tickets free to practising members. Non-members 3s. Full particulars later.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

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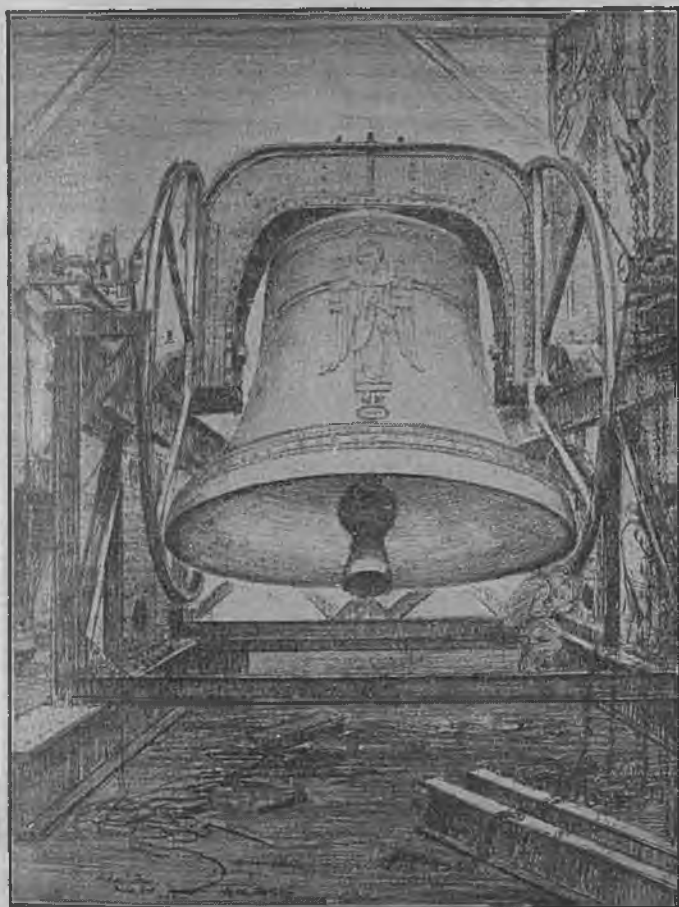
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A PEAL OF MINOR.

The question of what should be the conditions governing a peal of Minor is again coming into the arena of controversy, as a result of the suggested definitions put forward by the Rev. H. Law James in recent issues of 'The Ringing World.' Stripped of superfluities Mr. James' proposals are that the changes in a peal of Minor may come up in any order as long as in 5,040 none appears more than seven times, and he puts forward the proposals in order to get rid of what he calls an 'absurdity.' The absurdity is, however, only of his own making. Ringers whose standard for a peal of Minor is that each 720 shall end with rounds will disagree entirely with Mr. James when he says, in effect, that a peal rung with seven different callings or in seven different methods does not come within this standard. To the practical ringer it will sound equally absurd to be told that, because each 720 ends with rounds, each other of the 719 rows must fall in exactly the same place in each extent if it is to come within the limits of the above mentioned standard. Practice does not require it; common sense does not demand it and whatever justification there may be for a definition which permits the repetition of changes within the limits of each 720, let us avoid false reasoning as to the need for it.

In his letter justifying the definition which he puts forward, Mr. James remarks, 'The truth is that the peal is really one round block, not seven.' We do not want to do Mr. James an injustice, but if this statement refers to all peals of Minor, including those in which each 720 ends with rounds, is he not asking the Exercise to stretch its credulity a bit too far? A 'round block' is described in 'The Glossary,' as 'a block which comes round to the same row or point from which it started.' Although Mr. James may think differently, we imagine that the majority of ringers, with this definition before them, will have no hesitation in saying that seven 720's, each beginning from and ending with rounds, constitute seven round blocks. The theory of the 'one round block' is, of course, one of the essentials to Mr. James' proposal to permit the rows to come up in any order, irrespective of the truth of individual 720's. Unless he can convince the Exercise of this, one of his main props goes. If he is correct that seven 720's each ending in rounds is one round block and not seven round blocks, then two 5,040's of Grandsire Triples, rung without interval, would be one round block and not two. If Mr. James' proposals are to be accepted, the Exercise has got to alter its whole conception of a peal of Minor and in this connection it is interesting to recall that it was only about 40 years ago that the term 'peal' was applied to seven 720's.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

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(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 40 cwt.

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| JOHN HOLMAN Treble | SIDNEY F. PALMER 7 |
| SIDNEY BRIGGS 2 | JOHN H. BROTHWELL 8 |
| COLIN HARRISON 3 | MAURICE E. WILSON 9 |
| WILLIAM BARTON 4 | HAYDN THORPE 10 |
| ALBERT H. WARD 5 | JOHN THORPE 11 |
| ARTHUR KNIGHTS... .. 6 | A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS... .. Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS.
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TEN BELL PEALS.

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On Tuesday, March 4, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5070 CHANGES;
Tenor 34½ cwt.

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| SIDNEY BRIGGS Treble | JOHN THORPE 6 |
| MISS NOEL L. CAWTHORNE 2 | ARTHUR FIRTH 7 |
| ARTHUR KNIGHTS... .. 3 | JOHN H. BROTHWELL 8 |
| ALBERT NASH 4 | A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS... .. 9 |
| T. COLIN RYDER 5 | PERCY MAUGHAM... .. Tenor |

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On Tuesday, March 4, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

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| ERNEST JONES Treble | JAMES MARTIN 6 |
| THOMAS HAMMOND 2 | JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 7 |
| GEORGE R. NEWTON 3 | LESTER L. GREY 8 |
| JOHN BROWN 4 | EDWARD CAUNCE 9 |
| ERNEST L. HUMPHRISS ... 5 | HARRY SMALE Tenor |

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

* First peal on ten bells. First peal of Bob Royal by all except J. Martin.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL AND COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF SS. GEORGE,

DENIS AND MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 27½ cwt.

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| WILLIAM H. LUKER Treble | ARTHUR RIDYARD 6 |
| WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 2 | JOSEPH H. RIDYARD... .. 7 |
| DONALD BROWN... .. 3 | F. RALPH WILLIAMS... .. 8 |
| WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 4 | BEN THORP... .. 9 |
| SAM HOLT 5 | FRED PAGE... .. Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by BEN THORP.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal. This peal was rung to commemorate the centenary of the long peal of Kent Treble Royal, which was rung at Manchester Cathedral, February 23rd (Shrove Tuesday), 1830.

HERTFORD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 25 cwt.

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| HORACE BELCHER Treble | *JOHN A. WAUGH... .. 6 |
| WILLIAM H. HEWETT... .. 2 | CHARLES W. GRIMWOOD... .. 7 |
| CHARLES W. ROBERTS 3 | JAMES E. DAVIS... .. 8 |
| WILFRED WILLIAMS 4 | *WALTER AYRE 9 |
| JOHN T. KENTISH... .. 5 | RICHARD F. DEAL Tenor |

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.

* First peal of Double Norwich Royal, also first by the association and in the county of Herts. This composition has 19 courses in the titlums.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

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On Saturday, March 1, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

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| ARTHUR BAKER Treble | HARRY BOSWELL... .. 5 |
| ALBERT D. COLLINS 2 | WILLIAM H. LAWLEY 6 |
| HERBERT PICKERING 3 | ALFRED FALLON 7 |
| WILLIAM A. JONES 4 | HERBERT BOOTH Tenor |

Conducted by ALFRED FALLON.

First peal on the bells since the augmentation to eight in September, 1929.

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

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| JAMES HEMMING Treble | HARRY MIDDLETON 5 |
| JOHN HALL 2 | JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 6 |
| MISS AMY JOHNSON 3 | GEOFFREY J. HEMMING 7 |
| FREDERICK J. JOHNSON 4 | ARTHUR J. TAYLOR Tenor |

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

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AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 30 cwt.

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| *LEONARD WILLMOTT... .. Treble | WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5 |
| CAPT. W. LINTER 2 | WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT 6 |
| FREDERICK A. COWARD 3 | GILBERT H. HARDING 7 |
| *WILLIAM MILLS... .. 4 | EDWARD G. COWARD Tenor |
| | *ALBERT BAVERSTOCK Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT.

* First peal on eight. Rung as a birthday compliment to the father of E. G. Coward.

OXENHOPE, KEIGHLEY.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 1, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| ROBERT W. JENNISON, SEN. Treble | *WILLIE PROCTOR 5 |
| *JOHN WINDLE 2 | SAM LONGBOTTOM 6 |
| VERNEY BAIRSTOW 3 | ARTHUR BAIRSTOW 7 |
| EDGAR WHITELEY 4 | WILLIAM AMBLER Tenor |

Composed by YORK GREEN.

Conducted by WM. AMBLER.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Ambler, wife of the conductor, also to R. W. Jennison, jun.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 1, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

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| RICHARD B. LAMBERT Treble | JOHN R. DENTON... .. 5 |
| ERNEST J. LADD 2 | JOSEPH WREN 6 |
| FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. 3 | ALBERT E. EDWARDS 7 |
| GEORGE LAMBERT 4 | WILLIAM D. ASHDOWN Tenor |

Composed by the Rev. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by A. E. EDWARDS. Rung to commemorate the birth of a granddaughter to the conductor. Mr. Ashdown was elected a member before starting.

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THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 1, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

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| *GEOFFREY MARLBOROUGH Treble | CHARLES COOK 5 |
| THOMAS NORRIS 2 | *FREDERICK EDWARDS 6 |
| EDWARD ASHLEY 3 | *ALBERT DEAMER 7 |
| JOHN E. ROOTES 4 | HENRY J. COCHRAN Tenor |

Conducted by FREDERICK EDWARDS.

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A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5066 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

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| ALBERT E. WHITING Treble | WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 5 |
| GEORGE PRYKE 2 | T. WILLIAM LAST 6 |
| JAMES BENNETT, JUN. 3 | LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 7 |
| GEORGE BENNETT 4 | LESLIE G. BRETT... .. Tenor |

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

First touch in the method as conductor.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 3, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

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| ERNEST J. BUTLER Treble | ROBERT HEAZEL 5 |
| *ALBERT RAINBIRD 2 | FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON 6 |
| GEORGE R. PYE... .. 3 | ERNEST W. FURBANK... .. 7 |
| FRANK G. RINGE 4 | JAMES BENNETT Tenor |

Composed by J. PAGET.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

* First peal in the method.

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A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5066 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

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| *RICHARD E. JONES Treble | WILLIAM FERNLEY 5 |
| *ERNEST BENNETT 2 | *WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 6 |
| *JAMES FERNLEY, JUN. 3 | TOM WILDE 7 |
| JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. 4 | *JOHN W. HARTLEY Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by TOM WILDE.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a farewell to the curate, Rev. E. D. Reeman, B.A., who is leaving this parish for St. Mary Magdalene, Broadbottom, Mottram-in-Longendale.

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A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

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| WILLIAM J. ROBINSON Treble | GEORGE WILSON 5 |
| HENRY HUTTON 2 | WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 6 |
| C. ERNEST SMITH 3 | RAYMOND PHILPOTT 7 |
| GEORGE E. CLODE 4 | ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 28 cwt.

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| D. FLOWERS Treble | N. V. ANDREWS 5 |
| J. FRANCIS 2 | W. E. FLETCHER 6 |
| E. COWARD 3 | W. C. WEST 7 |
| W. H. MILLS 4 | ED. MARLOW Tenor |

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Tenor 14 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

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| ERNEST MORRIS Treble | ERNEST F. PAYNE 5 |
| FREDERICK W. SHARMAN 2 | LEONARD W. JOHNSON 6 |
| * HARRY W. MARTIN 3 | JOSIAH MORRIS 7 |
| ROWLAND BARROW 4 | † FRANK A. GRAHAM Tenor |

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. R. Barrow has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal. Rung with congratulations to L. W. Johnson on the birth of a son and heir. This composition, on a new plan, is now rung for the first time.

PENSHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in E flat.

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| GEORGE EDWARDS Treble | WILLIAM ASHDOWN 5 |
| MRS. H. BAKER 2 | THOMAS E. SONE 6 |
| * HARRY BAKER 3 | WILLIAM WENBAN 7 |
| JAMES W. KNIGHT 4 | ALBERT RELFE Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (340). Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE

* 25th peal of Kent Treble Bob. The visitors wish to thank Mr. Edwards for his kind invitation to Penshurst, and also his hospitality after the peal.

GREAT TEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt. in G.

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| WILLIAM KEEBLE Treble | STANLEY PYE 5 |
| HERBERT WEBB 2 | FRANK CLAYDON 6 |
| BERTIE WEBB 3 | WALTER ARNOLD 7 |
| JOSEPH DYER 4 | ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor |

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First peal by ringers of 2, 3 and 4, who belong to local company. First peal on the bells since rehanging by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. Rung on the 71st birthday of the Vicar, the Rev. G. Sant.

UPTON ST. LEONARDS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(GLOUCESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 8, 1930, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

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| WILLIAM HASTINGS Treble | THOMAS BALDWIN 5 |
| JESSE GILLETT 2 | ERNEST E. DAVIS 6 |
| JOHN AUSTIN 3 | ALFRED G. HANNIS 7 |
| EX-SERG'T J. WILLIAMS 4 | GEORGE CONDIK Tenor |

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 8, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

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| FREDERICK W. ROGERS Treble | WILLIAM E. CHEATERS 5 |
| FREDERICK A. BURNETT 2 | ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 6 |
| FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 3 | GEORGE WILLIAMS 7 |
| JOSIAH D. HARRIS 4 | EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. S. Bayley and Messrs. F. S. Bayley and E. J. Harding, sen.

LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

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| HUBERT JONES Treble | GEOFFREY W. TAYSON 5 |
| ALLEN E. GWYNNE 2 | CHARLES EDWARDS 6 |
| WILLIAM R. NASH 3 | FRANCIS EVANS 7 |
| WILLIAM J. BENIAMS 4 | ARTHUR W. DAVIES Tenor |

Conducted by FRANCIS EVANS.

Rung with bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the Rev. A. E. Ll. Kenyon, late Rector of the above church.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE ABBY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

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| * DUDLEY GRIMBLE Treble | WALTER R. FARROW 5 |
| GEORGE MAYERS 2 | WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 6 |
| WILLIAM J. WASRY 3 | CHARLES E. LOVETT 7 |
| † HENRY TOOKE 4 | WILLIAM CLOVER Tenor |

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by WM. B. DUNCAN.

* First peal in the method. † First peal 'inside.'

HIGHER WALTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

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| JACK CHARNOCK Treble | * FRANK COFFE 5 |
| BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 2 | ARTHUR HARTLEY 6 |
| HERMON NELSON 3 | WILLIAM TAYLOR 7 |
| JAMES ARMSTRONG 4 | † WILLIAM KING Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (372). Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS
* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Major. First peal in the method on the bells.

'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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REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

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| HERBERT FULCHER Treble | GEORGE GOWER 5 |
| BENJAMIN THOMPSON 2 | RUSSELL RICHES 6 |
| GEORGE HOWLETT 3 | FREDERICK BORRETT 7 |
| WALTER BARRETT 4 | WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... Tenor |

Composed by F. HOPGOOD.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

SIX BELL PEALS.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 1, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Double Court, Single Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

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| ARTHUR I. HOLMES Treble | CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY ... 4 |
| * CLEMENT BOTHAMLEY 2 | ALBERT S. ALLEN 5 |
| JOHN W. LAKE 3 | THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

* First peal and first attempt.

WICKHAM SKEPETH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 11 cwt.

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| ALPHÆUS J. BERRY Treble | DAVID WHITING 4 |
| PERCY L. JOHNSON 2 | ERIC G. BENNETT 5 |
| * CHARLES TAYLOR 3 | † GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor |

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

* First peal of Minor. † 50th peal. It was on these bells that the conductor rang his first peal of Minor on January 5th, 1925.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

Being 10 six-scores of Grandsire and 32 of St. Dunstan's, each called differently.

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| TREVOR PRITCHARD Treble | LESLIE BARRY 4 |
| EDWARD JEFFERIES 2 | P. I. GEORGE HASTINGS ... 5 |
| FREDERICK PHELPS 3 | * ARTHUR WILKINS Tenor |

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal. Rung after meeting short for Grandsire Triples.

HEYTESBURY, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, March 2, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 21 cwt.

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| SAMUEL J. HECTOR Treble | JESSE FRANCIS 4 |
| WILLIAM LOUD 2 | NORMAN V. ANDREWS ... 5 |
| FREDERICK PRECEY 3 | CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... Tenor |

Conducted by C. F. ANDREWS.

First peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble and 5th.

SPliced SURPRISE.

Recently, for practice, at Bushey, Herts, a quarter-peal of Spliced Superlative, Cambridge, Bristol and London Surprise Major (1,440 changes) in 51 mins.: S. H. Hoare 1, H. Hodgetts 2, Mrs. C. Mayne 3, C. C. Mayne 4, H. G. Cashmore 5, M. F. R. Hibbert (conductor) 6, W. G. Whitehead 7, F. W. Brinklow 8. The Superlative and Cambridge were rung in alternate courses.

HORTON, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, March 4, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Single Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

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| WILLIAM E. TAYLOR Treble | LEONARD STILWELL 4 |
| MISS STELLA DAVIS 2 | WILLIAM HENLEY 5 |
| GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 3 | GEORGE GILBERT Tenor |

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

First peal in seven methods on the bells.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Tuesday, March 4, 1930, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

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| * WILLIAM LOMAS Treble | * EDWARD WATSON 4 |
| CECIL CARR 2 | * WILLIAM A. WOOD 5 |
| ALFRED BALLARD 3 | TOM ATKINS Tenor |

Conducted by TOM ATKINS.

* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor. Rung to celebrate the coming of age of the ringer of the 4th. Also rung on the birthday of Joseph Bates and Charles Gee, aged 76 and 65 respectively, two of the local ringers. The peal also commemorated the 61st birthday of William Watson, father of the ringer of the 4th, and sexton at the Parish Church.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 6, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Six 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.

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| GEORGE W. MOSS Treble | WILLIAM STIFF 4 |
| * HARRY MEADOWS 2 | † CHARLES A. ANDREWS ... 5 |
| STANLEY G. MOSS 3 | WALTER HONEYWOOD ... Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE W. MOSS.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Minor in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the wife and eldest daughter of the conductor, who attained her 21st birthday on March 4th.

CAXTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(OVER SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, March 6, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF ANNABLE'S LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.).

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| A. WILLIAM T. GINN Treble | FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 4 |
| FRED C. GINN 2 | ARTHUR J. GINN 5 |
| BERRY WAYMAN 3 | FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor |

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

First peal in the method by all, and believed to be the first by a local society for the Ely Association.

GAMSTON, NOTTS.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 8, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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 9 cwt.

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| MRS. PHYLLIS HUMPHREYS Treble | MRS. JACK BRAY 4 |
| MRS. LAURA L. EAST 2 | MISS KATHARINE BURCHNALL 5 |
| MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 3 | MRS. ROBERT RICHARDSON Tenor |

Conducted by Mrs. ROBERT RICHARDSON.

First ladies' peal in three methods, and by the band, also the first ladies' peal for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and the North Notts Association. Great credit is due to the band, and particularly to Mrs. Richardson, for the admirable way she conducted the peal.

NETHER ALDERLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 8, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven different extents, viz., two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's Plain Bob.

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| *ALBERT V. REES Treble | JACK TIPPER 4 |
| ALFRED W. FROST 2 | WILFRED STEVENSON 5 |
| ERNEST BENNETT 3 | JOHN WORTH Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal of Minor. First peal in three methods by all the band.

MINCHINHAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(On Saturday, March 8, 1930, in Three Hours.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents, including two 18-Bob extents by C. Severn. Tenor 13 cwt.

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| FRANK CANTER Treble | HENRY NEWMAN 4 |
| EDWARD JEFFERIES 2 | *HARRY PHELPS 5 |
| FRANK SIMMONDS 3 | FRANK PONTING Tenor |

Conducted by F. PONTING.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Cambridge by all. First peal of Minor as conductor. Believed to be the first peal of Minor in this method for the above association. All are local ringers.

BELBROUGHTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings.

Tenor 13½ cwt. (approx.).

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| JOHN NEALE Treble | WALTER RAXTER 4 |
| CHARLES HARRISON 2 | ERNEST CALCUTT 5 |
| FREDERICK SUMMERTON 3 | HUBERT STARKES Tenor |

Conducted by E. CALCUTT.

F. Summerton was proposed a member of the association before starting.

HANDBELL PEALS

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, March 5, 1930, in One Hour and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

IN THE TOWER OF THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

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| *LEONARD OFFORD 1 | STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 3-4 |
| WILFRED JARVIS 2 | ARTHUR SYMONDS 5-6 |

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. S. H. Symonds.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 9, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT 3, CRESSING WAY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

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| LEWIS W. WIFFEN 1-2 | GEORGE WIFFEN 5-6 |
| WILLIAM KEEBLE 3-4 | GEORGE GREEN 7-8 |

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Umpire: ERNEST BRIGHT.

SURPRISE PRACTICE IN ELY ASSOCIATION.

A special practice of Ely Diocesan Association members was held at Ickleton on Thursday evening, February 13th, for Surprise Major, and courses of Cambridge, Superlative and London were accomplished. This is the first time a course of London has been rung in the district by a band of local ringers: P. Webb 1, F. Harper 2, E. G. Hibbins 3, R. Howard 4, A. E. Austin 5, C. Cook 6, E. Finch 7, R. King 8. The local men also had good practice for Double Norwich and Stedman Triples. The visitors greatly appreciated the action of the local company in allowing them to practise on their regular practice night.

RESTORATION OF FAVERSHAM BELLS.

The octave at the Parish Church of St. Mary of Charity, Faversham, Kent, have been reopened after a silence of fifteen months. The blessing of the recast bell prior to the ordinary evensong was performed by the Archdeacon of Canterbury, Canon Hardecastle.

Immediately after the dedicatory prayers, visiting ringers from Sittingbourne, Boughton-under-Blean, and other towers in the Ashford District, rang touches of Stedman, Grandsire, Double Norwich and Kent Treble Bob, while the bells were also rung for a short while after the service.

The Archdeacon preached to a large congregation, and referred to the history and uses of bells in general, and particularly to the English science of ringing.

The whole peal has been rehung on ball bearings, the oak frame strengthened, No. 6 bell, which was cracked, having been recast. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, who have made an excellent 'splice,' the new bell blending perfectly with the remainder of the peal. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston were represented on the occasion by Mr. R. H. Dove.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN DISTRICT'S RESOLUTIONS.

The meeting held at Northchurch on February 22nd was only fairly attended by small numbers from Tring, Berkhamsted, King's Langley, Redbourn, Abbots Langley, Watford, Leighton Buzzard and Hemel Hempstead. The ringing done was of a very low order.

The Rector kindly held a service and used the county association's form, after which he generously invited the members to tea in the Church Room. After tea, the Rector presided over a brisk meeting. One member's election was confirmed, and, providing the bells are ready, Hemel Hempstead was chosen for the next meeting, to be held before Easter.

It was proposed and seconded that, before the district committed itself, full particulars as to the working, etc., of the proposed Necessitous County Members' Fund be obtained.

Another measure carried was that 'a committee meeting be held once in each quarter, and that the agenda for the same be forwarded to each member of the committee before the said meeting.' It was also proposed and seconded that 'a record of compositions rung for the association be kept,' and, in addition, 'a schedule of all peals rung up to date be included in the annual report.'

The following was also passed, that 'the annual reports be issued within a month of the annual meeting.' An additional proposition was carried, that 'the agenda of the annual meeting be sent to each tower prior to that meeting.'

The meeting was unanimous that peal booking fees be paid by all or none.

The question of a new district secretary was left over until the Hemel Hempstead meeting. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for providing the tea and service, and also for the use of the bells.

The Rector replied and gave the ringers a hearty invitation to come whenever they wished.

This concluded the meeting, and the members adjourned for a little more ringing.

The secretary is very grateful to those members who attended, particularly those who did so at much inconvenience to themselves.

W. A.

KENT ASSOCIATION'S JUBILEE MEETING.

SPECIAL RAILWAY FACILITIES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In connection with the jubilee meeting of the Kent County Association, which will be held at Canterbury on Easter Monday, and at which His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury will address the members and preside at the luncheon, I should like to bring to the notice of members and intending visitors that the Southern Railway Company have kindly granted concessions for travelling. Tickets for the return journey at single fare can be obtained from any station in Kent, Surrey, Sussex and London on presentation of a voucher, which can be obtained from the hon. secretary on receipt of a stamped envelope.

Trains have been arranged to enable visitors to arrive at Canterbury by 11 o'clock from London stations, viz., Cannon Street 7.26, Charing Cross 8.7, via North Kent, London Bridge 8.30, via Chatham, Charing Cross 8.15, via Ashford, Victoria 9.20, via Faversham. Connections between intermediate stations can be supplied when applying for voucher.

It is hoped a large number will attend and show their appreciation of the Archbishop's presence.

The bells at the Cathedral (12) and outlying districts will be available during the day, and particulars will be announced later.

Luncheon tickets for non-members can also be had on application, with remittance, 3s. each.—Yours faithfully,

FRED M. MITCHELL.

Hon. Secretary.

114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

GUILDFORD RINGER'S SILVER WEDDING.

The silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Jelley, of Guildford, was celebrated last week. Twenty-five years ago a peal of Bob Major was rung at what was then Holy Trinity Church, where Mr. Jelley was a ringer, in honour of the marriage. On Tuesday week, the same composition was rung in the same tower. Mr. Jelley has been a ringer for 30 years, and although he has rung only a few peals he has been a valued member of the Holy Trinity, now the Cathedral, Society. Mr. Jelley has also been a prominent Surrey footballer, having gained county honours as a goalkeeper.

On Saturday, at the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Jelley, a gathering of friends, numbering nearly 60, celebrated the silver wedding. The proceedings took place at Holy Trinity Parish Hall, and the company included the Provost of the Cathedral (Canon Kirwan) and the ringers. A most enjoyable evening was spent, the programme including touches on the handbells.

Opportunity was also taken to present Mr. Jelley with a silver bell inkstand, which was inscribed: 'Presented to Mr. W. E. Jelley by the Provost and ringers of the Cathedral Church, Guildford, on the occasion of his silver wedding, March 4th, 1930.' The presentation was made by the Provost, who congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Jelley on the auspicious event which they were celebrating.

OIL MADE THE BELLS GO.

A meeting of the Fylde Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at Bispham on Saturday last in glorious spring-like weather. The bells were set going with a touch of Grandsire Triples for the benefit of new members, followed by Bob Major, Little Bob and Stedman Triples. Through the generosity of the Rector and churchwardens, a substantial tea was provided at Ivy Cottage, the number being augmented by a few late comers, who could not resist watching the football match, Blackpool v. Notts County.

At the business meeting, reference was made to the excellent running of the bells compared with their condition about three months ago. One of the ringers accounted for the bells' good running by the fact that he had given the bells a good oiling previous to the meeting, and suggested that when a team wanted to make use of the bells for practice or a peal they should oil the bells themselves.

This oiling business is one of difficulty, owing to the small size of the tower, which is less than ten feet square, the bells, with a tenor of 10 cwt., being in two tiers. It is a clever engineering feat on the part of the bell hangers to have got the bells in the tower and such a good circle of ropes.

DEVON GUILD.

The spring meeting of the Exeter Branch was held at Whimble on Saturday, March 1st. The Rector, the Rev. E. A. Jullian, conducted a very hearty service in church, at which an interesting address was given by the president of the Guild (Rev. E. S. Powell, of Clyst St. George).

A tea and short business meeting followed in the Victory Hall, between 70 and 80 members and their friends being present. The Rev. E. V. Cox, chairman of the branch, presided, and was supported by the Rev. and Mrs. Powell, the Rev. E. A. Jullian, the Rev. G. E. F. Molineux (chairman of the N.E. Devon Branch), Mr. E. W. Marsh (hon. secretary of the S.W. Devon Branch), Mr. E. Shepherd (late chairman), and many honorary members.

A very hearty vote of thanks was carried, amidst acclamation, to the Rector, the president, the organist, and the ladies who had helped to dispense the tea. The Rector suitably replied, and said Whimble was very honoured to have members of the Guild meeting together in the parish twice within a few weeks, and he hoped they would not stop at that, but would come again.

Miss E. Lomas, hon. secretary of the branch, put forward the names of six new members, who were subsequently elected, and the autumn meeting was fixed for September 6th, at Clyst St. George.

Full use was made of the bells, which have recently been very successfully rehung in a metal frame, with entirely new fittings, by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and all the visitors expressed entire satisfaction with the enormous improvement in the 'go' and tone of the bells.

Members also visited Rockbeare, Lowton, Exminster, Feinton, Payhembury and other towers in the district during the afternoon and evening.

AN OXFORD BIRTHDAY TOUCH.

A novel performance was accomplished on St. Giles' bells, Oxford, on Sunday, February 16th, when seven members of the Oxford Society, all of whose birthdays occur in February, met together and rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 47 mins. The eighth man, whose little daughter's birthday also occurs in February, rang the tenor, thus making up the band for this unique occasion. Their names and birthdays are as follows: R. Allaworth (February 24th) 1, Miss M. Reynolds (February 23rd) 2, F. Taylor (February 17th) 3, F. Sharpe (February 22nd) 4, J. R. Chaundy (February 25th) 5, V. Bennett (February 25th) 6, R. Post (February 21st, conductor) 7, W. Judge (daughter's birthday, February 19th) 8.

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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.

Mr. Harry Withers now holds the record for having attended a greater consecutive number of Johnson dinners than anyone else, viz., 32. And he looks well on it.

The Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) has promised to preach at the annual meeting of the Guildford Diocesan Guild on March 29th.

The late Mr. George Bowen, of Ilfracombe, was well known to many ringers who visited London for the College Youths' dinner. For something like thirty years—except, of course, during the war—Mr. Bowen made a pilgrimage to the Metropolis to meet his old friends at this gathering.

The six members of the Ladies' Guild who took part in the performance are to be congratulated on ringing a peal in three Minor methods at Gamston, Notts. We have it on the authority of an independent listener that the peal was a particularly good one.

Mr. U. Braven, leader of St. Luke's Church, Bristol, has been appointed pro. vice-chairman of the United Guilds. This will be the first six-bell tower to be represented in the chair of the Bristol United Ringing Guild's annual dinner. Mr. P. C. Williams is chairman and Mr. H. Burt is vice-chairman.

When we observed the other day to a prominent member of the Oxford Guild that it was a pity that 'March the 4th' at Appleton so often clashed with the Johnson dinner, we were reminded that the fault lay with the organisers of the Birmingham feast. March the 4th at Appleton has been celebrated for 112 years.

But the Gloucester and Leicester dinners cannot lay claim to the same antiquity. Perhaps next year the promoters will avoid February 28th.

On this day, 203 years ago, the first peal was rung at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, London, when the London Scholars (now the Royal Cumberland Youths) rang 6,006 Grandsire Cinques. On the following day, the College Youths had the use of the bells and went one better, by ringing 6,314 in the same method.

On March 14th, 1837, a peal of 10,133 Grandsire Caters was rung at Christ Church, Bristol.

A cryptic postcard has reached us from Norwich containing division sums to prove that the peal of Grandsire Caters recorded at St. Peter Mancroft, which stated that 12,603 changes were rung on March 8th, 1737, is three changes over 700 leads—a rather unusual length truly, if the record is correct. Perhaps the peal was actually 12,600.

The attention of Suffolk ringers is called to the alteration of date of the meeting at Ufford. The meeting will be held on March 22nd.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The first session of the Fourteenth Council (38th annual meeting) will be held by the courtesy of the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, at Lambeth Palace, London, on Whitsun Tuesday, June 10th. Full particulars of the meeting will appear later.

Notices of motion should reach me ten weeks beforehand in order that they may be included in the agenda, which, under the rules, has to be published eight weeks before the meeting.

Subscriptions (on the revised scale) are now due.

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WRINGTON BELLS. ONE OF THE GLORIES OF SOMERSET.

Somerset is a particularly fortunate county in regard to its rings of bells, for there are many glorious peals within its boundaries. Not far from the foot of the Mendips lies Wrington, a fine old-world village, with a magnificent church, whose tower is said to have formed the model upon which the architect of the Houses of Parliament modelled the Victoria tower. And Wrington has one of the finest rings of bells in all Somerset—a ring of ten with tenor of 37 cwt. in C sharp. The foundation of the peal is some old ones cast by the Bilbies, of Chewstoke, who put the back six into the tower at various dates in the eighteenth century. Treble and tenor were recast in 1845; and in 1911 four trebles were added by the Whitechapel Foundry. Previous to 1845, the treble of the six weighed 10½ cwt., and the tenor 33½ cwt. Recently the bells have been overhauled by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and there is an enthusiastic local band who are making headway in change ringing.



WRINGTON CHURCH.

It is curious that the old bells, while giving the names of the churchwardens of their day, do not give the name of the incumbent. The inscriptions are as follow:—

- Treble.—Mears and Stainbank, 1911.
- 2.—Mears and Stainbank, 1911. The gift of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Wills.
- 3.—Mears and Stainbank. The gift of the Rev. G. M. Ashdown and his wife.
- 4.—Mears and Stainbank, 1911. The gift of Mr. E. Hanison.
- 5.—The Rev. John Vane, Rector; James Cockburn, John Young, Churchwardens. Mears, Founder, 1845.
- 6.—Mr. Purnell, Mr. Parsley, Churchwardens. Thomas Bilbie, Founder, 1750.
- 7.—Mr. Peter Hill, Mr. Edward Burrough, Churchwardens. Thomas Bilbie, Founder, 1765.
- 8.—Mr. W. Purnell, Mr. Parsley, Churchwardens. Thomas Bilbie, Founder, 1750.
- 9.—Mr. Walters, Mr. Breane, Churchwardens. Bilbie, Chewstoke, Founder, 1712.
- Tenor.—The Rev. John Vane, Rector; James Cockburn, John Young, Churchwardens. Mears, Founder, 1845.

AN ANCIENT PEAL OF SIX RESTORED

The ancient ring of six bells at Sedlescombe, Sussex, which have been retuned and rehung, were recently dedicated by the Archbishop of Hastings. These bells are one of the oldest rings of six in the country, and came from the Whitechapel Foundry. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have carried out the work, the cost of which was defrayed by Mr. and Mrs. Kingdon. A special band of members of the Sussex Association did the opening ringing.

LEICESTER SOCIETIES UNITE AT DINNER.

ENJOYABLE FIRST GATHERING.

The first of what is hoped will be a series of many annual dinners held by Leicester and District Societies took place at the King Richard III. Hotel, Higheross Street, Leicester, on Saturday, March 1st. The bells of St. Margaret's (12), the Cathedral (10) and All Saints' (5) were open for ringing from 3.30 till 6 p.m. Unfortunately, the fine peal of ten at St. John's were unavailable owing to serious illness near the church. Visitors to St. Margaret's were very interested in the magnificent peal book at that church. This is a real work of art. It has been beautifully executed in coloured inks, and is the result of many hours' labour on the part of the painstaking Ringing Master of St. Margaret's, Mr. Ernest Morris. The ringing varied from Grandsire Doubles to Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Surprise Royal. Rounds and call changes were also rung on St. Margaret's bells, which gave some of the ringers an opportunity of ringing on 12 bells for the first time.

A company of 58 ringers and friends sat down to dinner, and six or seven more came in for the concert afterwards. The only thing that could be at all regretted was that members were a little pressed for room, but it is hoped that next year, when a still larger gathering is looked for, a more spacious room will be obtained. The following towers in the areas were represented at the dinner: Anstey, Billesdon, Edmondthorpe, Hallaton, Husbands Bosworth, Leicester (St. Margaret's), the Cathedral, St. John's, St. Peter's, Belgrave, and St. Saviour's), Ratby, Rothley, Syston, Thrusington, Waltham, Wigston Magna and Wymondham. Welcome visitors were Mr. Albert H. Ward, of Derby, and Messrs. Edward C. Gobey and James F. George, of Ilkeston.

After the tables had been cleared, the party settled down to a really enjoyable impromptu concert. The following seven tunes were excellently rendered on the handbells (four 'in hand') by Messrs. W. Willson, E. Morris, H. J. Poole and P. Harrison: 'Drink to me only,' 'Blue Bells of Scotland,' 'Annie Laurie,' 'Men of Harlech,' 'Swanee River,' 'Soldier's Joy,' and 'The Bells of St. Mary.' An excellent course of Stedman Caters was also rung by E. Morris 1-2, H. J. Poole 3-4, A. H. Ward 5-6, W. Willson 7-8, R. F. Elkington 9-10. The remainder of the handbell ringing consisted of a course of 'Rugby Triples Major' ('Cag-Mag') by J. Morris 1-2, R. F. Elkington 3-4, E. Morris 5-6, H. J. Poole 7-8; and a course of Grandsire Triples, '4 in hand,' by W. P. Whitehead 1-2-3-4, E. R. Whitehead 5-6-7-8.

Mr. C. Turner entertained those present in his own witty manner, and the following kindly contributed songs: Mr. F. Howe ('The Sentinel'), Mr. J. Morris ('The Coffee Mill'), Mr. H. J. Poole ('Topical Song'), Mr. A. H. Mansfield ('Come landlord, fill the flowing bowl,' and 'Billy Muggins'). The audience wholeheartedly joined in the chorus of the four latter songs. One of the most enjoyable items of the evening was Mr. Harold Poole's 'Topical Song,' in which the bells of local towers and prominent Leicester ringers were skillfully introduced into a rollicking ditty, the chorus of which was sung with considerable vigour.

Previous to the commencement of the concert, the Chairman, Mr. A. J. Harris, submitted the toast of 'The King,' which was duly honoured. Other toasts were given at intervals during the evening. Mr. W. Willson submitted 'The Visitors.' He said that he could remember the time when there were differences of opinion between the ringers of the different churches in Leicester, but these had now happily passed away, and they were that evening all gathered together under one roof as a big united family. He also spoke a word of welcome to those who had come from towers outside the city, mentioning by name Mr. P. Hardy, of Thrusington, with whom he rang over 40 years ago. Mr. Willson went on to say that he hoped that that gathering would be the forerunner of many annual dinners, and that he was pleased to see so many present. He hoped that next year they would have still more there, and that they would hold it in a larger room.

Mr. E. C. Gobey (Ilkeston) responded, and thanked Mr. Willson for his welcome to the visitors. Mr. P. Hardy, of Thrusington (for very many years hon. secretary of the Goscombe Deanery Society of Church Bellringers), supported Mr. Gobey in his remarks. He said that he had had a good many years' experience of ringers, and knew the difficulties that those who held any official position had to contend with. He said how very much he had enjoyed the evening, and expressed thanks for the invitation given to him.

Mr. H. G. Jenney submitted the toast of 'The Leicester and District Societies.' He said this was one of the occasions which helped one to realise what a good thing it was to be a bellringer. He said that other places had these annual gatherings, and he saw no reason why Leicester should not do the same, and that an evening such as they had enjoyed made him realise what they had been missing in the past.

During the last half-hour, those present were given an opportunity of exercising their voices, when they were divided in four groups, and the old 'round song,' 'London's Burning,' was sung with vigour for a few minutes. The singing of 'Auld Lang Syne' a few minutes before 11 p.m. brought a very enjoyable evening to a conclusion.

THE JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER.

(Continued from page 154.)

In replying to the toast of 'Continued prosperity to St. Martin's Guild,' proposed by the chairman (Alderman J. S. Pritchett), Mr. T. H. Reeves (the hon. secretary) said that prosperity needed fidelity. That was the secret of the whole matter, and they of St. Martin's had been extremely fortunate in the very enthusiastic band of officers they had had. So long as that continued, he was sure the prosperity of the Guild was assured.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith, also called upon to respond, said the Guild was exceedingly fortunate in having the services of Mr. Reeves as secretary, and with him and their esteemed Presiding Ringing Master still holding office, the Guild would go on and prosper.

THE CATHEDRAL BELLS.

Mr. Albert Walker also had to reply, and took the opportunity of impressing on the Bishop the need for a complete restoration of the bells at the Cathedral. It was very regrettable, he said, that when the authorities carried out their recent renovations of the Cathedral and the organ they did not do something to the bells, which ought to come right out and be recast and re-erected in a new frame. They ought to have the best peal of bells possible at the Cathedral, but, unfortunately, they had not only the worst in the diocese, but the worst in the world (laughter and hear, hear). Out of the ten, five were cracked as far as they could tell. The Guild were always impressing on the various authorities the need for putting and keeping these bells in order, equally with any other part of the church property. They were fortunate in that diocese that the bells generally were well looked after, and he hoped the Bishop would use his influence to obtain a thorough restoration of the bells at the Cathedral. It would have an important bearing on the structure of the tower, for a modern framework would strengthen it by one hundred per cent. He hoped before another twelve months had gone by something might be done. He believed if an appeal were made to the citizens of Birmingham for money for the renovation of the Cathedral bells it would come in just as fast as for the fabric and the beautiful organ (applause).

Mr. J. F. Smallwood proposed 'The Visitors,' whom, he said, they were always glad to see and welcome. They valued the presence of those who came from near and far, and they appreciated the honour which the visitors thus conferred upon them.

A RUMOUR.

Mr. E. W. Elwell, who first responded, said it was difficult for visitors, when they came to that gathering, to believe that they were visitors. St. Martin's Guild made them so welcome that they felt completely at home. They were among people they knew; all were friends, and it was a thoroughly pleasant evening. Continuing, Mr. Elwell said he found his name had been associated with rumours that someone was wanted to undertake a certain amount of work in the Exercise. That rumour did not hold the truth that he personally would like it to hold. There were so many calls made upon his time at present that he was unable to do everything he would like to do for the Exercise.

Mr. E. A. Young also replied, and said, in regard to the rumours referred to, if they could only be upheld with truth to Mr. Elwell, the office in question would be filled with the utmost ability. The way in which Mr. Elwell met any emergency and said the right thing at the right time would make him a very useful officer of the Central Council if he was able to add the duties to his many fields of activity.

Mr. F. W. Perrins, in proposing the toast of 'The Ringing World,' said it was now 19 years since the paper began publication. What amount of progress the Exercise had made as a result could not be measured any more than they were able to measure the good done to the Exercise by the man whose memory they were honouring that night. They could not, however, deny for one moment the advantage to ringers of having their own journal. There were, he remarked, no less than 27 ringers' gatherings in various parts of the country that day; without the aid of 'The Ringing World,' through which ringers were able to learn what was taking place, few of those gatherings would be the success that they were. Mr. Perrins urged all those who now supported 'The Ringing World' to do all in their power to get others to support it, so that the circulation might be considerably increased. He suggested that ringers would welcome in the columns of 'The Ringing World' a series of sketches of the lives, with portraits, if possible, of past stalwarts of the Exercise. Those who came to the Henry Johnson dinner, who had seen his portrait regularly on the programme, and had heard the reminiscences of him by people who knew him, really felt as if they had themselves known Henry Johnson, and he felt sure that ringers generally would like to make acquaintance in the same way with many of the other worthies of the past.

With the toast was associated the names of both Mr. and Mrs. Goldsmith, whose health was drunk with musical honours. Mr. Goldsmith replied.

The Chairman thanked those who had contributed to the programme, especially the St. Martin's Quartette, with whom the ringers were co-workers in the church.

(Continued in next column.)

PEALS OF MINOR.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I heartily agree with all Mr. Whittington says in your last issue, and unless the Council definitely decides as to what shall constitute peals of Doubles and Minor, this controversy will keep coming up.

Reverting to the definition of peal of Minor as given by Mr. James in your issue of February 28th, I am surprised that Mr. James should take up your valuable space by sending such examples as A and B, especially after condemning so strongly 720's of Cambridge and London which bring up 5-6 at hand. As he rightly says, A consists of three true and complete 720's, containing 9, 12 and 15 bobs, each having nine 5-6's at hand, whilst B contains three 720's, none of them true or complete, and bringing up no less than thirty-six 5-6's at hand, one being rounds. Which would six-bell ringers prefer to ring?

With reference to Mr. James' statement that there are only five possible 720's of Minor, viz., 9, 12, 15, 18 and 21 bobs, I give below four 720's, and would like Mr. James to explain that, if Nos. 1 and 2 are one and the same, what are Nos. 3 and 4?

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| 43526 5 | 45362 1 | | 34625 1 |
| 54326 1 | 45623 5 | | 56342 1 |
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Norwich Nos. 1 and 2, London Nos. 3 and 4.

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Yours etc.,

C. SEVERN.

Sir,—With reference to Rev. Law James' Bob Minor in 'The Ringing World' of February 28th, surely, with six variations of 18 Bobs, 2 Singles, six variations of 16 Bobs, 2 Singles, and 'unpleen' other 720's in 'Ropesight,' there is no need for anything in the nature of a freak in Bob Minor. I think it is nearly time we got to the definition between a variation of a calling and seven different 720's.

This seems to adhere to my letter some months ago. Once you may have rung the true 720 changes, it matters not an iota as to how the next six come up, provided you repeat nothing more than five times.

I hope when the Central Council meet again they will make this subject a strong point, and state what is legal and what is otherwise.—Yours faithfully,
Longstanton.

F. WARRINGTON

(Continued from previous column.)

HAPPY ANYWHERE.

Mr. A. E. Parsons gave 'The Chairman,' and congratulated Alderman Pritchett on having rung a peal of Stedman Cinques to celebrate his 75th birthday. There were, he said, few men in the Exercise who could ring a peal in that method at that age.

The toast was musically honoured.

Alderman Pritchett made a characteristic response. The proposer had asked whether he was happiest in performing his masonic duties or amongst ringers, and had anticipated his reply by suggesting he was equally happy with both. 'I am happy all the time,' said the Chairman, 'whatever I am doing. Under the providence of God, I have good health, as far as I know my mind and body are unimpaired, and that is a condition in which one enjoys life in all circumstances. I am happiest at the moment wherever I happen to be. At the present moment I cannot imagine myself happier than in your company, and responding to this toast. We may pride ourselves on this gathering, and we thank Mr. Reeves for the arrangements made for it.'

The Rector of Birmingham who came in late in the proceedings, then addressed a few words to the company, expressing regret that he had been prevented by another engagement from joining them earlier.

This concluded the proceedings, and the gathering broke up after singing the National Anthem.

The delightful programme of music which interspersed the speeches was sustained by Madame Lilley McCormack, Mr. A. S. Downes, Mr. W. C. Dowding, who contributed songs, and St. Martin's quartette, whose finely rendered glees and part-songs were a feature of the evening's entertainment.

Many of the visitors spent another happy day on Sunday, and a number made an excursion in the morning to Walsall to ring on the new peal of twelve bells there.

THE LATE MR. GEORGE BOWEN.

LIFELONG ASSOCIATION WITH ILFRACOMBE CHURCH.

As briefly recorded in our last issue, Mr. George Bowen, of Ilfracombe, passed away on Saturday week. Mr. Bowen, who was 83 years of age, was a descendant of a famous Ilfracombe family. One of his ancestors, Capt. Richard Bowen, commanded H.M.S. 'Terpsichore' and lost his life at Tenerife in 1797. Capt. Bowen was one of those who were ordered to stay and spike the guns so that they would be useless to the enemy. The task was fulfilled, but all who took part lost their lives.

George Bowen had been associated with Holy Trinity Church, Ilfracombe, practically all his life. He had been a chorister for over 70 years, a ringer for more than 60 years, and parish clerk during nearly as long a period. He served under four incumbents, and literally lived for his church. His life was one of the most selfless and beautiful that a man could live. Thinking always of others and how best he could be of service, Mr. Bowen was loved by all who knew him intimately.

He was not a great ringer as ringers are reckoned in these days, but his whole life and work leave a splendid example. He was responsible for the introduction of change ringing to Ilfracombe when only six bells hung in the tower, and when two trebles were offered in 1893 he undertook to raise the funds for the necessary framework and the hanging. He was ever ready to help young ringers, and those who know the coast hills of North Devon will realise what it meant for him to cycle the 20 miles to Lynton and back every week to give instruction to the local band. It was his efforts, also, which resulted in the only peal that has been rung on Lundy Island. In addition to being a member of the Devon Guild, he was also a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and he attended the annual dinner in London regularly for about 30 years.

Mr. Bowen was also a Freemason and a member of the Oddfellows' Friendly Society.

The funeral service took place on Thursday of last week, and was conducted by the Vicar, who was assisted by the Revs. F. Nesbit (of Exeter, a former curate at Ilfracombe), W. Pigot (West Down), and N. Phillips. The cortege was met at the lych gate by the choir and clergy, the path being lined by a guard of honour of Oddfellows. The coffin was borne from deceased's residence to the church by Oddfellows. The bearers in church were members of the choir, and the coffin was borne from the porch to the graveside by the following bellringers: Messrs. H. G. Ridge, C. W. Filer, F. Blackmore, A. Turner, J. Sprague, and J. Richards. The 90th Psalm was chanted, and the hymns, 'Nearer, my God, to Thee,' and 'Now the labourer's task is o'er,' were sung. The organist (Mr. R. D. Finch) played appropriate music, and muffled peals were rung on the bells. Mr. W. Butler read the Oddfellows' order of service at the graveside.

The mourners were Mrs. Bowen (widow), Mrs. Vickory (sister-in-law), Mr. Ernest Phillippe and Mr. Charles Belben (nephews), Mrs. E. Hughes, Mr. A. Hughes (London), and Sister Sergeant.

A large congregation assembled to pay their last tribute of respect.

SUFFOLK GUILD VISITED BY ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL JOINT MEETING AT CLARE.

The joint meeting of the Suffolk Guild and the Essex Association was the most successful meeting held at Clare for some years. Over 50 members from 19 parishes (ten from Suffolk and nine from Essex) were present. The Vicar (Canon Vatcher) gave a hearty welcome to the visitors, and at the service gave an inspiring address on the messages of the bells. The Rev. H. Drake (hon. secretary of the Suffolk Guild) also took part in the service.

At the business meeting, Canon Vatcher presided, and was supported by Mr. Chas. Sedgely (Master) and Rev. Drake (secretary of the Suffolk Guild), Mr. C. H. Howard (Master) and Mr. F. Ridge-well (district secretary of the Essex Association).

Mr. Howard spoke of the friendly relations that existed between neighbouring associations, and of the mutual help one could be to the other.

The Chairman spoke of the restoration of the tower at Clare which was carried out some years ago. He said that it was a most wonderful piece of work, and was carried out under the supervision of three famous architects of the day.

Four new members of the Suffolk Guild were elected. Mr. J. Ince was elected secretary of the Clare District. The members adjourned to the tower for further ringing, which included Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Stedman, Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise and Double Norwich.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of this association was held at Wylam-on-Tyne on Saturday, March 1st, about 20 members from Tanfield, Winton, Newton Hall, Durham, Gateshead, Newcastle, and Sunderland being present. The fine peal of six at St. Oswin's (tenor 22 cwt.) was kept going during the afternoon and evening, and an excellent tea, presided over by Mr. E. E. Ferry, was provided at the Ship Hotel.

THE GLOUCESTER DINNER.

A HAPPY GATHERING.

The annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held on Saturday, March 1st, at the Park End Hotel. The Rev. H. M. Braithwaite (Rural Dean) presided, supported by Mr. J. Austin (branch chairman), Mr. W. H. Harris (hon. branch secretary), Mr. T. Baldwin, Mr. Sidney Romans, Mr. and Mrs. E. Evans, Mr. Geo. Jackson (churchwarden, St. Mary de Lode), Mr. E. Wilkins (Bristol), ex-Sergt. Williams (Newent), Captain C. Lodge (Quedgeley), Mr. J. Clarke (Ross), and the veteran of the branch, Mr. B. Etheridge (Maisemore), who is in his 83rd year. The visitors included Messrs. Bishop and Kynaston (Swindon), Jeffries (Mangotsfield), Fussell and Burcombe (Dursley), Mr. and Mrs. Clements (Bourton-on-the-Water), and Messrs. Ballinger, Townsend and Waters (Leckhampton). Altogether a party of 50 sat down. After dinner, the loyal toast was duly honoured. Before proceeding further with the programme, the Chairman referred to the loss the branch had sustained by the death of Mr. G. L. Brunsdon, who had been connected with ringing since 1888, and who had been looking forward to the present function. They would, said the Chairman, all miss his genial presence and his willingness to assist the branch and anyone in the art of ringing. The Chairman also made reference to the death of Mr. T. Mansfield, of Quedgeley, and he asked the branch secretary to write to the relatives of both families on behalf of the members, expressing their deepest sympathy with them in their sad bereavement. He asked those present to stand in silence as a last tribute of respect to the departed.

The toast of 'The Church' was proposed by Captain Lodge, who incidentally remarked that they had a nice peal of bells at Quedgeley but did not have a full band of ringers. He wished to thank the Gloucester ringers for coming to their assistance when required. He also apologised for the absence of the Rev. G. H. Hadow, Vicar of Quedgeley.

The Chairman, in responding to the toast, said he was placed in a difficult position as regards St. Michael's bells. Experts had given advice on the matter, and he hoped in the near future something would be done.

The toast of 'The Gloucester and Bristol Association' was submitted by Mr. T. Baldwin, who wished the association every success. Mr. J. Austin, responding, said he was pleased to see such a large gathering that evening, and hoped to see more ladies attending these functions in the future. In the course of his remarks, the speaker said he should like to see more of the younger generation take a greater interest in the art of ringing.

The health of 'The Branch Secretary' was given by Captain C. Lodge, who said there was always a lot of spade work for a secretary to do on such occasions as that, and he was pleased to see it had been carried out in such an efficient manner. The toast was received with musical honours, and the Secretary, in replying, said that without the help of the excellent Dinner Committee he could not have had such a good result.

The toast of 'Kindred Guilds and Associations' was proposed by Mr. Geo. Jackson, and responded to by ex-Sergt. Williams, while that of 'The Visitors' was proposed by Mr. Sidney Romans and acknowledged by Mr. Townsend.

A capital programme of music and songs was given by the Tuffley Revellers' Concert Party, through the kindness of Mr. T. Baldwin, courses of Triples on handbells by Messrs. Baldwin, Etheridge, Williams and Harris, and selection on handbells by Mr. Harold Holford, of Cheltenham.

At the close of the enjoyable evening, Captain C. Lodge proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman for his kindness in presiding. This was endorsed by Mr. J. Austin, and the Chairman (Rev. H. M. Braithwaite), who was received with musical honours, said it was a pleasure to be able to preside over such a large gathering of campanologists and friends, and he trusted next year it would be larger still.

The singing of the 'National Anthem' brought a very happy gathering to an end.

NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD.

After the peal of Stedman Cinques rung on January 23th, to celebrate Mr. William Story's 70th birthday, he intimated his intention of giving the whole of the active members of the Guild a dinner. This promise was faithfully and handsomely kept on a subsequent Saturday evening, when twenty members sat down to an excellent meal in the Princess Restaurant. Mr. Story occupied the chair, and was supported by every active member of the Guild except Messrs. J. W. Parker, George Pickering and R. Thompson, sen., who all sent apologies for absence. A varied musical programme was carried out, the treat of the evening being tune ringing by Messrs. Barber, Davidson and R. Anderson 'four in hand.'

The Ringing Master, Mr. Routledge, proposed the health and prosperity of 'The Host,' and wished him many more years of active ringing. The toast was greeted with musical honours, and Mr. Story suitably replied.

The evening finished appropriately with a course of Grandsire Cinques on handbells.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.

A quarterly meeting of the North Bucks Branch was held at Twyford on Saturday, March 1st, and a very representative gathering was present considering that this place is rather wide of the scope of activities in North Bucks. Towers represented were Blechley, Beachampton, Penny Stratford, Stony Stratford, Simpson, Whaddon, and the local ringers, with representatives from the Central Bucks Branch, including the secretary, the Rev. J. F. Amies, of Edgecote. Service was conducted by the Vicar of Twyford (Rev. A. S. St. Ledger Westall), who gave a very interesting address. Tea was provided in the schoolroom, when about 25 sat down.

After tea, the Secretary (Mr. W. Sear) took the opportunity of making reference to the death of an old and very respected member of North Bucks Branch in the person of Mr. W. Bouham, of Stony Stratford. He asked the meeting to show their respect to his memory by standing in silence. This having been done, the Secretary said there was no special business to bring forward, but he welcomed the secretary of Central Bucks Branch and its members to that meeting.

The usual vote of thanks to the Vicar for making the visit to Twyford so pleasant was suitably responded to by the Rev. A. St. L. Westall, who asked the branch to come more frequently. During the day, touches were rung in methods ranging from Grandsire and Stedman Doubles to Cambridge Minor.

NEW CHAIRMAN OF NEWBURY BRANCH.

A successful meeting of the Newbury Branch was held at Chieveley on Saturday, March 1st, when the following towers were represented: Bucklebury, Beeton, Brightwalton, Newbury, Peasemore, Shaw, Thatcham, and the local ringers. Visitors were also present from Binfield. A short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. Bonsey), who gave a very helpful address. Tea was served in the Vicarage Barn, when 29 sat down to an excellent tea, kindly given by the Rev. H. Bonsey.

The business meeting followed, at which the first item on the agenda was the election of a chairman for the branch, owing to the departure from the district of the Rev. L. R. Majendie.

The Hon. Secretary and Treasurer (Mr. H. W. Curtis), taking the chair for a few moments, proposed the Rev. H. Bonsey as chairman pro. tem., which was seconded by Mr. E. Crocker and carried unanimously. The Vicar, taking the chair, presided over the meeting.

The spring meeting was fixed for Thatcham on Saturday, April 26th. One new ringing member was elected, and a hearty vote of thanks, proposed by the secretary, was accorded to the Rev. H. Bonsey for his kindness in giving the tea, and for his address, and also to the ladies for their services, and carried with applause. The Vicar suitably responded, and thanked the meeting for his election as chairman of the branch.

The tower was again visited, and Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Plain Bob Minor were rung.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

A most successful by-meeting was held at Springfield on Saturday, when 23 members were present from Braintree, Broomfield, Chelmsford, Croydon, Galleywood, Great Baddow, Rettendon and Springfield. After two hours' ringing in the afternoon, a short service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. C. Hargreaves), the lesson being read by Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the association.

An excellent tea was served in the Women's Institute, presided over by the Rector, supported by Rev. F. A. Roughton (Vicar of Galleywood) and Mr. C. H. Howard. The District Master presided at the business meeting, when it was arranged to hold the next meeting at Boreham on Saturday, April 12th, and also a meeting at Burnham-on-Crouch and Southminster on Saturday, June 21st.

One new ringing member was elected.

Mr. C. H. Howard proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, for taking the service, and for his address, and also to the organist. The Rector, in reply, said he was very pleased to welcome the ringers to Springfield, and hoped he would soon have the pleasure of doing so again.

Some members remained for handbell ringing, while others returned to the tower, where the bells were kept going till 9 p.m. in various methods.

WERE THE UMPIRES QUALIFIED?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the footnote to the handbell peal of Bob Major at Higham's Park, kindly permit me to offer congratulations to those two promising ringers. But, the umpires. Who are these fellows? Are they themselves ringers? Are they both fully qualified to act in this capacity? Umpires of such peals should be competent ringers. However, I trust these two ringers and umpires, too, will progress sufficiently that ultimately they will each secure a place in the 1st eleven.—Yours sincerely,

F. W. RICHARDSON.

Brockley.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

HORNSEY.—On Sunday, March 9th, at St. Mary's Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: G. W. Blee 1, E. G. Hibble 2, H. Blee 3, F. Fensom 4, M. Fensom 5, J. G. Nash (conductor) 6.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Sunday, March 9th, at Christ Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,301 changes) in 50 mins.: C. J. Gardiner 1, R. G. Townsend 2, W. G. Townsend 3, S. Palmer 4, H. W. Bishop (conductor) 5, J. Berry 6, H. W. L. Wells 7, W. B. Kynaston 8, T. Townsend 9, W. A. Bullock 10.

SANDIACRE, DERBYSHIRE.—At St. Giles' Church, for evening service, on March 9th, 720 London Surprise: G. Cliff 1, W. R. Drage 2, J. Hall 3, F. Morton (first in the method) 4, R. H. Cox (conductor) 5, H. Turner 6.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, March 9th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): J. A. Green 1, A. J. Green 2, L. Smith 3, F. Pateman 4, H. Cashmore 5, F. Case 6, T. Roberts (conductor) 7, G. Foddy 8. First quarter by the treble ringer, on his 13th birthday, and by the ringer of the 4th.

OXBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Margaret, for morning service, on March 2nd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins.: G. H. Gutteridge 1, E. Hancox 2, P. E. Jones 3, J. H. Lucas 4, R. Warnett 5, C. Nicholls (first inside) 6, F. Corke (conductor) 7, A. Bray 8.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On Sunday, March 2nd, for morning service, at the Parish Church of St. Michael, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: W. T. Prior 1, V. Matthews 2, R. Hayden 3, H. A. Wacey 4, H. M. White 5, H. Bull 6, F. Bird (conductor) 7, E. Ansell 8. All are local Sunday service ringers.

PUTNEY.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, March 2nd, for evensong, 1,260 Stedman Triples in 46 mins.: W. F. Ellingham 1, C. Collis 2, W. H. Ball 3, R. Bullen 4, C. E. G. Moody 5, E. Cassell 6, W. Mains (conductor) 7, A. C. Williams 8. Rung on the anniversary of the wedding of the ringer of the 5th.

EALING.—On Sunday, March 2nd, at the Church of St. Mary, for evensong, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. W. Roberts 1, E. F. Pike 2, J. E. Churchill 3, W. H. Hewett (conductor) 4, A. M. Stacey 5, E. C. S. Turner 6, A. Harding 7, H. Belcher 8.

THE MASONIC PEAL BOOK.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—This book is now completed, and as soon as we are satisfied that the records are up to date an early opportunity will be taken of depositing it in the Library and Museum of Grand Lodge. The peals recorded therein are as follows:—

Grandsire Caters at St. Clement Danes on December 4th, 1919.

Kent Treble Bob Major at Garston on March 29th, 1924.

Stedman Triples at Bushey on February 14th, 1925.

Stedman Triples at Erdington on February 27th, 1926.

Stedman Caters at Solihull on April 24th, 1926.

Stedman Cinques at Chelmsford on July 17th, 1926.

Cambridge Major at Crayford on April 9th, 1927.

Kent Treble Bob Royal at Solihull on November 19th, 1927.

Stedman Triples at Chester-le-Street on October 31st, 1927.

If there be other peals I shall be obliged if the conductors will supply me with the usual particulars, as published in 'The Ringing World,' together with the number and name of lodge of each ringer, also whether Bro. or W.Bro. I shall then be pleased to make arrangements for the writing of the peal and insertion in the book. I hope that any omissions will be supplied to me at an early date, but I shall keep it open until the end of March.

For the information of ringing brethren, I give the technical description of the book as given by the maker: 'The leaves are of Jap vellum, gilt edges, book sewn with sutured silk, silk ends, sewn blue silk, and the book bound in Sumach tanned morocco of a Masonic blue, and the lettering of embellishments are of pure gold.'

The book is 11in. x 9in., and on the outside is printed in gold lettering: 'Antient Free and Accepted Masons of England Peal Book,' with the Masonic device of the Square and Compasses above the last two words. The fly leaf contains the same wording within an ornamental border with this further wording: 'An account of peals rung upon bells by hands consisting entirely of Freemasons, presented to Grand Lodge by ringing Brethren.'

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F. WHITE.

Westfield, Cranbrook, Kent.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on March 27th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 18th, and Southwark Cathedral on the 20th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Coleman's Hatch on Saturday, March 15th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Bexhill on Saturday, March 15th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow. Half rail fares (maximum 1s. 6d.).—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, March 15th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due.—F. Hindle, Hon. Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The spring meeting of the Cheltenham branch will be held at Badgeworth on Saturday, March 15th. Bells open 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30, by kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. W. Downes). Business meeting after tea. — Walter Yeend, Branch Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at All Saints', Sheffield, on Saturday, March 15th. Bells (8) available from 3. Short service at 5. Tea 5.30, in the Church Institute, Grimesthorpe Road, at 1s. per head. Business meeting for election of officers after tea. Subscriptions for 1929-30 are now due and the annual report available at this meeting.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Goole on Saturday, March 15th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea, at 4.30 p.m., in National Schools, at 1s. per head. Short service in Parish Church 5.30 p.m., with an address by the Vicar of Goole, followed by the business meeting in the Schools. For further details see circular.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A meeting will be held at Ewhurst on Saturday, March 15th.—G. L. Grover, Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, Guildford.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woodchurch on Saturday, March 15th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30 p.m.—H. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch.—The reopening of the bells of All Saints', Wootton Bassett, will take place on Saturday, March 15th, at 3 o'clock, having been rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. Tea will be provided at the Vicarage at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—Louis A. Wilson, Hon. Sec., Calne Branch.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, West Didsbury, on Saturday, March 15th. Bells ready 6 p.m. Mr. R. Davies, ringing master. Will members make an effort to attend and help the branch officials in their efforts to create more interest in these meetings?—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Stoke-in-Coventry on Saturday, March 15th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock in St. Andrew's Hall, Binley Road.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Kegworth on Saturday, March 15th. Bells (6) will be ready from 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Twerton-on-Avon on Saturday, March 15th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.15. Tea and meeting to follow in Church Hall. — N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at the Church of St. Mary, Lambeth, on Saturday, March 15th. Bells available 3 to 7.30 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. Social hour. — J. Herbert, Hon. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next meeting will be held at Matlock on Saturday next, March 15th. Church of St. Giles (8 bells, tenor 15 cwt.), available afternoon and evening. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Members from other districts welcome.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District. — A meeting will be held at North Wingfield on Saturday, March 22nd. Gentlemen cordially invited. Arrangements for tea please notify, Miss D. Tarlton, 16, Bright Street, North Wingfield, near Chesterfield. — N. Cawthorne, Dis. Hon. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Beddington on Saturday, March 22nd. Bells (10) available from 2.30 to 5.30. Service at 5.30. Tea (Harvest Home Hall, Beddington Lane) at 6.15. Meeting 7. Social (with handbells) 8 to 10. Those requiring tea must notify me by Wednesday, March 19th. This year is the jubilee of the association, and Beddington is the foundation tower. Come and make this meeting a record gathering.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., 18, Guy Road, Beddington, Croydon.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Finchley on Saturday, March 22nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea, usual charge, at 5.30. All members and friends welcomed, but please let me know if you require tea.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held on March 22nd (postponed from March 15th) at Ufford. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea 4.30, in St. Mary's Hall. Meeting after.—Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Newchurch-in-Rossendale, on Saturday, March 22nd. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions are due. Reports and diagrams to hand.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The spring quarterly meeting will be held at Purton on Saturday, March 22nd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at the Vicarage by kind invitation of the Rev. and Mrs. N. S. Willis. Those who intend being present for tea please notify me early.—S. Hopper, 72, Edinburgh Street, Swindon.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A district meeting will be held at Frensham on Saturday, March 22nd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in Village Hall. Those requiring tea please notify by Wednesday, March 19th.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Fulmer (6 bells) on Saturday, March 22nd. at 3.30 p.m. Guild Service 5 p.m. Tea at 1/- per head for those who notify me by March 19th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The society's nomination meeting will be held at Armley on Saturday, March 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea, 1/6 per head, will be arranged for all who send in their names to me by Thursday, March 20th. Day membership will be granted by the Armley Conservative Club (which adjoins the church grounds) to all who send in, to me, before March 20th.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, March 22nd. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Glodwick, Oldham, on Saturday, March 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Sapcote on Saturday, March 22nd. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea provided. A good meeting is requested. All ringers will be cordially welcomed.—W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Lightcliffe on Sat., March 29th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea at 1/3 per head to all those who send in their names to Mr. E. Lawson, 5, Northedge Lane, Hipperholme, near Halifax, not later than Wednesday, March 26th. Subscriptions for 1929-30 are now due, and the Annual Reports may be had at this meeting.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry will be held at Longstanton on Saturday, March 29th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify by 26th? Methods: Bob Major, Stedman, Cambridge and Superlative.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, March 29th. Bells at the Cathedral and S. Nicolas' Church 3 p.m. Service in the Cathedral 4.30 p.m. (preacher, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn). Tea and business meeting in Holy Trinity Parish Hall. Numbers for tea must reach me by Tuesday, March 25th. This is important as accommodation is limited.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deavery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Babcary on Saturday, March 29th. Bells (6) at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Schoolroom 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.—E. Creed, 6, West Park, Castle Cary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Annes-on-Sea on Saturday, March 29th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. Owing to re-naming of streets by the Corporation, the address of the Fylde Branch Secretary has been changed to 118, Dickson Road, Blackpool.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—A meeting will be held at Stanmore on Saturday, March 29th. Fuller particulars next week.—E. K. Fletcher.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general committee meeting will be held at Oxford in the Chapter House 'Ch. Ch.' on Saturday, April 5th, at 3.15 p.m.—Richard T. Hibbert, General Secretary.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary notice.—The management committee meeting will be held at Stonehouse on Saturday, May 3rd, about 4 p.m.—The general annual meeting will be held at Lydney, Forest of Dean, on Saturday, May 31st, at 3.30, at Feathers Hotel (provisionally). Notice to move the alteration, deletion, or addition to rules must be given before May 3rd.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. C. J. Partridge has removed to 20, Lime Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts.

REPORTS WANTED.

Kent County Association Reports wanted. Those previous to 1891, also 1894, 1905-6-8, and 1915.—T. E. Sone, Paddock Wood, Kent.

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A TENOR WITH A PREFERENCE.

On March 8th a very successful meeting of the Nottingham District of the Midland Counties Association was held at Ruddington. The bells were kept going in various methods from 3 p.m. until 8.30 p.m. About 25 members turned up, and they put their backs into it well, but the tenor would insist on playing nasty tricks, and would not go to Double Norwich. After a time, however, she was coaxed to go to Cambridge and Treble Bob, but she preferred keeping behind in Stedman.

A most enjoyable afternoon was spent looking round this beautiful church, inside and out, but the bells want the bell founders round them. There has never been a peal rung on them yet, and none of the party seemed to be anxious to fix up a peal.

The next monthly meeting of the district is to be held at Southwell, if the bells are available, if not, at Radcliffe-on-Trent (six bells), on the first Saturday in April.

SHIPLAKE RINGERS' LOSS.

On Thursday, March 6th, were laid to rest at Shiplake, Oxon, the mortal remains of Mr. F. W. Nicholson, on the eve of his 80th birthday. He was interred by the side of Mrs. Nicholson, who predeceased him in September, 1928. In August last, Mr. Nicholson gave up the Old Vicarage to live with his son, and he passed away on the 3rd inst. at Wester Close, Withypool, Dulverton, Somerset. It was Mr. Nicholson's wish that the writer of these lines should make his coffin. The wish was carried out, and on Tuesday, March 4th, a distance of 320 miles was covered, and, as the body was reverently being placed in the belfry, the tenor bell singularly started to speak out—it was the hour of 10 p.m.

'The Ringing World' has contained many accounts of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson's hospitality to the Shiplake ringers, who have lost these noble hearts in which 'the milk of human kindness made the whole world kin.'

The funeral service was fully choral; half-muffled touches were rung before and after, and in the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by: A. Hirstead 1, W. Wicks 2, E. Smith 3, O. W. Porter 4, G. Cleave (conductor) 5, J. Hiscock 6, O. W. Porter, jun., 7, R. Allum, 8. The striking in this touch was of a very high standard. The men at the ropes gave of their best to the glory of God and in memory of a gentleman. O. W. P.

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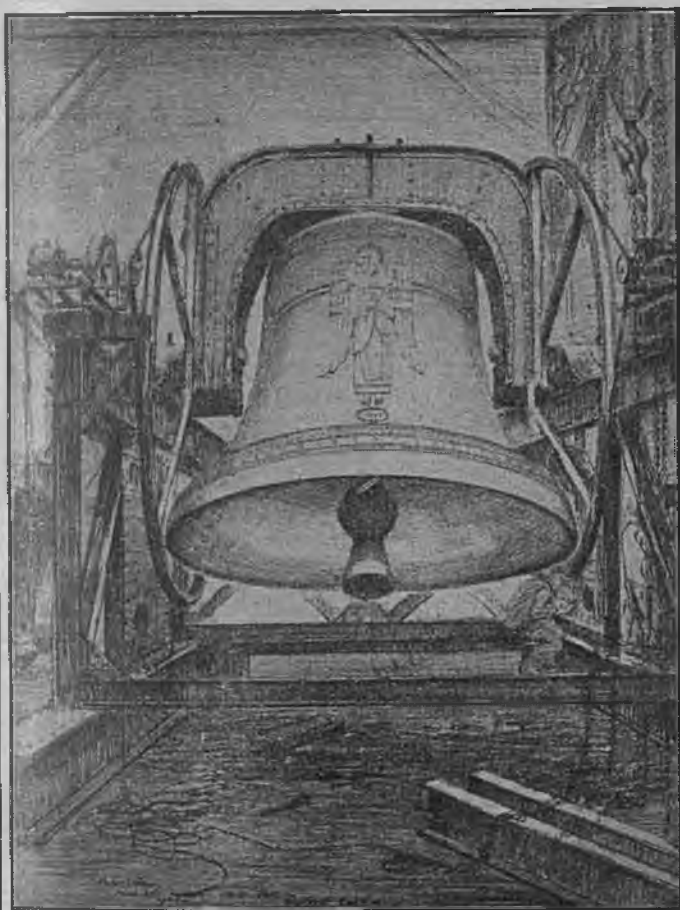
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There are probably a number of causes and we doubt if any one of them is more responsible than another. Here, however, are some of the reasons which, we believe, affect the position. There are those who, frankly, do not want to come in, because they cannot see that they are going to get something out of it. They are the people who can only appreciate a spirit of 'brotherhood' if the other man is going to give them something more than they will give him. There are those, also, who, because they are not change ringers at all or are only indifferent change ringers, imagine that a ringing association has no place for them. From their standpoint they cannot appreciate the fact that these organisations are out to promote the progress of such as they are. Then again there are some who, with an eye on 'the loaves and fishes,' set their faces very firmly against the intrusion of strangers into their belfries for fear that they may eventually lose the few pounds that are annually divided among the band. They do not realise that associations do not desire to interfere in their domestic affairs. And beyond these there is still a larger class of 'ringers' who are so lethargic or so indifferent to the art that their interest in it is absolutely nil. No amount of effort would ever drag them into an association. They are the men who, even when a meeting is arranged at their own tower, stay away. They are the 'dead wood' on the tree and so far as they are concerned drastic pruning might make it better for the Exercise. There are other types also, in-

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cluding those bands who deliberately resolve to stay outside, probably under the influence of one man with a grievance, but they all lack the real spirit which makes the brotherhood of the Exercise the great thing that it is, and which has lifted the art of ringing from a secular pastime to a recognised service to the Church. Can anything be done more than is already being done to bring in this other 25,000? It is a problem which the associations have not yet solved.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

IPSWICH.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

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| FREDERICK J. TILLET Treble | JOHN F. TILLET 7 |
| CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 2 | LEWIS W. WIFFEN 8 |
| WILLIAM P. GARRETT 3 | CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE 9 |
| HARRY R. ROPER 4 | RONALD BULLEN 10 |
| WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 5 | GEORGE E. SYMONDS 11 |
| HAROLD E. SYMONDS 6 | EDWARD P. DUFFIELD Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* First touch of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus. R. Bullen is the first to ring a peal in the method on eight, ten and twelve bells.

TEN BELL PEALS.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

| | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| EDWARD JENKINS Treble | HARRY OVERTON 6 |
| HARRY F. HOLDING 2 | CHARLES F. PAGE 7 |
| RICHARD D. LANGFORD 3 | RICHARD T. HOLDING 8 |
| JAMES H. RIDING 4 | J. WILLIAM EDGE 9 |
| ALBERT J. HUGHES 5 | ARTHUR E. PEGLAR Tenor |

Composed by J. PIGOTT.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. All the band are employees of the L.M.S. Railway Company, and this is the first peal of Royal rung by all railwaymen.

DUBLIN.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 10, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

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|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| GABRIEL LINDOFF Treble | THOMAS GRANT 6 |
| GABRIEL G. LINDOFF 2 | ARTHUR L. MURRAY 7 |
| WILLIAM H. WILSON 3 | JOSEPH A. ATKINSON 8 |
| ROBERT S. F. MURPHY 4 | GEORGE F. WILMOT 9 |
| THOMAS MCMORRAN 5 | JAMES W. TOWNLEY Tenor |

Composed by MORRIS J. MORRIS.

Conducted by G. LINDOFF.

* First peal. Bung as a mark of appreciation of the election of Mr. R. S. F. Murphy, as president of the St. Patrick's Cathedral Society.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 8, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| CECIL DENYER Treble | PETER CHARMAN 5 |
| WESLEY PETIFER 2 | WILLIAM STANFORD 6 |
| JOHN COOK 3 | WALTER CHARMAN 7 |
| WILLIAM HOOKER 4 | ALFRED CHARMAN Tenor |

Conducted by W. STANFORD.

* First peal.

CLAYBROOKE PARVA, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

E. MORRIS' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

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|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| PERCY AMOS Treble | ERNEST W. TIPLER 5 |
| RONALD RUSSELL 2 | GEORGE A. NEWTON 6 |
| J. GEOFREY GEARY 3 | REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 7 |
| *WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... 4 | A. NORMAN GEARY Tenor |

Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. First peal in the method on the bells. The ringer of the treble hails from Irchester, Wellingborough, and the ringer of the 4th from Raunds, Northants.

GRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, March 11, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF ERITH LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble | THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... 5 |
| HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 2 | WILFRED WILLIAMS 6 |
| JOHN WHEADON 3 | EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. 7 |
| JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor |

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and by the Association.

LEWISHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 13, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

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| HARRY WARNETT, SEN. ... Treble | FREDERICK W. THORNTON ... 5 |
| JOHN JAMES LAMB 2 | *HARRY WARNETT, JUN. ... 6 |
| EDWARD E. RICHARDS 3 | JAMES BENNETT 7 |
| WILLIAM A. MARTIN 4 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by HARRY WARNETT, SEN.
* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor on attaining the age of 67 years.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| *JOHN BEAMS, JUN. Treble | GEORGE MARRINER 5 |
| MISS IRENE L. HASTIE 2 | HARRY ELLIOTT 6 |
| †ARTHUR H. SMITH 3 | ALBERT HARMAN 7 |
| JOHN BEAMS 4 | ALAN R. PINK Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Bob Major. First peal of Bob Major as conductor.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

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| ERNEST COTSFORTH Treble | EDWARD JENKINS 5 |
| WILLIAM BIBBY 2 | WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6 |
| ROBERT WALLWORK 3 | TITUS BARLOW 7 |
| THOMAS WALLWORK 4 | THOMAS B. WORSLEY Tenor |

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by E. JENKINS.
First peal of London Surprise in Bolton. In this composition, a three-part, now rung for the first time, neither the second nor third ever strike over the tenor behind.

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On Saturday, March 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in C.

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| ARTHUR TOMLINSON Treble | GEORGE R. JONES 5 |
| THOMAS HAMMOND 2 | LESTER L. GRAY 6 |
| ERNEST JONES 3 | JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 7 |
| *ERNEST L. HUMPHRISS ... 4 | JAMES GEORGE Tenor |

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal of Treble Bob. This peal was rung at the suggestion of the 'young man' on the tenor, after meeting (very) short for Bob Maximus. It was the first peal of Major on these bells, the back eight of the twelve, and these are probably the heaviest eight yet rung to a peal of Major in the North of England.

QUIDENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 15, 1930, in Four Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 8096 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

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| WILLIAM STEGGALL Treble | *ERIC G. BENNETT 5 |
| ALPHAEUS J. BERRY 2 | NOLAN GOLDEN 6 |
| GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 3 | CLEMENT J. MORE 7 |
| ALBERT G. HARRISON 4 | GEORGE ARCHER Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* 25th peal. Longest length by all on eight bells, on the bells, in the method in the county, and rung at the first attempt. The composition contains the 6th the extent in 5-6 without the 2nd in 6th's, the 3rd never there without the 6th, and all the combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 15, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE PRO-CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLOS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in D.

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| GEORGE HAWKINS Treble | SAMUEL JONES 5 |
| CHARLES GREEDY 2 | WILLIAM PHILLIPS 6 |
| JOHN BULLEN 3 | DONALD G. CLIFT 7 |
| ARTHUR HAWKINS 4 | ALBERT THOMAS Tenor |

Conducted by DONALD G. CLIFT.

Rung after meeting short for Grandsire Caters.

BOREHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

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| GEORGE WIFFEN Treble | WILLIAM LINCOLN 5 |
| GEORGE GREEN 2 | WILLIAM KEEBLE 6 |
| THOMAS LINCOLN 3 | *ERNEST BRIGHT 7 |
| DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS ... 4 | ARTHUR HEAD Tenor |

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal in the method.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, March 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

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| THOMAS A. TOWNSEND ... Treble | ALBERT PRESTIDGE, SEN. ... 5 |
| HARRY GOODMAN 2 | *ALBERT PRESTIDGE, JUN. ... 6 |
| JOHN ROUND 3 | JOHN GOODMAN 7 |
| HARRY HILL 4 | †BENJAMIN PRESTIDGE Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN.

* First peal with a bob bell. † First peal. Both at first attempt. Quarterly peal for the Guild. Rung to celebrate the 89th birthday of Mrs. Townsend, wife of the late Mr. J. Townsend, one-time leader of the Netherton ringers, and grandmother to the ringer of the treble.

PETERSFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

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| *CECIL L. GOY Treble | HARRY L. W. AITKEN... .. 5 |
| FREDERICK W. BURNETT... .. 2 | FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 6 |
| HENRY JENNINGS 3 | GEORGE WILLIAMS 7 |
| †CHARLES I. BASSETT... .. 4 | EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ... Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Major. † First peal and first attempt and a member of the local band.

SONNING-ON-THAMES, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in E flat.

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| THOMAS J. FOWLER Treble | WILLIAM H. FOSSELL 5 |
| MISS STELLA DAVIS 2 | *THOMAS S. GOODCHILD 6 |
| WILLIAM E. TAYLOR 3 | WILLIAM HENLEY 7 |
| GEORGE MARTIN 4 | GEORGE GILBERT Tenor |

Composed by JOHN THORPE.

Conducted by GEC. GILBERT.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

BRITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION.

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

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|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| HARRY HOVERD Treble | FREDERICK A. COLEY 5 |
| JOHN J. LAMB 2 | HERBERT E. ADDSLEY 6 |
| HERBERT A. HOLDEN 3 | FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 7 |
| JOHN WHEADON 4 | WILLIAM C. DARKE Tenor |

Conducted by FRED J. CULLUM, JUN.

Birthday peal for conductor.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

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|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ERNEST G. HIGGIN Treble | JACK M. CRIPPS 5 |
| FREDERICK N. SKEATON 2 | FRANK BENNETT 6 |
| WILLIAM COLLINSON 3 | HERBERT MARKWELL 7 |
| ROBERT T. LAMBERT 4 | FREDERICK WHITE Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

H. Markwell's 100th peal.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| F. DONALD BOREHAM Treble | GEORGE R. PYE 5 |
| FRANK BOREHAM 2 | CHARLES T. COLES 6 |
| *CYRIL D. NICHOLS 3 | JAMES BENNETT 7 |
| JOHN G. NASH 4 | WILLIAM PYE Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

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

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| GEORGE BENNETT Treble | GEORGE FLEMMING 5 |
| LESLIE G. BRETT 2 | T. WILLIAM LAST 6 |
| JAMES BENNETT, JUN. 3 | LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 7 |
| WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 4 | CECIL W. PIPE Tenor |

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT. Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. J. W. Pipe.

ALMONDBURY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

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| *CHARLES E. LAWSON Treble | THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY 5 |
| HAROLD SENIOR... .. 2 | HARRY MARSDEN 6 |
| WILLIAM H. SENIOR... .. 3 | GEORGE W. STEEL 7 |
| †WALTER E. DRANSFIELD... .. 4 | HERBERT PEEL Tenor |

Composed by CHARLES SEVERN. Conducted by T. W. STRANGEWAY

* 50th peal, twenty-five of which have been rung with the ringer of the seventh. † First peal. Birthday compliment to G. W. Steel. The thanks of the band are due to the Vicar for kindly allowing a second attempt, and also to Mr. Dransfield for his kind hospitality after the peal.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, March 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

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|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| CHARLES DAVIS Treble | MORRIS J. MORRIS 5 |
| FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 2 | GEORGE F. SWANN 6 |
| FRED PRICE 3 | RICHARD C. INGRAM 7 |
| GEORGE MITCHISON 4 | HARRY COOK... .. Tenor |

Conducted by R. C. INGRAM.

Rung in honour of Mr. W. Cooper's 82nd birthday. He has been a member of the local band for 58 years, and still takes an active part in the service ringing.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, March 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, BLAKENHALL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

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| *RALPH LITTLER... .. Treble | WILLIAM A. JONES 5 |
| HERBERT R. PICKERING 2 | KENNETH C. TAYLOR 6 |
| †HAROLD L. FLAVELL 3 | ALFRED FALLON 7 |
| ALBERT D. COLLINS... .. 4 | THOMAS W. BATE Tenor |

Conducted by ALFRED FALLON.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal inside. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 3rd and 4th.

CHIGWELL ROW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 15, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

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| ERNEST J. BOTLER Treble | ERNEST W. FURBANK 5 |
| HAROLD A. EDWARDS... .. 2 | ALFRED PRIOR 6 |
| CHARLES A. HUGHES 3 | JOHN MOULE 7 |
| FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON 4 | *WILLIAM E. VALE Tenor |

Conducted by ALFRED PRIOR.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(LUDLOW AND CHURCH STRETTON DISTRICT.)

On Thursday, March 13, 1930, in One Hour and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT 8, NEW ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

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| RICHARD BALDWIN 1 | WILLIAM J. BENIAMS 3-4 |
| ARTHUR C. NASON 2 | *HERBERT JONES 5-6 |

Conducted by W. J. BENIAMS.

Witness: MR. R. J. HUGHES.

* First peal 'double-handed.'

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BURRINGTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

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| *RICHMOND ROBERTS Treble | GEORGE E. SHALLISH 4 |
| EDWARD J. AVERY 2 | GEORGE GILLING 5 |
| CHARLES R. LILLEY 3 | REGINALD DARE Tenor |

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Minor, also first peal of Minor on the bells.

FOLKINGHAM, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, March 3, 1930, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents of Plain Bob and two each of Single Court and Oxford Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

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| MRS. PHYLLIS HUMPHREY Treble | JOHN MACHIN 4 |
| HARRY GIBBARD 2 | CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY 5 |
| ALBERT SCOTT 3 | *CHARLES WILKINSON ... Tenor |

Conducted by C. T. H. BRADLEY.

* First peal of Minor.

GARBOLDISHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 8, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven different extents, one of Double Court, and two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| GEORGE LAND Treble | CHARLES F. GOODMAN ... 4 |
| ALPHRUS J. BERRY 2 | ERIC G. BENNETT 5 |
| PERCY L. JOHNSON 3 | GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor |

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. F. Goodman, of Banham.

TEVERSALL.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 8, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHERINE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 1,440 changes of Plain Bob and 3,600 of Grandsire.

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| HORACE PORTER Treble | FRED KNOWLES 3 |
| ARTHUR SMITHSON 2 | BERNARD PORTER 4 |

*GEORGE PORTER Tenor

Conducted by FRED KNOWLES.

* First peal. The treble and tenor ringers were elected members of the association prior to the peal.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 10, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| GEORGE W. MOSS Treble | WILLIAM STIFF 4 |
| JAMES SOUTER 2 | CHARLES A. ANDREWS ... 5 |
| STANLEY G. MOSS 3 | WALTER HONEYWOOD ... Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE W. MOSS.

Rung as a farewell peal to the ringer of the 3rd, who has been transferred to Ipswich.

COPPULL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

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| FRED RIGBY Treble | †HERMON NELSON 4 |
| *ALBERT WANE 2 | ARTHUR HARTLEY 5 |
| JACK CHARNOCK 3 | JOHN H. GARTSIDE Tenor |

Conducted by FRED RIGBY.

* First peal, also first local ringer to ring a peal. † First peal of Minor.

HOUGHTON-ON-THE-HILL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 120's each of Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, and St. Dunstan's, and thirty of Grandsire.

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| ALBERT E. KITCHIN Treble | RONALD RUSSELL 3 |
| J. GEOFFREY GEARY 2 | ERNEST MORRIS 4 |

A. NORMAN GEARY Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal on these bells, which have been five since 1771. The ringers received congratulations of the Vicar and local ringers on its completion. The tenor ringer is to be praised for excellently ringing a very bad-going, false-struck bell. The conductor has now completed peals of 5,000 at 116 towers in Leicestershire.

MELLING, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FORNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

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| *GERALD A. SUTTON Treble | JIM TEBAY 4 |
| *HUBERT RICHARDSON ... 2 | THOMAS S. JEFFERSON ... 5 |
| †EDWIN JENNINGS 3 | FRANK WILSON Tenor |

Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

* First peal of Kent. † 50th peal. First peal on the bells. The band would like to take this opportunity through 'The Ringing World' of thanking the Vicar for allowing them to ring the peal at a few minutes' notice.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting was held at Darton on Saturday, March 8th, when members were present from Cawthorne, Felkirk, Royston, Sandal, Shelley, Wath and local company. Ringing commenced about 3 p.m., and continued in various methods until 5 p.m., when all adjourned to the Church Schools for tea. The Vicar, Rev. C. H. Purser, presided at the business meeting, and gave a hearty welcome to the visitors. He also expressed a wish to be made a member of the society. On the motion of Mr. Broadhead, seconded by Mr. Crowther, he was gladly accepted, together with a new member from Cawthorne (Mr. E. Rusby). South Kirkby was selected for the next meeting, to take place on April 12th.

The usual vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the local company and the ladies for all arrangements and the splendid tea provided, was passed.

Further ringing was indulged in until about 8.30, when someone lost his rope, and all agreed that it be left to be put right by daylight, and thus avoid any possible accident. This brought a most enjoyable meeting to a sudden termination.

UNVEILING OF PEAL BOARD AT BOTTESFORD.

A beautiful peal board has been placed in the ringing chamber of St. Mary's Church, Bottesford, recording the ringing of a peal of Stedman Triples on Saturday, August 3rd, 1929, by a band of M.C.A. ringers. The unveiling and dedication ceremony took place on Saturday, March 8th, before a good number of ringers and friends from Melton Mowbray, Grantham, Croxton Kerrial, Orston and the local band. Mr. R. H. Bartram (Melton Mowbray), 'Father' of the band which rang the peal, asked the Rev. F. Walford, as Rector, to accept the board as a gift to the church from the ringers. He said the peal was an excellent one, and was worthy of being recorded. He congratulated Mr. S. Proctor, as conductor, also the band that rang the peal. The Rev. F. Walford graciously accepted the board, saying it would be a reminder to future generations as to what had been accomplished.

The unveiling ceremony was performed by a lady member of the Church Council, and the Rector conducted the dedication, after which a splendid touch of Stedman Triples was rung by the same band that rang in the peal, viz.: W. G. Thorpe (Grantham) 1, J. R. Bartram (Melton) 2, A. W. Ward (Bottesford) 3, E. Ridd (Grantham) 4, E. Bartram (Melton) 5, S. Proctor (Grantham) 6, R. H. Bartram (Melton) 7, T. H. Hall (Grantham) 8. Mr. A. W. Ward voiced the thanks of the ringers to the lady for honouring them with her presence, also to the Rev. F. Walford for his service and allowing the use of the bells on this and previous occasions.

The bells were at the disposal of the ringers during the afternoon, when touches in the following methods were brought round: Double Norwich, Kent, and Plain Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples. The bells were lowered in peal at 5 p.m., bringing to a close a most enjoyable afternoon, which will long be remembered.

A. W. W.

MUDDLED MINOR. BY MINORMANIA.

I suppose that quite a number of Minor ringers are taking an interest, passing or otherwise, in the controversy that is likely to rage afresh on the vexed question of 'different 720's.' Always it is profitable to read the views expressed by different writers when they are backed by logical argument, but there is nothing edifying in bald statements which are opposed to common practice, when no effort is made to substantiate them in any shape or form, especially so, when, apparently, they are inconsistent to a degree.

Such a one appeared in 'The Ringing World' of February 14th, where the Rev. H. Law James stated that '... there are only five possible 720's in any Treble Bob method. ...' As usual, the reader is left furiously to think out exactly what is meant; or, at least, as to how one would arrive at such a conclusion. Unfortunately, he generally is thinking furiously (in a different sense of the term) of an opposite point of view. It is left to Mr. Severn to assume that Mr. James implies that 'different' 720's must contain a different number of bobs, viz., 9, 12, 15, 18 or 21. This may, or may not, be the correct reading, I do not know.

I should, however, like to say that there are considerably more than five, or, alternatively, that there are not five! And, unlike Mr. James, I submit reasons.

Let us make a closer acquaintance with the 'mysterious' Colonel (Bogey) Q set, in an endeavour to judge for ourselves how very inconsistent Mr. James' statement appears to be.

Everyone knows that there are 30 lead 'ends' (or lead 'heads,' if you prefer) in a 720 of Treble Bob, and everybody will realise that there are another 30 rows adjoining these; in short, there are 30 possible pairs of rows when the treble makes her full lead. Every one of these 60 rows can be treated in three ways in order to produce its mate, viz., second's-place can be made (a), sixth's-place (b), or fourth's-place (c).

| (a) | (b) | (c) |
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| 1(2)4365 | 12436(5) | 124(3)65 |
| 1(2)3456 | 14263(5) | 142(3)56 |

It will be seen, in (a) and (c), that the bells in the 5/6 positions remain undisturbed by either treatment; and, in (b) and (c), that the undisturbed bells are in the 2/3 places. Beyond the fact that the 'sheltered' (or undisturbed) positions are in 5/6 in second's-place methods, and in 2/3 in sixth's-place methods, the effect is exactly similar, and we may choose either for the example which follows. Let it be the former.

In the 60 possible rows there are ten groups of six, each group having the same pair of bells in the sheltered 5/6 places. Take, for example, those rows which have the tenors there—123456, 124365, 134256, 132465, 142356, 143265; and accept, as a fact (and a very concrete fact), that these six rows can be produced in an extent only if they be joined together, in pairs, by the same means. The three pairs of rows all must be 'plained' by using second's-place, or all 'bobbed' by using fourth's-place.

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| Plained, they pair thus: | 124365 | 132465 | 143265 |
| | 123456 | 134256 | 142356 |

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| And bobbed, thus: | 124365 | 132465 | 143265 |
| | 142356 | 123456 | 134256 |

Here, then, we have a 'q set,' i.e., three pairs of rows with the same pair of bells in the two sheltered positions. The q set must be EITHER plained OR bobbed. This emphasis is important to my point—plained OR bobbed. It follows that any six such rows, with a given pair of bells in the sheltered positions, will form a q set. There are 60 such rows, each q set takes up six rows, and thus an extent comprises ten q sets. Each q set has a different pair of bells in the sheltered positions, and any one q set may be plained OR bobbed.

If we call the tenor W.R.W., twice repeated, we bob all of those pairs of rows wherein the tenor appears in a sheltered position 'without the fifth' being there also. In other words, the rows are bobbed only when 26, 36 and 46 are the bells in the 5/6 places. In short, we bob three of the ten q sets and plain the other seven.

Alternatively, we may bob the fifth R.W.R., twice repeated, thus bobbing the rows when the fifth is 'without the tenor.' In other words, we bob the 25, 35, and 45 q-sets and plain the other seven.

When we realise that we may bob the 'second without the third' with the same effect, and, vice versa, the 'third without the second,' the second without the fourth (both ways), the second without the fifth, and so on, it will readily be seen that we may, with nine bobs alone, produce a fair crop of varying 720's.

But Mr. James' 'five possible' means that all of the above variations are one, in spite of the facts that the rows appear in different orders, the calls appear at different lead-ends, different observation bells are used, and that the combination of q sets differ. And, mark this well, in spite of the fact that certain q sets will be bobbed in one and plained in another.

Now, in London Surprise Minor (for example), we may bob the tenor 1-4th's-O, 1-4th's-O, R, twice repeated, as given by Mr. Severn in his letter; an extent with 21 bobs, wherein we bob every lead except when the tenor is 'without the fifth.' In other words, we plain q sets 26, 36 and 46 and bob the other seven.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. DEVIZES BRANCH.

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at the Parish Church of St. Mary, Market Lavington, on Saturday, March 1st. The Guild service was conducted by the Rev. A. J. Stourton (who is also an enthusiastic ringer, and a former chairman of the branch), the lesson being read by the chairman of the branch, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham. Miss E. Lane was the organist.

Tea followed at the Market Lavington and Easterton Institute, a company of 29 sitting down.

A short business meeting followed, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham presiding.

One new member from the Minster Church, Warminster, and nine from SS. Peter and Paul's, Heytesbury, were elected.

It was decided to recommend that Mr. W. C. West, of Melksham, be added to the list of instructors.

Several items of interest were discussed, with recommendations for the committee of the Guild.

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.

Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent, Cambridge and Oxford were rung during the afternoon and evening. Ringers were present from Market Lavington, Devizes St. John and St. Mary's, St. James' Southbroom, Bratton, Aldbourne, Swindon, Rowde, Warminster, Trowbridge and Melksham.

Market Lavington has a beautiful church in the Perpendicular style of architecture. The tower contains six bells, which were rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co. in 1927, and are inscribed as follows:—

- 1st and 2nd.—Raised by the Parish, 1876.
- 3rd.—In memory of the Honbl. Samuel Hay. Died November 25th, 1847. Dedicated by his widow. Praise be to Thee, O Lord.
- 4th.—Right Honble. E. Pleydell Bouverie gave me. Strike but hear me.
- 5th.—In loving memory of William Fowle. Died October 20th, 1868. Dedicated by his sister.
- Tenor (13½ cwt.).—E. B. Cockayne Frith, Vicar. The Right Honble. E. Pleydell Bouverie and Oliver Grist, Church Wardens. Recast by Llewellyns and James, Bristol, 1876.

These bells replaced an older ring which bore the following inscriptions:—

- 1st.—William Sainsbery, 1656. W.P. IVB. I.S.
- 2nd.—The XXX. IV4 YE 1611. I.W.
- 3rd.—Peace and Good Neighbourhood, 1726 (Rudhall).
- 4th.—A. V. FRANCOIS. HEREWITH. I.TIC. John Tucker, Roger Laesse, Edward Filkes, Churchwardens of Market Lavington (bell). Cleament Tozer cast me in 1680.
- 5th.—As No. 2.
- 6th.—Hen Jackson, Richd. Townsend, Wm. Sloper, Church Wardens, 1713. ABR. RUDHALL, of Gloucester, Bell Founder, Cast me.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of Elloe Deaneries Branch was held at Spalding on Saturday, March 1st. Members were present from Long Sutton, Fleet, Holbeach, Moulton, Fulney, Market Deeping, Deeping St. Nicholas, Pinchbeck, Surfleet, Gosberton, Donington, Bicker, Butterwick, and the local ringers, and visitors from Sleaford, Folkington, Peterborough, Eye and Sibsey. Service was conducted by the Rev. Canon Nicholas (Vicar of Spalding), and 62 members and friends sat down to tea at the White Hart Hotel. The business meeting was held afterwards, and all the old officers were re-elected as follows: President, Rev. G. H. Clark, Vicar of Bicker; hon. secretary, Mr. G. Ladd, Pinchbeck; hon. treasurer, Mr. R. Smith, Spalding; Guild's representative, Mr. J. T. Brown, Spalding. Three honorary and 15 ringing members were elected, including two lady ringers.

The following places were unanimously selected for meetings during the year: Gosberton, on Whit Monday; Long Sutton, July 19th; Deeping St. Nicholas, October 18th; and Holbeach, January 10th, 1931. The methods rung during the afternoon included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise.

A collection taken for the heltry repairs fund amounted to 20s. 8d., and it was unanimously decided to make a further grant of three guineas to the Gosberton bells repairs fund.

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Alternatively, we may plain the fifth R.W.R. twice repeated, thus plaining q sets 25, 35, and 45, and bobbing the other seven.

And Mr. James' 'five possible' presumably means that the 21-bob extents are different from the 9-bob extents first quoted, in spite of the fact that here we plain identical q sets that were then bobbed, and vice versa.

3 q sets bobbed or plained, mean (oppositely) 7 plained or bobbed.

4 q sets bobbed or plained, mean (oppositely) 6 plained or bobbed.

5 q sets bobbed or plained, mean (oppositely) 5 plained or bobbed.

How many 'different' 720's are possible? I do not know? We should choose which we prefer, but not both.

If there are not more than five, there are not five!

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. Trappitt's letter as to why the annual meeting of the Surrey Association should not be held on Wednesday, May 21st next, the date (March 22nd) was fixed by the committee in accordance with the rules of the association, which state that the annual meeting must be held in March of each year. It was not likely that the rules of the association would be ignored to suit the whim of any one person, even if he does allege himself to be the last surviving foundation member. He and others should come to the annual meeting and put forward practical suggestions in which the members might celebrate the jubilee about the time of the anniversary.

I have a copy of the first report issued by the association, and I am quite aware of the circumstances in which it was formed.

Mr. Trappitt's remark upon the suggested amalgamation between the Surrey Association and Guildford Diocesan Guild really amazes me. He definitely stated at the time amalgamation was suggested that the Surrey Association must never lower its dignity by amalgamating, but should carry on as it always had done. When a plebiscite was taken and the result made known to a special meeting of the association held at Leatherhead in March, 1928, Mr. Trappitt was the very person who proposed that the scheme be dropped, and the motion was carried.

Why the sudden reversal of policy now that the affairs of the association are running so smoothly under the management of a business-like committee?—Yours faithfully,

CHAS. H. KIPPIN,

Hon. Secretary.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A monthly meeting of the Guild was held at Stoke (Coventry) on Saturday, March 15th, when members attended from Allesley, Bedworth, Bulkington, Coventry, Leamington, Nuneaton, Shilton, Rugby, Warwick, etc. A variety of methods was rung on the church bells from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise Major. Twenty-four members sat down to a good tea in St. Andrew's Parish Hall, and were sorry to hear the hon. secretary (Miss E. Lewis) was indisposed and unable to attend.

The Rector, who was unable to be present, sent a note of welcome to the members of the Guild.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the church bells and Parish Hall, and to the ladies who prepared and served the tea.

ELECTRIC SHOCKS BRING PEAL TO AN END.

An extraordinary occurrence happened on Saturday last, when a band of ringers from the Northern Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association met at Brierley Hill to attempt a peal of London Surprise Major. Before ringing commenced a little oil was given to each bearing, and after this was completed the towerkeeper came down into the belfry, omitting to switch off the electric light in the bell chamber. There had been a heavy fall of snow on the previous night, and some had drifted through the louvres of the tower, thus making the floor very damp.

Everything was in order and ringing commenced. After ringing for 10 minutes, the ringer of the 6th bell felt a sharp twinge of pain in his right arm. Thinking this a small bodily pain, he carried on. The pain came again, but this time in both arms. However, he continued ringing, when, after about 40 minutes, he had a severe pain not only in his arms but throughout his whole body, and at the same time the rope snarled as it went up at handstroke. The ringer then came to the conclusion it was an electric shock, although it was not then known that the light had been left on in the bell chamber.

The ringer of the 6th called a stand, much to the astonishment of the other members of the band, as to them everything seemed to be going well, and they were very surprised to learn the reason a stand had been called, namely, that the ringer of the 6th was occasionally getting an electric shock.

This was due to a 'short' in the electric wire and the dampness of the tower and belfry floor, also to the fact that the bell rope at times came into contact with the electric current, which passed down the rope and into the ringer, who, however, feels no ill effect from his unusual experience. As the ringer of the 7th is an electrician by trade, it may have been had he had the 6th bell he would have known immediately the cause of the twinges of pain.

The unfortunate band was as follows: J. Lloyd 1, W. Short 2, J. Bass 3, W. Brown 4, C. Skidmore 5, H. G. Bird 6, T. Hemming 7, R. Matthews (conductor) 8.

THE LATE VISCOUNT GLADSTONE.

After the funeral-service of the late Viscount Gladstone, whose remains were interred in Little Munden churchyard on March 10th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob was rung, with the bells muffled: W. Williams 1, S. Carter 2, J. Williams 3, A. Phillips 4, A. Woolston 5, W. H. Lawrence 6. In the evening a quarter-peal was rung, comprising 720 Cambridge Surprise, 360 Kent and 180 Plain Bob: W. Williams 1, S. Carter 2, A. Woolston 3, A. Phillips 4, B. Patmore 5, W. H. Lawrence 6.

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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 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.

Canon H. J. Eisee, M.A., president of the Lancashire Association, has been appointed Rural Dean of Bolton. Canon Eisee has been Vicar of St. George's, Bolton, since 1896, and is the senior incumbent in the deanery.

A band of ringers in the Windermere district met for a peal last Saturday afternoon, and all of them promised to be home for tea. At the tower they visited, the attempt for the peal was given up on account of the heavy going of the tenors.

Nothing daunted, the ringers set out on a 30-mile journey to Melling, Lancs, to see if they could get the bells there. Permission was readily granted, and the peal was rung. The first man to reach home arrived at 10.40 p.m.! Our correspondent asks, 'What did the Windermere wives do?' We give it up.

Mr. Ernest Bishop has been elected president of the Rotary Club of Swindon.

The gentleman who sent us the cryptic postcard, to which we referred last week, now writes: 'I like your "imperence." The record is all right; it's these careless authors and journalists who misquote.' If the writer had only pinned the peal board to his first postcard we should, of course, have seen at once who was wrong. But we forgive him for this omission.

Young 'Jim' George has just done another little job which would beat most men. He has rung the tenor at St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool, to a peal of Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 25 mins. The tenor is 40 cwt., and Mr. George is 76 years old! It will be a long time, we think, before this performance is equalled.

The first peal of Royal by a band of railwaymen has been rung at Crewe by employees of the L.M.S. Railway Company.

The first peal of Bristol Surprise Major was rung on March 22nd, 1901, at St. Peter's, Brighton.

On March 23rd, 1783, a peal of 5,020 Old Double Caters, 'being the first ever rung in that method,' was accomplished at Fulham by the College Youths.

That peal happened to be rung on the anniversary of the first peal of Reverse Bob Major, which was called by James Barham at Harrietsham, Kent, in 1757.

A peal of 'Double Twelve In' was rung by the College Youths at St. Bride's Church, Fleet Street, on March 24th, 1784, and a peal of 'Real Double Twelve In,' two days later at Southwark.

Next Thursday is the anniversary of the first peal of Superlative Surprise Royal, rung at Wakefield on March 27th, 1825, and of the 12,000 of Treble Bob Royal rung by the Royal Cumberland Youths at Shoreditch in 1784. The latter stood as the record for the method until 1914.

OXFORD UNDERGRADUATES' QUARTER-PEAL.

For the first time for very many years a quarter-peal has been rung by undergraduate members only of the Oxford University Society, which has been all but defunct for a long time, and is only now beginning to revive.

This quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung on Friday, at the Church of St. Cross, Holywell, Oxford, by C. E. Wigg (Kebble) 1, W. Warren (Oriol) 2, S. Taylor (Merton) 3, J. B. Howes (Kebble) (conductor) 4, W. Thomas (Lincoln) 5, T. S. Williams (Kebble) 6.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. GOOLE'S RESTORED BELLS.

The annual meeting of the Eastern Division was held at Goole on Saturday, March 15th, and despite the inclement weather was attended by upwards of 50 members, representing towers in Eastington, Hatfield, Hemingbrough, Howden, Hull, Pontefract (St. Giles' and All Saints'), Selby, Thorne, York, and the local company.

The eight bells of the Parish Church, which were cast in 1890, have recently been retuned and rebung in a new iron frame, fitted with ball bearings, by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., and full advantage was taken by the visitors to test the 'go,' which was pronounced by all and sundry to be excellent.

The church was consecrated in 1848, and was built through the munificence of the Aire and Calder Navigation Co., the tower then containing six bells. Two new trebles were added in 1860, and thus the peal of eight did service up to 1890.

The clock, which had been out of order for two years, has now been thoroughly overhauled and Westminster chimes added by Messrs. Potts and Co., of Leeds, and was started, during the service held for the dedication of the bells, on January 23rd last, by Sir John Eaglesome, K.C.M.G., managing director of the Aire and Calder Navigation.

The visitors on Saturday had tea together in the National Schools, and this was followed by a service in the church, at which a very appropriate sermon was delivered by the Vicar of Goole (the Rev. H. E. Wall, M.A.), who preached from the Ephesians iv. 8: 'Wherefore, he saith, when he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.' Three special hymns used at the dedication service were sung, accompanied on the organ by Mr. C. Brearley, Mus.Bac.



THE PARISH CHURCH OF GOOLE, YORKS.

The business meeting followed in the schools, the Vicar presiding. A letter of thanks from Mrs. Nolloth was read by the secretary, for the vote of condolence, on the death of Canon Nolloth, passed at the Beverley meeting in December last.

Two new members were elected—Mr. W. Sleight, of Hemingbrough, and Mr. A. Strangeward, of Pontefract (St. Giles').

The summer quarterly meeting will be held at Withernsea in June, by kind invitation of the Vicar and local company.

The retiring officers, Mr. F. Cryer (Selby), vice-president, and Messrs. W. Gibson (Beverley), J. Drake (Goole) and A. Walker (Pontefract), committeemen, were all re-elected, the latter also being appointed to serve on the general committee.

A vote of condolence was moved with Mr. F. Cryer, who has suffered bereavement by the death of his wife, all present standing for a few moments in respectful silence.

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

AFFILIATION OF MORE TOWERS WANTED.

The annual meeting of the Eastern Division, which was held at Bexhill on Saturday, proved most successful, the following towers being represented: Battle, Bexhill, Brighton (St. Peter's), Hastings (St. Clement's and Christ Church, Blacklands), Eastbourne (St. Saviour's), Heathfield, Lewes (Southover), St. Leonards (Christ Church), Ringmer, Rye, Sedlescombe, and Worthing (St. Botolph's). Ringing in all the standard methods was indulged in during the afternoon. At the service, a most appropriate address was given by the Rector, the Rev. Canon H. W. Maycock, M.A.

A splendid meat tea, to which 36 sat down, was provided at the Bell Hotel, through the kindness of the Rector and churchwardens. As the Rector had to leave prior to the business meeting, Mr. W. D. Smith moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector and churchwardens for their kindness in providing the tea, for the use of the bells, and for the Rector's address. The Rev. H. W. Maycock, in responding, expressed the pleasure it gave the churchwardens and himself to welcome the members of the association there for the annual meeting, and said they were always pleased to do all they could to further the interests of the Sussex County Association.

Mr. E. Heather (churchwarden) occupied the chair at the business meeting, at which Mr. H. Tyrrell, of Sedlescombe, and Mr. R. Taylor, of St. Clement's, Hastings, were elected members of the association.

The election of officers for the ensuing year then took place. Mr. G. W. Stokes was again re-elected as hon. secretary, and Messrs. Miles, Franks and Booth were re-elected on the committee.

Mr. Stokes thanked the members for re-electing him hon. secretary. He stated that during the past year four meetings had been held, with an average attendance of 26, which was not too bad, but he hoped for better results during the coming year. He also hoped that still further towers might be induced to become affiliated to the association.

A collection for the benevolent fund realised 13s. 6d. A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the meeting. The members returned to the tower and kept the bells going in various methods until about 8.30 p.m.

Special thanks are due to Mr. F. J. Pont for making the necessary arrangements for the meeting.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MEMBERS OF THREE ASSOCIATIONS MEET AT MARCH.

A record meeting for the Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch was held at March Parish Church, being attended by over 50 ringing members from five archdeaconries. The arrangements for a quarterly joint meeting were made between the Wisbech and Peterborough Branches, and this excellent gathering was the result. Members of the Elloe Deaneries of the Lincs Association raised the bells, and a course of Cambridge was brought round. Other visitors arrived from Hunts Branch, and were soon joined by members of the Marshland Branch and others from the Wisbech Branch. The Peterborough District Guild was well represented, a lady ringer also being present. The Ringing Master was unable to attend, and Mr. C. Gooker of March, kindly undertook the duties, and saw that everyone had a pull. Various methods were rung, and all spoke highly of the good work carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co. A new oak frame has been put in, the bells quarter turned and harmonically tuned, and fitted with ball bearings.

A short service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. G. S. Walker), who is an hon. member of the association, and the Peterborough Guild's form of service was used. The Rector gave a splendid address, extending a warm welcome to such a fine gathering. Tea was afterwards generously provided in the Church Room by the Rector, and Mrs. Wooton ably waited on the company.

A business meeting followed, at which two new members were elected, and Whittlesea was chosen for the next meeting.

APPEAL FOR A LANCASHIRE RINGER.

Previously acknowledged, £11 11s. 6d.; Houghton ringers, 10s. Any further donations to this fund for assisting Mr. Harry Tomlinson will be gratefully received by Mr. F. Hindle, hon. secretary, Blackburn Branch, 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn. The above appeal closes on April 5th.

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A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the service and address, to the ladies who served tea, and to Messrs. J. Drake and M. Tate for their unfailing courtesy and attention.—The Vicar, in responding, expressed great pleasure in having the association at Goole, and said how delighted he was with the many complimentary remarks passed about the bells, and the satisfaction they gave the ringers.—Mr. Colin Harrison, the representative of Messrs. Taylor and Co., also spoke, and said he was gratified to hear the appreciation of his firm's work.

The weights of the bells are: Treble, note F, 3cwt. 2qr. 12lb.; 2nd, note E, 3.3.10; 3rd, note D, 4.3.4; 4th, note C, 5.1.2; 5th, note B flat, 8.3.6; 6th, note A, 8.2.1; 7th, note G, 11.1.8; tenor, note F, 15.2.8.

A PEAL OF MINOR.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I am not dealing with theory but with facts.

A round block is a block which comes round to the same row or point from which it started: therefore a 720 consists of 721 rows, of which the first and last are the same. Therefore, seven 720's consist of 5,047 rows, if it consists of seven round blocks.

It is not a theory but a fact, that you can only join round blocks by cutting them open and joining them together by the ends. Seven true and complete 720's is like seven links in a chain, but 5,040 of Minor is like a single ring in which the 720's are incomplete and joined up end to end, so that there are only 5,041 rows in the whole.

Now, if this ring is true and we cut it up again and join it together in any other order, so that we make the same number of changes and produce exactly the same rows in a different order, the result is only a variation, and it must also be true.

Two peals of Grandsire Triples rung as you suggest would be only one round block for the same reason.

The fact is that a peal of Treble Bob Minor containing 5,040 changes must consist of 42 plain courses, and if we insist on this being a perfect seven part, then in justice to the six-bell ringer we ought to insist on all peals of Stedman Triples being seven parts, and all peals of Major also.

What we want is a definition which will ensure that enough changes are made and that the whole is true, and the definition of Minor and Doubles which I have proposed ensure both those points, while leaving the six-bell ringer absolutely free in all other respects just as free as his 8, 10 and 12 bell brethren.

H. LAW JAMES.

LANTERN SLIDES OF BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—To-day I have been asked whether I know where lantern slides of bells or of change ringing can be obtained, and I have had to answer 'No.' Do any of your readers know of the existence of anything of the kind, and whether they are readily available?

If not, would it be possible to get some made, and either deposited with the librarian of the Central Council, or kept in some place or places with which he would be kept in touch?

Owing to the confined space, it is not very easy to photograph a bell when hanging in the tower, and to take a snap when it is in motion there, would be practically impossible. These things could, however, be done in a bell foundry, and I daresay, if only one knew, have already been done. Perhaps, therefore, our founders would help by supplying suitable prints for taking slides from, or even the slides themselves.

If so, and if there is anyone with the necessary skill to get together such a series, I should be glad to give any help I could.—Yours very faithfully,

HERBERT DRAKE.

[The principal bell founding firms have series of lantern slides, which they are willing to loan to responsible persons.—En., 'R.W.']

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—On Whit Monday of this year, Mr. Thomas Metcalfe will have been secretary and treasurer of this association for 21 years.

This is a plain statement of fact, but behind it is the tale of 21 years' hard work given by a busy man to his one and only hobby. There are few towers in the North of England where the name of Tom Metcalfe is not well known and respected, and it can be truthfully stated that he has been instrumental in making more ringers than, perhaps, any man in the North. He has rung too many peals to think of, but his chief forte has been the teaching of ringers. His services have been at all times willingly given to all who requested them in connection with bellringing.

To say that he has carried on the Cleveland Association himself during the last 21 years is not an exaggeration, and it is pretty certain that if he had not been at the head of affairs the association would not have been in existence at the present day.

At the last meeting of the association held at Thirsk on February 22nd, the members decided to appoint Vice-Presidents Newton (of Stockton) and Stott (of Thirsk) and myself a committee for some suitable presentation to Mr. Metcalfe.

I have communicated direct with all the friends of Mr. Metcalfe I know, but if there are any to whom I have not written, may I, through your columns, invite them to join in this presentation?

We do not ask for large subscriptions, but we would like the list of subscribers to contain every ringer who has come in contact with Mr. Metcalfe.

I shall be pleased to receive subscriptions at the above address as soon as possible.—Yours faithfully,

J. C. POLLARD,

President.

54, Granville Road, Middlesbrough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DUNSTER DEANERY ANNUAL MEETING.

About 50 members and friends attended the annual meeting of the Dunster Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association held at Old Cleeve. They were welcomed by the Rector (Rev. F. V. Dawkins), and the gathering included Rev. R. A. W. Newman, Withypool (chairman), Preb. A. C. Harman, Bicknoller, Mr. H. W. Tomkins, Williton, Mr. A. Tout, Milverton, Mr. G. Stacey, Minehead (hon. secretary). Towers represented were Watchet, Withypool, Chipstable, Carhampton, Timberscombe, Minehead, St. Audries, Huish Champflower, Wootton Courtenay, Bicknoller, Sampford Brett, Monksilver, Skilgate, and Old Cleeve.

The association form of service was held, conducted by the chairman of the branch, and the Rector read the lesson and gave an appropriate address. Afterwards, the company were kindly entertained to tea in the Village Hall by the Rector and the ladies of the committee of the Mothers' Union.

The annual meeting followed, the Rev. R. A. W. Newman presiding. At the outset, Mr. Dawkins, who had to leave early, was heartily thanked for his part in the service, for allowing the use of the bells, and for all that he had done in making the visit such a pleasant one. Mr. Dawkins suitably replied, and said how pleased he was to welcome the association.

The balance-sheet and annual report was presented by Mr. G. Stacey. The accounts showed receipts amounting to £13 2s., including a balance brought forward on the year amounting to £4 6s. 6d., and the net profit for the year amounted to £7 7s. 2d. The report stated that four successful meetings had been held, with an average attendance of 51, as compared with 56 for the previous year. The association heartily thanked all the clergymen and Church Councils for the welcome it had received and for providing tea and room free. Twelve new members had been elected and one re-elected, and two hon. members had been added to the association. The association, however, regretted the loss through death of Mr. Edwin Thorne of Timberscombe, who was a promising young member; also the Rev. E. P. Stanley and Mr. G. H. Taylor, hon. members.

The report was adopted, and the following officers were then re-elected: Rev. R. A. W. Newman, chairman; Mr. G. Stacey, hon. secretary; Mr. W. A. Hawkins, auditor. Mr. J. Pugsley, of Minehead, was elected Ringing Master, in place of Mr. I. Farmer, who, having retired, was heartily thanked for his past services, as was also Mr. H. Phillips, in the place of whom Mr. H. W. Tomkins was elected representative on the general committee.

Five new members were elected, viz., Mr. Ivor Holo, Watchet; Mr. D. Parsons, Wootton Courtenay; Mr. Lewis Eslick, Sampford Brett; Mr. S. Land and Miss Luck Hawkins, Huish Champflower.

Hawkridge was chosen as the next place of meeting, and before the meeting closed the Chairman expressed thanks to the ladies for supplying such a splendid tea and serving it so capably; to the organist, Mr. E. C. Gooding; and to the steeplekeeper, Mr. W. Edwards; and all who had provided for the comfort of the meeting and made it so enjoyable. The chairman's remarks were warmly endorsed.

The chairman was heartily thanked at the instance of Mr. Isaac Farmer, and, in responding, Mr. Newman said he would do his best for the association, but he wanted the members also to do their part, as it was the rank and file who had to carry on the work, and it all depended on them.

AN AUSTRALIAN EXCURSION

MELBOURNE RINGERS VISIT BALLARAT.

On Boxing Day, eight members of the band at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, Australia, and Mr. F. Crawley, of Crewe, England, whom they had kindly invited to join them, his ship being then in Melbourne, paid a visit to Ballarat. They left on the 8 a.m. train, and, after a three hours' journey beguiled with handbell ringing and reminiscences of the older members, the gold mining town was reached. Here the party were met by several of the Ballarat ringers and conducted to the City Hall, where they were entertained to refreshments by the Mayor, who said how pleased he was to welcome change ringers to Ballarat. He was greatly desirous of hearing them ring, as he had been told by his own ringers how much more musical change ringing was than the rounds and call changes rung by the Ballarat ringers.

The tower, in which there is a peal of eight bells by Mears, tenor 28 cwt., which have been in over sixty years, was then visited. Several touches of Grandsire were rung before lunch, which was provided by the Ballarat ringers in a nearby restaurant.

After lunch a return was made to the tower. The local men showed their paces in call changes, and the visitors, although failing in an attempt for a quarter-peal, brought round several shorter touches of Grandsire until a halt was called for tea at 5 p.m. After tea, thanks were expressed to the local band for having everything in readiness, and an invitation given to them to visit St. Paul's, Melbourne, at an early date. The visitors had to make their departure at 6 p.m., Melbourne being reached at 9.30, after a very enjoyable outing.

Ballarat is an old venue of Melbourne ringers, Mr. J. M. Guest, Master of the St. Paul's Society, having rung there in the gold-digging days of fifty years ago.

RULES FOR RINGING COMPANIES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—May I call the attention of the Exercise to the fact that the revised edition of 'Model Rules for a Local Company of Ringers' is now for sale, and may be obtained for sixpence on applying to me?—Yours truly,

CYRIL W. O. JENKYN,
Hon. Librarian, Central Council.

WOOTTON BASSETT BELLS REHUNG.

LOCAL RINGER'S GENEROUS CARE OF WILTSHIRE RING.

Another stage in the history of the bells at the Church of All Saints, Wootton Bassett, was reached on Saturday, when they were reopened after rehanging. The bells are a peal of eight, made up from an old peal of five by the addition of three trebles in the year 1890 by J. Warner and Sons, London. The tenor (19 cwt.), seventh and fourth bear the date 1633, the 5th and 6th were recast at the time of the restoration and addition. The bells are well known throughout the ringing world, as many peals have been rung on them, the outstanding performance being a peal of Superlative Surprise Major, the first by a local band in the West out of Bristol, on March 17th, 1923.

For some time the bells have been rather loose in the frame, and it was therefore decided by the Church Council to call in the bell hangers and have the matter attended to. The result was that Messrs. Gillett and Johnston refitted the ring with new gudgeons and bearings, etc., at a cost of £89.

Ringers from the following towers attended the opening meeting: Swindon, Stratton St. Margaret's, Gloucester, Croydon, Colne, Bromhill, Purton, Broad Hinton, Cliff Pyford, Devizes, etc. A short service was conducted by the Rev. D. Bartlett, assisted by the Rev. Aspinall, after which the ringers adjourned to the Vicarage for tea, to which 42 members sat down. A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar and Mr. Bartlett for their kind hospitality. Various methods from Grand sire to Cambridge Surprise were afterwards rung, the ringing being of very good quality.

It is interesting to note, in passing, that the writer of the above notes, Mr. L. A. Wilu, has been in charge of these bells for the long period of 32 years, and during that time has borne the whole expense of the upkeep of the bells and of various improvements in the tower. He has now had the pleasure of having the bells made safe for at least another 50 years. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have designed a special type of solid gun-metal bearings in which the bells are now going nicely. Mr. Wilu was not in love with ball bearings, hence the putting in of plain bearings.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild held a meeting at Ewhurst on Saturday, and it proved quite a successful gathering—all things considered. First of all, Ewhurst is three miles from the nearest railway station, but a bus service saves it from complete isolation. Secondly, Saturday afternoon provided a continuous downpour of rain—and here again the 'buses,' public and private, saved the situation. Without them, the meeting might have been a 'wash out' in more senses than one. Ewhurst on a pleasant summer afternoon is a lovely place—on a cold and wet day in March it is anything but that, but ringing visitors found a cordial welcome, first of all in the belfry, where several of the local ringers were present, and, later, from the new Vicar, who conducted the Guild's service and gave an unconventional address, in the course of which he said that he had himself just taken up ringing. The singing was led by the organ and two choirmen, and the little congregation made a valiant vocal show.

The Vicar, unfortunately, was unable to be present at tea, to which 26 sat down, at the Bull's Head Inn, the company including members from Cranleigh, Guildford (Cathedral and St. Nicolas'), Haslemere, Woking, Cobham, West Clandon and Ewhurst, together with a visitor from Rudgwick. The Master (Maj. J. H. B. Hesse) presided over the meeting, but there was little business to transact. The most important was the election as members of seven ringers from Bramley, four from Ewhurst, and the Rev. G. J. G. Mitchell, of Cranleigh. This influx was the result of some splendid spade work done by Mr. R. Whittington and other members of the Cranleigh band, who have been giving valuable aid in both the towers.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar was accorded on the motion of Admiral T. P. Walker.

Afterwards further good work was put in in the tower, where Grand sire and Stedman Doubles and Bob and Treble Bob Minor were rung. The bells are a light ring of six, hanging in a central tower, the two oldest being pre-Reformation bells, bearing the 'R.L.' shield, which points to them having come from Wokingham or Reading in the late fifteenth or early sixteenth century. William Eldridge, of Chertsey, added the two tenors in 1671, and Thomas Mears put in the two trebles in 1839. The ringing chamber is approached from one of the transepts by a long, straight wooden stairway, protected only by a handrail. Strangers negotiate the top steps warily, especially when descending in the dark.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

NUMERICALLY AND FINANCIALLY PROSPEROUS.

The annual meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held at Dudley on Saturday, March 8th in beautiful springlike weather. The bells of the Parish Church were placed at the disposal of the members from three o'clock, and they were kept merrily going in various methods until service was held in church. This was conducted by the Rev. Canon Phelps, Vicar of Dudley, and president of the Guild, who gave the address, the lesson being read by the Rev. Dr. Worger-Slade (assistant priest). After the service, an adjournment was made to the Parish Hall, where a substantial tea was in readiness, provided by funds collected by the secretary (Mr. Herbert Sheppard) from prominent members of St. Thomas' congregation and other friends and supporters of the Guild. It was admirably served by a contingent of ladies, and the following kindly presided at the tables: Mrs. Phelps, Mrs. Worger-Slade, Mrs. Shuttleworth, Mrs. Goodman, and Miss Bessie Sheppard. Over 100 members and friends sat down to tea.

Before the commencement of the business meeting, the Vicar gave a most hearty welcome to the members on behalf of himself, the churchwardens, and Parochial Church Council.

The president was supported by Councillor Shuttleworth (churchwarden), Rev. Dr. Worger-Slade, and Mr. Harry Mason. After business of a routine character had been disposed of, the secretary's annual report of the year's activities was read. It showed an increase in honorary and performing members, and numerically and financially the Guild was still in a prosperous condition.

Mr. Mason congratulated the officials and members on the favourable report and balance sheet, and he formally proposed that they be adopted as read, the proposition being carried unanimously.

The Vicar of Dudley, the Rev. Canon Phelps, M.A., R.D., was again unanimously elected president, and was cordially thanked for his services and support during the past year. The following were elected as vice-presidents: The Revs. F. J. Cheverton (Vicar of Rowley Regis), H. C. Kemp (Vicar of Netherton), Rev. Dr. A. Worger-Slade, Messrs. J. W. Naylor, H. Watson, C. E. Lloyd, F. R. McDowell, Arthur Spittle, Councillor Shuttleworth, Dr. P. S. Blaker, Harry Mason, Mr. John Goodman, jun., was elected Ringing Master, and Mr. Herbert Sheppard (who was also accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his valuable services to the Guild during the past year), hon. secretary. Mr. S. J. Hughes was again elected hon. treasurer and representative of the Guild to the Central Council. The auditors, Messrs. Fred Evans and Thos. Justice, were also re-elected.

Dudley was chosen as the place to attempt the annual peal, the necessary arrangements being left with the Ringing Master. It was proposed to hold the next quarterly meeting at Hagley, subject to the usual permission being obtained. Mr. Mason very generously offered, on behalf of Mrs. Mason, to entertain the members to tea at that meeting. The members greatly appreciated Mr. Mason's offer.

Mr. Shepherd expressed appreciation of the continued confidence of the members towards him, and said that he would do his best in the future as he had tried to do in the past all that he could for the success and welfare of the Guild.

Mr. Mason proposed that the best thanks of the Guild be given to the president for conducting the service, and for his address, for the use of the tower and bells, for the use of the Parish Hall in which to hold the tea and meeting, to the Rev. Dr. Worger-Slade for the part he took in the service. Special thanks were given to the donors to the tea fund, to the ladies for presiding at the tables, and to the ladies who prepared and served the tea and looked after the comfort of the company, to Mr. Fred Cox for the musical part of the service, and to all who had in any way contributed to the success and enjoyment of the proceedings.

This was considered by all to be the best and most successful meeting in the history of the Guild, which speaks volumes for the sociability and friendship among its members. After the meeting, members again kept the bells merrily ringing until it was time to take their several ways home after a very happy and pleasant afternoon.

STAFFORD VETERAN'S BIRTHDAY.

On Tuesday, March 11th, a quarter-peal of Grand sire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung at St. Mary's Church, Stafford, in 49 mins.: W. A. Riddington 1, F. R. Wiggan 2, A. E. Garbett 3, G. Booth 4, H. F. Evans 5, W. G. Curtis 6, J. Warrilow 7, Z. Baker 8. This quarter-peal was rung in honour of Stafford's veteran ringer, Mr. Zadok Baker (who rang the tenor), and who has now attained the age of 77 years.

At the conclusion, Mr. Baker was congratulated by his colleagues upon his achievement, and every good wish was expressed that he would have health and strength to enable him to ring for many more years.

As a youth, Mr. Baker rang at the Parish Church of Over, in Cheshire, and on coming to Stafford as a young man, he became a member of the band at St. Mary's Church, where he has rung ever since. Mr. Baker is a keen and enthusiastic ringer, and very seldom misses the weekly practice, or fails to be present for Sunday service ringing.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. SOUTHERN DISTRICT AT LAMBETH.

A meeting of the Southern District was held at Lambeth on Saturday last, and was well attended, there being several enthusiasts present before the time of commencement. At three o'clock an opening touch of Stedman Triples was rung under the direction of the District Master (Mr. H. Mance). Subsequently, various methods were attempted with more or less success, several novices getting good practice. During the afternoon a visitor ascended the tower in the person of the Rector (Rev. Llewellyn Jones), who welcomed the members to Lambeth, and conducted prayers in the belfry. This was greatly appreciated, and might be more widely followed by incumbents with bells and ringers.

Tea was taken in the ancient Brew House, attached to Archbishop Tait's Infant School, some 25 members and friends partaking of a substantial meal, good humour being the keynote of the affair. Where do these humorists find their 'stuff,' by the way? After tea, the business was transacted, and the usual routine affairs quickly disposed of. A course of Cambridge Major was rung on handbells by the experts, and a return was then made to the tower for more ringing till 7.30. On the tower bells, methods from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise were rung during the day.

During the visit, the writer came across a cutting in the belfry ancient the 'Pedlar's window' in the church, which runs briefly thus: The pedlar's window in Lambeth Parish Church is one of the curious things found in some of the old London churches, and depicts the figure of a lusty pedlar, which is in striking contrast to the religious subjects of the other windows. It is the gem of the church, of 14th century glass, of very beautiful colouring. The pedlar wears brown boots, blue stockings, yellow coat, and tawny hat. He carries a stout stick and has a dog. It is said to be a painting of a benefactor who gave land to the parish, which is known as the 'Pedlar's Acre.'

During the meeting, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector and to Mr. Hardy, of the local band, for their kindness on this occasion. After the lower bells were silent, an adjournment was made to 'another place,' where handbell ringing and gossip were indulged in, some Cambridge Royal and Bristol being successfully brought round.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT BROXBORNE.

One of the most enjoyable and successful meetings held at Broxbourne took place on March 8th. Friends were present from London, Leytonstone, Long Stanton, Cambs, Cheshunt, Wormley, Hornsey, Edmonton, Walthamstow, Royston, Baldock, Benington, Hertford, Ware, Harlow Common, Barley, Melbourne, Cambs, Stanstead, Little Munden and Hunsdon.

At the service, the Vicar (Rev. A. E. Jenkins) officiated, and offered a hearty welcome to all. The association's form of service was used. Tea was afterwards served at the Welcome Inn, and Mr. G. B. Lucas, an old friend and member, presided over the subsequent business meeting, at which a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for his welcome, also for his address and for the use of the bells.

The ringing during the day was of a high order, and included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge, London and Bristol Surprise Major. It was a most enjoyable time, and the meeting of many old friends was greatly enjoyed.

RE-DEDICATION OF BELLS AT WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.

The bells of Willesborough, Kent, a handy little ring of six, which have been silent for some time, have now been rehung, a new ringing gallery erected, and the old belfry fitted up as a choir vestry. The rededication took place on March 1st, at evensong, at which the Revs. W. H. Symonds (Rector) and L. W. Mudge (assistant priest) officiated, the lessons being read by the Revs. W. H. Blackburne (Vicar of Ashford, R.D. of East Charing) and S. K. Lockyer (Vicar of Brabourne, R.D. of North Lympne). During the singing of the hymn, 'Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty,' the choir, preceded by the churchwardens, led the clergy to the new choir vestry, where the dedicatory prayers were read by the Ven. Archdeacon of Canterbury (Canon Hardcastle). The bells were then rung to a few rounds.

The Archdeacon, taking for his text, Exodus xxviii. 34, gave a very interesting address on bells and their uses. He spoke of the way in which ringing had developed, and hoped the ringers would always remember their position with great respect, as it was a real church work.

Ringers were present from Aldington, Ashford, Brabourne, Hythe, Kennington, Sturry and Tenterden.

Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, is to be congratulated on his work of relanging the bells, which 'go' like tops.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Tuesday, March 11th, for practice, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. Bailey, jun., 1, Rev. F. R. Borgey 2, E. Bailey, sen., 3, G. Lee 4, A. J. L. Naunton 5, F. W. Naunton (conductor) 6. First 720 Surprise on a working bell by Rev. F. R. Borgey.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WELLINGTON, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, March 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: A. H. Whalley 1, T. Pritchard 2, E. V. Rodenhurst 3, L. W. Bishop 4, A. Pritchard 5, J. H. Hayward 6, W. A. Fletcher (conductor) 7, W. Thomas 8. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 5th.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Sunday, March 16th, at Great St. Mary's Church, for evensong, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major in 51 mins.: Miss V. Shorter 1, A. T. Cheney 2, F. Harper 3, J. W. Ward 4, R. Lathbury 5, B. D. Buttress 6, A. G. Rivers (conductor) 7, T. R. Dennis 8.

LAMBERTHURST, KENT.—On Sunday, March 16th, for Holy Communion service, 720 Spliced Double Oxford and St. Clement's Bob: T. Fuller 1, A. Relfe (conductor) 2, B. Luck 3, A. Marshall 4, W. Marshall 5, J. Bassett 6. Another 720 was rung for evensong, with E. Woodage 1, the rest as before. These 720's were rung with one of Mr. A. G. Driver's 'splices,' and it is the first time these two methods have been rung in one extent.

CHARING, KENT.—For evensong, on March 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: Maurice Johnson 1, William Henniker 2, Allen Missing (longest length inside) 3, Wallace Good 4, Fred Good (conductor) 5, John Colbreay 6. John Colbreay's 60th birthday.

RAMSGATE, KENT.—On Sunday, March 16th, for evening service, at the Church of St. Lawrence, 1,299 Stedman Caters: E. Grounbridge, sen., 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, C. F. Winney 3, Mrs. A. D. Barker 4, T. W. Taffender 5, J. H. Cheesman 6, W. H. Theobald 7, A. D. Barker 8, E. D. Smith 9, J. Jarman 10.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—On Sunday, March 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes, ten different callings): G. H. Jolland 1, Madge C. Jolland 2, W. W. Gardner 3, T. Cope (conductor) 4, T. Clark 5. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. J. Kershaw, for many years Sunday School superintendent and churchwarden, who was buried that afternoon.

LONDON.—On Sunday, March 16th, at the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, for evensong, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: G. B. Cole 1, H. Belcher 2, R. F. Deal 3, J. A. Waugh 4, E. F. Pike 5, W. H. Hewett 6, C. W. Roberts 7, J. E. Davis (conductor) 8. Also after evensong, at St. Mark's, Dalston, 224 Cambridge Surprise Major and 528 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, with Messrs. F. Digby, W. Bottrill, J. H. Crampion, F. W. Rogers and A. T. Greenwood taking part.

FULHAM.—At the Church of All Saints, on Sunday, March 16th, for evening service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Stratton 1, H. M. Page (first quarter-peal of Grandsire inside) 2, A. Waddington 3, H. Cook 4, R. Mackrill 5, F. Skevington (conductor) 6, A. Harding 7, W. E. Butler (first quarter-peal) 8.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—At St. Michael's Parish Church, on Sunday, March 16th, for evening service, 1,036 Grandsire Triples: H. Downing (longest touch) 1, H. A. Wacey 2, F. Springham 3, F. Bird (conductor) 4, Rev. F. W. Lane 5, W. W. Tucker 6, W. T. Prior 7, W. Wilkinson 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, March 16th, for morning service, at St. Olave's, Hart Street, City, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), the first quarter-peal on the bells since their augmentation to eight in July last: W. Kilby 1, E. J. Trimmer 2, J. A. Hales 3, J. Waugh 4, C. H. Chapman 5, F. W. Thornton (conductor) 6, R. Sanders 7, H. T. Willson (first quarter-peal) 8.

HIGH WYCOMBE.—For divine service, at All Saints' Church, on the Eve of St. Patrick, 1,260 Bob Major in 51 mins.: F. West 1, F. Hayes (conductor) 2, R. Coles 3, S. T. Goodchild 4, E. Markham 5, G. Twitche 6, F. Borcham 7, C. E. Smith 8, D. F. Borcham 9, E. R. Coles 10.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, March 9th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): G. Clarke 1, H. Patrick 2, O. Mutton 3, R. W. Lawrence (conductor) 4, B. Morris 6. Rung on the occasion of a visit of members of the Church Army to the church.

LONGEST LENGTH AT 72.

On Thursday evening, March 13th, at Chalfont St. Giles Parish Church, 2,160 Plain Bob Minor was rung to commemorate the 71st birthday of the Rector (Rev. H. O. F. Whittingstall): G. Clarke 1, W. Elcombe 2, G. Olney 3, G. Emmett 4, G. Ayres 5, H. W. Edwards (conductor) 6. G. Clark is 72 years of age, and has been a bellringer for 50 years, and this was his longest length. It was also the longest by ringers of 4 and 5.

A BELL TRUST.

On Sunday, March 9th, before morning service, at Kirby-le-Soken, Essex, with the bells half-muffled to commemorate the death of Miss Emma Barron, of Great Holland, 720 Bob Minor, with 6-8 covering: W. Southgate 1, U. Wildney 2, H. Jones 3, E. Durrant 4, M. J. Ling 5, E. Davey 6, H. A. Wright (conductor) 7, A. J. Clarke 8. Also after morning service, 720 in the same method in same order, except H. A. Wright 6th, E. Davey (conductor) 7th. Miss Barron was the founder of the Barron Bell Trust, and Kirby-le-Soken was the first parish to benefit from the trust.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on March 27th, at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District. — A meeting will be held at North Wingfield on Saturday, March 22nd. Gentlemen cordially invited. Arrangements for tea please notify Miss D. Tarlton, 16, Bright Street, North Wingfield, near Chesterfield. — N. Cawthorne, Dis. Hon. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — The annual general meeting will be held at Beddington on Saturday, March 22nd. Bells (10) available from 2.30 to 5.30. Service at 5.30. Tea (Harvest Home Hall, Beddington Lane) at 6.15. Meeting 7. Social (with handbells) 8 to 10. This year is the jubilee of the association, and Beddington is the foundation tower. Come and make this meeting a record gathering.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., 18, Guy Road, Beddington, Croydon.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held on March 22nd (postponed from March 15th) at Ufford. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea 4.30, in St. Mary's Hall. Meeting after.—Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Newchurch-in-Rossendale, on Saturday, March 22nd. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions are due. Reports and diagrams to hand.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch.—The spring quarterly meeting will be held at Purton on Saturday, March 22nd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at the Vicarage by kind invitation of the Rev. and Mrs. N. S. Willis. Those who intend being present for tea please notify me early.—S. Hopper, 72, Edinburgh Street, Swindon.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A district meeting will be held at Frensham on Saturday, March 22nd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in Village Hall.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, March 22nd. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Finchley on Saturday, March 22nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea, usual charge, at 5.30. All members and friends welcomed, but please let me know if you require tea.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Fulmer (6 bells) on Saturday, March 22nd, at 3.30 p.m. Guild Service 5 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Glodwick, Oldham, on Saturday, March 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Sapcote on Saturday, March 22nd. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea provided. A good meeting is requested. All ringers will be cordially welcomed.—W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Easthampstead (near Bracknell) to-morrow, Saturday, March 22nd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—W. J. Paice, Branch Sec.

WASHINGTON, SUSSEX.—The restored and augmented peal (to six bells) by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough, will be dedicated on Wednesday, March 26th, at 3 p.m.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Lightcliffe on Sat., March 29th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea at 1/3 per head to all those who send in their names to Mr. E. Lawson, 5, Northedge Lane, Hipperholme, near Halifax, not later than Wednesday, March 26th. Subscriptions for 1929-30 are now due, and the Annual Reports may be had at this meeting.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — A meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry will be held at Longstanton on Saturday, March 29th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify by 26th? Methods: Bob Major, Stedman, Cambridge and Superlative.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, March 29th. Bells at the Cathedral and S. Nicolas' Church 3 p.m. Service in the Cathedral 4.30 p.m. (preacher, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn). Tea and business meeting in Holy Trinity Parish Hall. Numbers for tea must reach me by Tuesday, March 25th. This is important as accommodation is limited.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Hockering Gardens, Woking.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cary Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Babcary on Saturday, March 29th. Bells (6) at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Schoolroom 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.—E. Creed, 6, West Park, Castle Cary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. — A meeting will be held at St. Annes-on-Sea on Saturday, March 29th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. Owing to re-naming of streets by the Corporation, the address of the Fylde Branch Secretary has been changed to 118, Dickson Road, Blackpool.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Marlborough Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Everleigh on Saturday, March 29th. Bells available 2.30. Visitors requiring tea, kindly notify the secretary.—Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec., East Leaze, Baydon, Marlborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Deane, on Saturday, March 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at St. Albans on Saturday, March 29th, at the two 6-bell towers of St. Michael and St. Stephen. Meeting at St. Michael's at 2.45 p.m., St. Stephen's after tea.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec. North Mimms, Hatfield.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—A meeting will be held at Stanmore, Middlesex, on Saturday, March 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Short service at 5, followed by tea and meeting. All members are asked to support this meeting, and those requiring tea should advise me without fail by March 25th. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Pucklechurch on Saturday, March 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at Fleur-de-Lys 5 p.m., followed by short meeting. Abson bells available after tea. Kindly notify me by 25th number for tea. All ringers welcome. Bus 19A from Careys Lane every hour.—Harry Bennett, Branch Sec., Highfield, Runswick Road, Brislington.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Sharnbrook on Saturday, March 29th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Good bus and train service. Visitors heartily welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Stagsden.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, March 29th. Bells ready early. Will all those who require tea please notify Mr. Crowe, Town End, Hatfield, near Doncaster, not later than Wednesday, March 26th. A good attendance is requested at this meeting. Subscriptions are now due.—Percy Gledstone, Hon. Sec., 34, Silverwood View, Conisborough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general committee meeting will be held at Oxford in the Chapter House 'Ch. Ch.' on Saturday, April 5th, at 3.15 p.m.—Richard T. Hibbert, General Secretary.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Cobham (6 bells) on Saturday, April 5th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. W. James, Home Cottages, Cobham, by Wednesday, April 2nd.—Alan R. Pink, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Northfield, near Birmingham, on Saturday, April 5th. Bells available at 3.30. Please notify not later than April 2nd. — T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Cuckfield on Saturday, April 5th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (1/-) in Parish Room. Please notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday previous to meeting if you intend to be present.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave St., Brighton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Poolstock on Saturday, April 5th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is requested. — James W. Grounds, Branch Sec. 8, School Lane, Standish.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting and an 8-bell contest at Heptonstall, near Hebden Bridge, on Saturday, April 5th. Draw 2.45 p.m. Will those who require tea please send not later than March 31st to L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. Philip's Church, Nelson, on Saturday, April 5th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions due.—F. Hindle, Hon. Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

SPRATTON, NORTHANTS.—Dedication on Tuesday, April 8th, at 6 p.m., of the peal of five, restored by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Penwortham on Saturday, April 12th. Bells available from 2.30. All ringers welcome.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Rd., Chorley

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The 50th annual general meeting will be held at Canterbury (where the Association was instituted) on Easter Monday, April 21st. Committee meeting in the Cathedral Library at 11.15. Special service in the Cathedral at 12 noon. Address by His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury. Luncheon in the County Hall at 1.30, presided over by His Grace the Archbishop, followed by business meeting. Towers open for ringing: Cathedral (12), St. Stephen's (8), St. Alphege (6), outlying districts if desired. Luncheon tickets free to practising members only; non-members 3/6. Railway vouchers for the day for return journey at single fare from any station in Kent, Surrey, Sussex and London, can be had on applying, enclosing stamped addressed envelope, to the undersigned. Mr. Morton W. Pierce has kindly offered to conduct ringers and friends round this historic Cathedral at 4 p.m. Application for luncheon tickets must be made on or before Saturday, April 12th, after which date they cannot be entertained.—Fred. M. Mitchell, Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary notice.—The management committee meeting will be held at Stonehouse on Saturday, May 3rd, about 4 p.m.—The general annual meeting will be held at Lydney, Forest of Dean, on Saturday, May 31st, at 3.30, at Feathers Hotel (provisionally). Notice to move the alteration, deletion, or addition to rules must be given before May 3rd.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

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A FRATERNAL GATHERING AT SHILDON.

On Saturday, February 1st, a fraternal meeting was held at Shildon, when ringers from Darlington and others were invited to an afternoon's ringing for the benefit of the local company. Several touches of Bob and Treble Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, in which the local men took part, as far as possible, some for the first time on this number of bells.

Adjournment was made for tea in the cafe by the church gate, when seventeen sat down, the Vicar (Rev. H. B. Watts) presiding. Mr. T. Clark proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for paying the expenses of the tea, and for the use of the bells. Mr. G. Park seconded the proposition, which Mr. J. Titt supported.

The Vicar, in reply, said he enjoyed the afternoon's ringing, and was very pleased to be present at such a pleasant gathering.

The ringers again went to the tower for more ringing until eight o'clock (except for an half-hour's service), a course of London and Cambridge Surprise Minor by the visitors bringing this interesting social meeting to a close.

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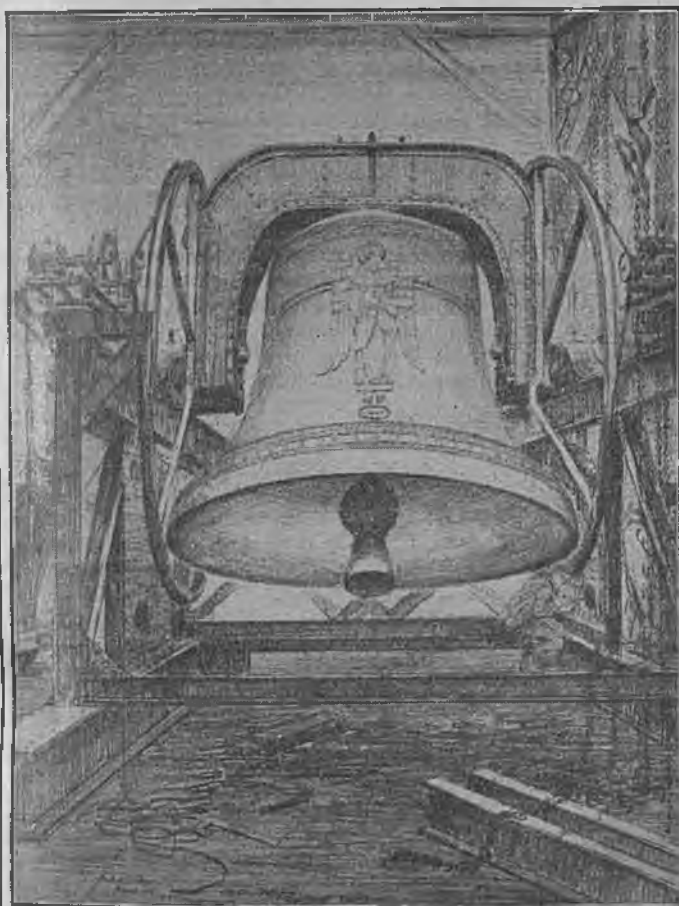
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THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

Two more associations this year celebrate their jubilee, the Surrey and the Kent county organisations. Last Saturday the former held its fiftieth annual meeting, and the Kent Association will do likewise on Easter Monday. The Surrey Association, like most of the territorial societies which began round about the same time, has grown from small beginnings, and its path has not been an altogether easy one. On the one hand its area included part of South London, where, at its birth, the towers were already nominally under the influence of the old London ringers; on the other side, the Winchester Diocesan Guild had already been established, and the diocesan area covered a considerable portion of the southern half of the county. There was thus but a strip of territory left, yet, in the interests of belfry reform, it needed an organisation to cover it.

The Surrey Association has striven to unite the towers in this area, but it has often been no easy task to hold the ground and to unite the members, who were scattered over a district which, in the days before the war, had little means of direct communication between east and west. This was a very real handicap, for one end of the county could not be kept in effective touch with the other. The effect of modern transport systems has somewhat overcome this difficulty, and the association has been able, in recent years, to show much greater signs of active life.

The diocesan question, however, still puts something of a stranglehold upon the society. Most of the area in which it works is now in the diocese of Southwark, but Croydon, one of the association's chief centres, remains an isolated part in the diocese of Canterbury. Moreover, the London County Association now includes 'North Southwark Diocese' in its title, so that the opportunity which the Surrey Association has of taking on diocesan status, if it desired to do so, is full of complications, especially as any comprehensive Southwark Diocesan Guild would overlap the area of the Kent County Association. Obviously no rearrangement on the diocesan basis could take place without substantial concessions between the associations concerned, and of this there seems no present likelihood. In the meantime, the Surrey Association is taking on a new lease of life, with young blood as the driving force, and it reaches its jubilee at a time when its activities are as great as at any period of its career. The Exercise will join in congratulating the association upon completing fifty years of work in the cause of belfry reform and change ringing, and in expressing the hope that its future may be even more successful and prosperous than the past has been.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

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| CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble | FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7 |
| THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2 | WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 8 |
| JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 3 | ARTHUR D. BARKER ... 9 |
| THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 4 | EDWARD D. SMITH ... 10 |
| MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER ... 5 | THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 11 |
| ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 6 | FRANCIS E. DAWE ... Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, March 16, 1930, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

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| FRANCIS E. DAWE Treble | WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 7 |
| THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2 | ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 8 |
| JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 3 | FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 9 |
| MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER ... 4 | ARTHUR D. BARKER ... 10 |
| THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 5 | THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 11 |
| CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... 6 | EDWARD D. SMITH ... Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

This peal was rung on the conductor's 68th birthday.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, March 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

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| PERCY O. LAFLIN Treble | THOMAS H. REEVES ... 7 |
| ALBERT H. WARD ... 2 | J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 8 |
| ARTHUR CHAMBERS ... 3 | JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... 9 |
| ALBERT E. NORMAN ... 4 | JAMES GEORGE ... 10 |
| GEORGE E. LARGE ... 5 | ALFRED PADDON SMITH ... 11 |
| JOHN NEAL ... 6 | SIDNEY J. JESSOP ... Tenor |

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by PERCY O. LAFLIN.

Rung as birthday compliment to Mr. Alfred Paddon Smith.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDONDERRY.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 17, 1930, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT ST. COLUMB'S CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

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| GABRIEL LINDOFF Treble | THOMAS GRANT ... 6 |
| ROBERT S. F. MURPHY ... 2 | ARTHUR L. MURRAY ... 7 |
| WILLIAM H. WILSON ... 3 | JOSEPH A. ATKINSON ... 8 |
| THOMAS MCMORRAN ... 4 | GEORGE F. WILMOT ... 9 |
| WILLIAM E. LYNCH ... 5 | JAMES W. TOWNLEY ... Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by G. LINDOFF.

This is the first peal upon this grand ring, which were cast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and opened by the St. Patrick's Cathedral Society, Dublin, in July last.

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THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, March 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

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| * ARTHUR DEDICAT Treble | C. W. COOPER 6 |
| HERBERT SHEPPARD 2 | BENJAMIN GOUGH 7 |
| WILLIAM GREEN 3 | JOHN PRICE 8 |
| † HARRY HILL 4 | HARRY GOODMAN 9 |
| JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. 5 | GILBERT GUEST Tenor |

Composed by the late WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT.

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. This peal was specially arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. B. Gough and W. Green and Miss Mildred Sheppard, youngest daughter of Mr. Herbert Sheppard (secretary of the above Guild).

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5183 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble | ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 6 |
| KEITH HART 2 | ARTHUR T. VERRELLS 7 |
| FREDERICK C. J. TURNER 3 | EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. 8 |
| * D. CECIL WILLIAMS 4 | FREDERICK W. ROGERS 9 |
| JACK M. CRIPPS 5 | JOHN DEARLOVE Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS

* First peal on ten bells. First peal of Grandsire Caters on the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 19, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. CARTER'S ODD-AND-EVEN BOB ONE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble | CHARLES DRAPER 5 |
| MAURICE SWINFELD 2 | EPHRAIM W. RANDE 6 |
| JAMES S. HUTCHBY 3 | RICHARD C. BELTON 7 |
| JAMES GEORGE 4 | JOSEPH BAILEY Tenor |

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. S. Hutchby. This composition is now rung for the first time for the M.C.A.

WOMBOURN, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, March 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

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| G. ARTHUR BAKER Treble | HERBERT T. PIPER 5 |
| HARRY BOSWELL 2 | WILLIAM A. COOPER 6 |
| ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 3 | FRANCIS BROTHERTON 7 |
| EDWARD F. MITCHELL 4 | WILLIAM H. LAWLEY Tenor |

Conducted by F. BROTHERTON.

First peal on eight as conductor. Rung on the eve of the coming of age of Mr. Arthur Pritchard, of Wellington, a much respected member of the above society.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

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| GEORGE R. PYE Treble | ERNEST W. FURBANK 5 |
| WILLIAM H. THEOBALD 2 | ERNEST J. BUTLER 6 |
| ALFRED PYE 3 | RONALD H. BULLEN 7 |
| EDWARD D. SMITH 4 | JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor |

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS

This composition is now rung for the first time.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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| W. MATTHEWS' TWELVE-PART. | Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G. |
| SIDNEY COLLINS Treble | ROBERT J. FRANKUM 5 |
| A. JOHN FRANKUM 2 | ERNEST W. SMITH 6 |
| SAMUEL QUINTIN 3 | GEORGE GILBERT 7 |
| WILLIAM FORD 4 | FREDERICK BUCKLAND Tenor |

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

Specially arranged and rung as a welcome to the new Vicar (Rev. Frederick Newham, M.A.), who was inducted on the 14th.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
AND ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, March 22, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

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| ROBERT EDWARDS Treble | KENNETH PATTENDEN 5 |
| JOHN W. UNWIN 2 | CHARLES FRANKLIN 6 |
| EDWIN G. BUESDEN 3 | FREDERICK A. FAIRBEARD 7 |
| CHARLES W. PLAYER 4 | HARRY PARKES Tenor |

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

First peal on the bells since restoration by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

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

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY

Rung as a birthday compliment to Agnes M. Bailey, daughter of the conductor.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

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| THOMAS E. SONE Treble | HARRY BAKER 5 |
| MRS. H. BAKER 2 | WILLIAM H. HOAD 6 |
| GEORGE KING 3 | THOMAS HOAD 7 |
| * JOHN A. W. DOWNING 4 | ALBERT RELFE Tenor |

Composed by J. HEASMAN (Edenbridge). Conducted by T. E. SONE

* First peal in the method. Mr. G. King was proposed a non-resident life member of the above association previous to starting. Birthday peal for Mrs. A. Rolfe and Mrs. W. H. Hoad.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, March 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| SAMUEL BAKER Treble | CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 5 |
| WILLIAM SAUNDERS 2 | ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 6 |
| JOHN PERRY 3 | EDWARD V. RODENBURST 7 |
| FRANCIS BROTHERTON 4 | BENJAMIN FULLWOOD Tenor |

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. Ben Gough, on the occasion of his 60th birthday, also as a thanksgiving on his recovery from a recent serious illness. The band wish to extend their good wishes to Mr. Gough and to his esteemed wife, whose devoted attention and nursing had much to do with his recovery.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in A.

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| SAMUEL WARNE Treble | FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... 5 |
| LEWIS W. WIFFEN 2 | FRANK CLAYDON 6 |
| WILLIAM KEEBLE 3 | GEORGE WIFFEN 7 |
| WALTER ARNOLD 4 | ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

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| REV. J. R. KING Treble | CHARLES DRAPER 5 |
| JOHN H. SWINFELD 2 | JOSEPH BAILEY 6 |
| ARTHUR E. ROWLEY 3 | CHARLES SMITH 7 |
| ERNEST W. BEADSMORE ... 4 | JOSEPH W. COTTON Tenor |

Conducted by JOSEPH BAILEY.

This peal was specially arranged for the Vicar, Rev. J. R. King. The ringers belong to eight different towers.

KEIGHLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

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| ROBERT W. JENNISON ... Treble | WILLIE PROCTER 5 |
| WILLIAM BARTON 2 | ARTHUR BAIRSTOW 6 |
| JOHN WINDLE 3 | VERNEY BAIRSTOW 7 |
| ROWLAND MYERS 4 | WILLIAM AMBLER Tenor |

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

HALLOW, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5288 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

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| CHARLES G. BOWKETT ... Treble | WILLIAM LEWIS 5 |
| FRANK LAWRENCE 2 | GORDON W. CHECKETTS ... 6 |
| ROBERT G. KNOWLES 3 | CYRIL TANSELL 7 |
| SIDNEY T. HOLT 4 | CHARLES CAMM Tenor |

Composed by WILLIAM WILSON. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT

LOWER BLEEDING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 10½ cwt

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| ALFRED H. POLLING ... Treble | WILLIAM STANFORD 5 |
| WILLIAM WATTS 2 | *JOHN COOK 6 |
| *PETER CHARMAN 3 | C. ERNEST SMITH 7 |
| GEORGE WILSON 4 | WALTER CHARMAN Tenor |

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

* First peal of Stedman and first attempt. P. Charnan's 50th peal.

TARLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

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| WILLIAM TAYLOR Treble | *JAMES ARMSTRONG 5 |
| JAMES MARSH 2 | JOHN BOOTH 6 |
| BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 3 | JAMES W. GROUNDS 7 |
| JOHN RICHARD TAYLOR ... 4 | JOSEPH H. RIDYARD Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (281). Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS

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

STOKE, COVENTRY.

On Saturday, March 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

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| OSWALD J. HUNT Treble | JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... 5 |
| *WILLIAM J. SMITH 2 | THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 6 |
| FRANK W. PERRENS 3 | FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 7 |
| ABRAHAM WILKERSON ... 4 | FRANK E. PERVIN Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

* 150th peal and first of London for over 25 years. First peal in the method, on the bells, and in the city of Coventry.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

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| FRANK WILSON Treble | THOMAS S. JEFFERSON ... 5 |
| EDWIN JENNINGS 2 | JIM TBBAY 6 |
| *HUBERT RICHARDSON ... 3 | THOMAS METCALF 7 |
| GERALD A. SUTTON 4 | †WILFRED WALKER Tenor |

Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

* First of Triples 'inside.' † First peal. The ringer of the tenor hails from Bowness, and was elected a member previous to starting. First peal of Triples on these bells since August 4th, 1913.

HANDBELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thursday, March 20, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT 81, BAKER STREET, SPARKHILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

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| FRANK E. PERVIN 1-2 | PERCY J. JOHNSON 5-6 |
| ALBERT WALKER 3-4 | GEORGE F. SWANN 7-8 |
| JOHN NEAL 9-10 | |

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER

Referee: FRANK E. HAYNES.

STOCKPORT.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, March 20, 1930, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT 23, GREEK STREET,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

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

Composed by J. PLATT. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

Umpire: ERNEST BENNETT.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major 'in hand.' First peal of Oxford Major on handbells in the county and by the Guild.

TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT 64, CHURCH STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in B flat.

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| FRANK E. HAYNES 1-2 | JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 5-6 |
| REV. E. GEOFFREY BENSON 3-4 | GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 7-8 |
| FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... 9-10 | |

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

WEDDING BELLS.

At All Saints' Church, Wath-on-Dearne, on Saturday, February 1st, to celebrate the marriage of the daughter of Mr. A. Gill, which took place at St. John's Church, Upper Thong, the same day, a date touch of 1,930 changes of Minor, consisting of 34 Original, 88 Woodbine, 360 Duke of York and 720 each of Duke of Leeds and Snowdrop, was rung: W. Bramham 1, W. Green 2, A. Panther (conductor) 3, W. Ashworth 4, A. Gill 5, C. Walsh 6.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. BISHOP OF WILLESDEN VISITS DISTRICT MEETING.

Success attended a meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild at St. Mary's, Finchley, on Saturday last, when nearly 40 ringers took advantage of a sunny afternoon to pay a visit to this pretty church, with its equally pretty peal of six bells (tenor 9 cwt.). The Rector (Rev. S. F. L. Bernays) cordially welcomed the members at the service, and gave them a very useful message.

During tea, the Rector, accompanied by the Bishop of Willesden, paid a visit, and accepted an invitation to join in the meal. The Bishop showed great interest in the work of the association, and readily remembered ringers at churches where he had at some time officiated, amongst them being Romford and St. John's at Hackney.

Immediately tea was over, the Rector expressed his pleasure at meeting the association, and the Bishop then addressed the members. His description of the varied ways of calling people to worship in different parts of the world was very interesting.

Before the departure of the guests, the Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) conveyed the thanks of the members to the Bishop and Rector for their kind interest in the association, and informed the members that the Bishop had kindly consented to become an hon. vice-president.

At the business meeting, the death of the president and hon. treasurer (Mr. F. A. Milne) was referred to, and the hon. secretary stated that he had received many letters expressing sympathy, including one from the Bishop of London. To show their respect, the members present stood in silence for a few moments.

The Hon. Secretary stated that the district was in the position of having nearly a year to go before the next annual meeting, when they could elect a new treasurer, and he suggested that this office should be filled temporarily. He had much pleasure in proposing that their old friend, Mr. W. H. Oram, be elected hon. treasurer (pro tem.).—This was seconded by Mr. C. H. Martin and carried unanimously.—Mr. Oram expressed his delight at being able to do something useful, and promised to do his best for the welfare of the society. It was also agreed that Mr. Oram should be the third trustee of the invested stock.

Five new ringing members were elected, as well as the Rector of St. Giles-in-the-Fields (the Rev. A. H. Lloyd) as an hon. member.

It was announced that the annual general meeting of the association would be held at Fulham on Saturday, April 26th, when the preacher would be the Rev. W. P. C. Sheane, Vicar of Twickenham and Rural Dean of Hampton.

It was decided that the next district meeting should be held at St. Andrew's, Enfield, on May 17th, jointly with the Ladies' Guild.

The Chairman (Mr. W. Pickworth) proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for his address at the service, and for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers and their friends for the excellent tea provided. This was seconded by the hon. secretary, and carried unanimously.—Mr. Fred Barker replied, and expressed his pleasure that the meeting had been so much enjoyed.

The Ringing Master (Mr. A. W. Coles) kept everybody busy in the tower, and saw to it that all present had an opportunity to ring. Rounds, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Cambridge and London Surprise were amongst the methods rung.

CHESTER GUILD AT LAWTON.

The Crewe Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild held their monthly meeting at Lawton on Saturday week, when 33 members were present representing Crewe, Alsager, Lawton, Wistaston, Northwich, Macclesfield, Nantwich and Market Drayton. Ringing commenced at about 3.30 and continued until 7.30 p.m., with an interval for tea.

During the afternoon and evening, touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Treble Bob Major, Cambridge and Treble Bob Major were rung.

An excellent tea was served in the Institute, after which the Lawton handbell ringers entertained the visitors with handbell selections. These accomplished ringers consisted of Messrs. Rigby, Arrowsmith, Booth, Harper, Longman and Biddulph. Character sketches by Mr. Sproston were much enjoyed.

At the conclusion, a vote of thanks to the Rector for presiding and for the use of the bells, to Mr. E. Hollinshead for providing such a splendid tea, to the ladies who assisted in this connection (tea), and to the handbell ringers, was proposed by Mr. Wm. Holding, of Crewe. This was seconded by Mr. Longford and carried with acclamation. A very happy meeting was thus brought to a satisfactory conclusion.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION'S TITLE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Thanks to Mr. A. H. Keighley for his letter of explanation. I am glad to know the suggestion came from the Bishop of Kingston. Nevertheless, it is but a phrase, not a correct title, more especially as it is not intended to include the whole of the diocese, and is therefore not diocesan.—Yours sincerely,

F. W. RICHARDSON.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DIVISION.

The annual meeting of the Southern District was held at the Church of All Saints, Sheffield, on Saturday, March 15th, and in spite of the wretched weather conditions (it snowed all day) a good attendance was recorded, upwards of 40 members being present from Sheffield Cathedral, St. Marie's, Ramoore, Handsworth, Holsterstone, Wath, Doncaster, Arksey, Ecclesfield, Wortley and Rawmarsh. The bells, a fine peal of eight, were kept very busy until five o'clock, when a short service was conducted by the Vicar. This was followed by tea in the Church Institute.

Owing to a previous engagement, the Vicar was unable to preside at the business meeting, and before leaving he was heartily thanked for his permission for the use of the bells and the Institute, also for his address at the service.

The vice-president (Mr. G. Lewis) occupied the chair, and was supported by Mr. G. Halksworth (Ringing Master). The following were elected members of the association: Messrs. J. Moorhouse, A. Scott, W. Hammond, G. Heald and F. Cockell (all of Wakefield Cathedral), J. Greaves (Ecclesfield), H. Bradley (Doncaster), G. H. Hirst (Sheffield Cathedral), and Miss Doris Turner (Handsworth).

For the annual joint meeting, Crofton, near Wakefield, and Conisborough were nominated, and on a vote being taken Conisborough was chosen, the date fixed being June 21st.

Mr. G. Lewis was re-elected vice-president for three years, and the retiring committee, Messrs. G. Clark (Arksey), W. Wooler (Wortley) and F. C. Wilson (Rawmarsh), were re-elected. To fill a vacancy caused by removal, Mr. A. Gill (Wath) was elected for two years.

Opportunity was taken to congratulate Mr. G. Holmes and Mr. G. Dixon, both of St. Marie's company, on attaining 50 years' membership of the Yorkshire Association. Reference was also made to the loss All Saints' company had sustained by the passing away of three of their members, Messrs. W. T. and T. Chown and E. Willey (late vice-president of the Southern Division), and all present stood for a few moments in silence as a last mark of respect to them.

Mr. R. Harrison proposed that the best thanks of the members be given to the vice-president, committee and secretary for their services during the past year, and urged all members to give them their support by attendance at the meetings. This having been carried, was replied to by the secretary.

Votes of thanks to the local company and to the ladies for the excellent tea provided were passed and acknowledged by Mr. J. W. Smithson, hon. secretary of the local company.

This brought to a close another very enjoyable annual meeting.

Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, deserve hearty congratulations for the very excellent peal they have put in at this church, and which all agree are second to none in the Southern Division.

TREBLE BOB MINOR COMPOSITIONS

To the Editor.

Sir,—I do not propose at this time to take part in the renewed discussion on composite 720's and 120's. Indeed, in my opinion, it is a disservice to the Exercise to do so. At Chelmsford, a reasonable compromise was arrived at under which these compositions were to be published without committing ringers to a decision either in favour of or against their validity for peal ringing. Surely, it is far better that we should wait till they are in the hands of ringers throughout the country so that they can be tried out. The history of the past gives confidence that a sound commonsense conclusion will thus be reached.

As regards the totally different question as to the number of different extents that exist (that is, of course, the number of independent compositions of Treble Bob Minor), 'Minormania' is quite right. Mr. Law James has been caught napping in a small point. All 720's with 9 (or 12, or 15, or 18, or 21) bobs are simple variations or reverses of one another, while those with 21 bobs are what may be called inverses of those with 9, and, similarly, those with 12 and 18.

I think it will be found on examination that every 720 of a method with second's place and lead-head 56342 or 42635, containing 9 (or 12) bobs, can have every bob plain and every plain bobbed, and will thus produce a true 720 with 21 (or 18) bobs. Similarly, for sixth's-place methods, with lead-head 35264 and 64523. The other four groups of methods will not run to 720 changes with either 18 or 21 bobs.

Thus, strictly speaking, there are only three different extents of Treble Bob Minor. It is, of course, unnecessary (or, at least, it should be) to add that a 720 of (say) Kent Treble Bob with 9 bobs is the same composition as one of London Surprise with the same number.—Yours, etc.,

E. S. POWELL.

Olyst St. George.

ASH PRIORS, SOMERSET.—On March 21st, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. H. Lloyd (conductor) 1, E. Branchflower 2, F. Branchflower 3, A. Tout 4, W. Knight 5, B. T. Jeanes 6. First 720 in the method for ringers of 2, 3, and 5, the ringers of 2 and 3 being father and son. The latter is not yet 14 years of age, and is to be congratulated on the steady way in which he rang his bell and the method.

A ST. PATRICK'S DAY OUTING.

A 350 MILES' JOURNEY FOR A PEAL.

Sunday, March 16th, saw seventeen members of the St. Patrick's Cathedral Society, Dublin, muster at Amiens Street Station, en route for Londonderry by the 7.15 p.m. train. Portsdown was reached at about 10.15, and a halt was called for the night, the Queen Hotel accommodating all the members. At nine o'clock next morning (St. Patrick's Day) they again entrained for the last portion of their journey to Londonderry, which was reached at 11.5 a.m. Here they were met by the Very Rev. Dean King, Mr. J. C. Orr, Mr. Kennedy and other members of St. Columb's Cathedral Society.

The seven members who were not standing in the peal were kindly taken in motors by the Dean and other gentlemen to Portrush, some forty miles distant, and entertained to luncheon. The remaining ten wended their way to the Cathedral, where the principal event of the outing was soon under weigh.

After three hours and fourteen minutes, the bells rolled home, no word having been spoken beyond the necessary calls.

With only an hour remaining before entraining for the one hundred and seventy-five mile homeward journey, it was only possible for the band to obtain light refreshments before getting to the station. Dinner was served on the train.

In bidding 'Good-bye' to all their Derry friends, the president of the visiting society (Mr. R. S. F. Murphy) asked the Dean to accept, for the belfry, a framed photo of the members of St. Patrick's Society who visited Derry and rang for the opening of the bells. He also thanked them all for their kind co-operation in making their present visit such a success.

The Dean, in accepting the photo, congratulated the ringers on their peal, and wished them a safe return.

The Dublin ringers desire, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to tender their thanks for all the kindness they experienced on their visit.

THE SPLICING OF PLAIN METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I fear that the third item in your Sunday service touches column of March 21st is slightly misleading. If I had known this extent would be rung, I should have explained to Mr. Relfe before he sent you his report.

The methods, Double Oxford and St. Clement's, have the relationship described on page 14 of 'Method Splicing' in the seventh paragraph below the heading 'Plain Methods.' They can therefore be spliced in blocks of 30 leads, the methods being changed at the Singles, and have probably been rung thus.

The novelty of the Lambethurst 720 lies in the manner in which the methods have been spliced, in 3-lead blocks, irrespective of the Singles. The figures of a typical 720 are given:—

23456 Double Oxford.
42635 St. Clement's.
64523 St. Clement's.
56342 Double Oxford.
— 23564 Double Oxford.
— 45236 Double Oxford.
24653 St. Clement's.
62345 St. Clement's.
36524 Double Oxford.
— 45362 Double Oxford.

34256

Five times repeated, S. halfway and end.

Yours faithfully,

A. G. DRIVER.

THE BELLRINGERS' FAREWELL.

The following lines were inspired by seeing four ringers ring a course of Grandsire Triples over the open grave of the late Mr. F. A. Milne, president of the Middlesex County Association:—

The last word is said; the earth receives her dust.
There is an end of him we knew.
We wait by the open ground, under a careless sky,
And know that we and he are lost and separate.
Sad dust, there is no help for you, no gentle end
That we can make. Impotent, we depart,
With no farewell.

Four-square the ringers stand,
Look down, then lift their bells in salutation
To peal sweet tunes about your earthy bed,
That fall on you and mount to us, and are carried
High in the wind, then drop to you again,
To silence. The ringers stand,
Look down. 'Friend, was it well done?'
They go, with muted bells and lowered faces.
And we go too,
Our tread an echo of your requiem.

MARGARET BURNE.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM DISTRICT MEETING.

A successful meeting of the Farnham District was held at Frensham on Saturday, when about 40 members and friends attended from Aldershot, Ash, Farnham, Frensham, Hawley, Seale, Ottershaw and Woking. Ringing commenced at three o'clock, and, later, the Guild service was conducted by the Vicar of Frensham (Rev. M. C. H. Collet, R.D.), Mr. T. A. Stroud, a member of the local band of ringers presiding at the organ. Tea and business meeting in the Village Hall followed, and, in the absence of the Vicar, Admiral T. P. Walker took the chair. Five new members were elected, viz., Messrs. Case and Ackerman (ringing members), Mr. W. Bolton, of the Llandaff Association (compounding member), and Mrs. C. Edwards and the Rev. M. C. H. Collet (honorary members). Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, the ladies in charge of the tea arrangements, and to Admiral Walker for presiding.

The tower was revisited at the close of the business meeting, and the bells kept going until 8.30 p.m. The methods rung ranged from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
CHELTENHAM BRANCH.

The spring meeting of the Cheltenham Branch was held at Badgeworth on Saturday, March 15th, and was well attended despite the very heavy rain. This nice ring of six bells was kept going during the afternoon and evening. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Wm. Downes), with Mr. George Cox at the organ and a full choir.

After service all adjourned to the Village Hall, where the members were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd, who, together with their helpers, had arranged a nice tea.

The business meeting followed, with the Vicar in the chair, supported by the Master (Rev. E. S. Saleby), Canon F. W. Sears, Mr. and Mrs. F. Clements and some 35 members representative of the towers in the branch.

The Vicar heartily welcomed the members to his parish, and said he had a lot to thank the secretary for.

One honorary and three performing members were elected, and Dumbleton was chosen for the summer meeting in June.

The Master then fully explained Rule XIV., and it was decided to support the executive with reference to the association's re-affiliation to the Central Council.

Mr. and Mrs. Sheppard were heartily thanked for their kind hospitality, the Vicar for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, and all who had helped so freely. This concluded the business.

5,152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY T. B. WORSLEY.

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In this peal, first rung at Eccles, Lancs, on January 25th, 1930, conducted by E. Jenkins, neither the 2nd nor 3rd ever strikes over the tenor behind.

OVER, CAMBS.—On Monday, March 10th, at the Parish Church, for practice, a 720 of Norwich Surprise Minor: D. Adams 1, F. C. Ginn (first in method) 2, F. Warrington (conductor) 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, A. J. Ginn 5, C. Robinson 6. Also 720 Bob Minor: R. Robinson 1, D. Adams 2, B. Wayman 3, C. Robinson 4, F. G. Gleaves (conductor) 5, F. C. Ginn 6.

ONE ROUND BLOCK—OR SEVEN?

To the Editor.

Sir,—This problem has been explained to a noted Irish wag, who gave his judgment thus:—

—'Hedad, now, and aren't there two New Year's Days in ivery year—one at the beginning and one at the end? Thin, in seven years, begorra, there must be fourteen New Year's Days!'

Mr. James will agree that Paddy's opinion was the correct one. It was, in effect, precisely what Mr. James wrote in your columns on March 21st.—Yours, etc.,

THE MAD HATTER.

PEALS AT QUEX PARK.

Two peals, recorded in another column, were rung on the twelve bells at Quex Park, Kent, on Saturday and Sunday week. They were organised by Mr. F. E. Dawe, and the peal of Stedman Cinques on Sunday was a birthday compliment to him. The band, who are indebted to Mr. Graham, agent of Major Powell-Cotton, for granting them the use of the bells, spent a pleasant week-end, and in addition to their double success in the tower, were able to inspect the wonderful natural history museum in the park, thanks to the kindness of the curator, Mr. Pinfold. On Sunday, Mr. Dawe entertained the band to lunch, and received their congratulations upon his birthday.

MR. H. MARKWELL'S 100 PEALS.

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| Stedman Triples | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 24 |
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| Bob Major | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Kent Treble Bob Major | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 15 |
| Kent Treble Bob Royal | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| Oxford Treble Bob Major | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Duffield Major | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Double Norwich Major | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 12 |
| Superlative Surprise Major | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 27 |
| Cambridge Surprise Major | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5 |
| Cambridge Surprise Royal (on treble) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |

BOTTESFORD.—At St. Mary's Church, on Monday, March 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandshire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: F. Goodson 1, M. Bend 2, J. R. Jackson 3, C. F. Briggs 4, A. W. Ward (conductor) 5, J. H. Branston 6, L. J. Abbott 7, E. Slater 8. First quarter-peal of Triples by F. Goodson. Specially rung for Confirmation service conducted by the Lord Bishop of Leicester.

FELKIRK'S RECORD

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was very pleased to read your editorial re the Felkirk record of 253 720's and methods. I had the pleasure of congratulating them publicly at a meeting of the Barnsley and District Society held at Wuth-on-Dearne, and I am glad to say details of the record will be inserted in the society's minutes. This record may be beaten, but the band which sets out to beat it will be busy. I had the pleasure of conducting a good many of the 197 720's sung by the Wuth-on-Dearne band in 1927, and I can assure you that that band can ring Treble Bob Minor methods.

Seeing the reference in 'Belfry Gossip' re the 15,120 in 21 Treble Bob Minor methods rung at Waltham-on-Dearne in 1816 and still unbeaten, you may be interested to learn that a few years after I had learnt to ring a little I rang a short touch of Oxford Treble Bob Minor on handbells (one bell each) with the son of the conductor of that long peal and four others.

Round about the years 1908-1910 I got together six Treble Bob Minor ringers to practice with the intention of trying to ring 25 720's, i.e., 18,000, but several things happened to upset the project after we had got to the stage of ringing any of 50 or 60 methods. One ringer left the district, one left the earth and others were not available to fill their places at that period, but I still hope to have a shot at it when I can get the men and a suitable peal of bells, those at Wath-on-Dearne being quite out of the question now.

Also, please note, the record was made at Wath-on-Dearne, Yorkshire, not Wath (Yorks), which is a small town near Ripon, and which also has a peal of six bells.—Yours truly,

A. NASH.

President, Barnsley and District Society.

HIGH WYCOMBE RINGERS.

At the annual meeting of the High Wycombe belfry it was reported that the number of attendances made at Sunday and practice rings totalled 1,325. The officers were re-elected, viz.: President, the Vicar; foreman, Mr. Ralph Coles; deputy, Mr. George White; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. George Twichen. Mr. D. Boreham was elected a member of the belfry. A committee was formed to consider and revise the rules if necessary.

The annual outing was fixed for Whit Monday.

Thanks to officers for service rendered, to the Vicar for the hospitality of a first-class supper, and a discussion on other matters closed the meeting.

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**PICTURES OF CHURCH TOWERS FOR
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 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 bells of Cransley, near Kettering (an old ring of six by Bagley, all dated 1683), are to be broadcast at 7.55 p.m. on Sunday, March 30th. Until a fortnight ago, they had not been raised for seventeen years, when they were pronounced unsafe by a representative of a firm of bell founders, who inspected them, and they are, in ringers' language, a 'rough lot.' Two of them (treble and fourth) are cracked in the crown, but do not make their defect too plainly heard when rung. Under the circumstances, the band on Sunday may not be able to put up as good a performance as they would like to do.

Mr. James George has had a narrow escape from serious injury. On Monday week he was knocked down by a motor-car, near his home. Fortunately, the brakes of the car acted efficiently, and when Mr. George was pulled out from beneath the vehicle the only damage done was to his hat and clothes, although, of course, he was severely shaken. With his wonderful powers of recuperation, he quickly recovered, and on Saturday rang in a peal of Stedman Cinques at Walsall.

Owing to illness, the meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association at Long Stanton is postponed indefinitely.

Mr. George Pullinger, who has for some years ably filled the office of hon. secretary of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, has resigned office. Mr. F. W. Rogers, Portsmouth District secretary, is acting pro. tem.

A peal of 10,080 Grandsire Caters was rung at Fulham by the College Youths on March 29th, 1762.

At St. Michael Coslany, Norwich, a peal of 10,080 Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung on April 1st, 1727.

The first peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Dunstan's in the West, Fleet Street, London, was rung by the St. Dunstan's Society on April 1st, 1777. These bells are now seldom, if ever, rung.

On April 3rd, 1899, a peal of 15,072 Double Norwich Major was rung at Erith. At that time it was the longest length in the method. It was, however, exceeded by Kidlington peal less than two months later.

A peal of Grandsire Caters (the first on the bells) was rung on Saturday at St. Peter's, Brighton, on the anniversary of the first peal of Bristol Surprise Major rung in the same tower in 1901.

'THE RINGER'S DIRECTORY.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The Bristol United Ringing Guilds' Committee are anxious that the usefulness of 'The Ringer's Directory' shall continue, and they will issue free of cost to all subscribers on July 1st a leaflet showing 'Change of address.' If subscribers have changed their address, or know of any changed address, we should be grateful for a postcard containing the new address.

The committee is anxious to obtain the co-operation of divisional representatives to assist them in their future compilations. Particulars as to nature of help can be obtained from me. Mr. James George has offered his services for Birmingham district, and this has been gratefully accepted.

EDGAR GUISE,

Hon. Secretary.

39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

SURREY ASSOCIATION'S JUBILEE. FIFTIETH ANNUAL MEETING.

This year the Surrey Association reaches its jubilee, having been formally constituted at a meeting held at Beddington on May 21st, 1880. The Rev. Canon Bridges, then Rector of Beddington, was the first chairman, and the Rev. A. S. W. Young, Vicar of Kingston-on-Thames, was elected hon. secretary. Growth was slow in those early days, and when the first report was published in 1883, there were but ten towers in union. The secretary was then Mr. A. W. B. Percival, of Wimbledon, and the Rev. A. S. W. Young was treasurer. On the committee were men whose names have been well known in the Exercise. Representing the hon. members were Dr. A. B. Carpenter, Capt. J. E. Acland-Troyte, Mr. E. F. Cole, Mr. C. E. Malin and the Rev. C. H. Richards. The representatives were Messrs. A. Bruce (Croydon), A. Garrett (Wimbledon), S. Greenwood (Streatham), G. Pell, J. W. Trappitt (Beddington), and J. Wright (Kingston).

On Saturday, the fiftieth annual meeting was held at Beddington, and over a hundred members were present. The bells at the Parish Church were utilised throughout the afternoon, and the Rector of Beddington (Rev. E. V. Bond), whose wife is granddaughter of Canon Bridges, conducted the service. In this connection it is interesting to note that two visiting ringers on this occasion also claim relationship with the principal founder of the association, viz., Major John H. Bridges Hesse (who is Master of the Guildford Diocesan Guild) and Dr. Taylor (of Sevenoaks).



BEDDINGTON CHURCH.

The 'Mother' tower of the Surrey Association.

The following affiliated towers were represented: Ashted, Banstead, Beddington, Buckland, Burstow, St. John's and St. Peter's, Croydon, Ewell, Horley, Kingswood, Leatherhead, Limpsfield Chart, Mersham, St. Peter's and Christ Church, Mitcham, Redhill, Reigate, and St. Leonard's, Streatham. There were also members from Chislehurst, Hendon, Hillingdon, Norwich, Penge, Poole, Guildford, Woking and London, and among the visitors was Mr. George Dent, of Harlow Common.

The service was taken from the Ringers' Manual, and the Rector preached from the words, 'Walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called' (Ephesians iv. 1). After extending a welcome to the association, he remarked upon the fittingness of holding the meeting in the jubilee year at Beddington, and referred to the foundation of the association fifty years ago, and the objects for which it was formed. In those days, he said, abuses of the belfry were common, and drinking, gambling and smoking were often carried on in them, while in many towers the only ringing consisted of rounds or call changes. It was to counteract these abuses and to promote the art of change ringing that the great associations were formed. Method ringing required study and practice, a clear head, close concentration, thought and intelligence, and it involved a sacrifice of time and even of money. It also required the old Christian characteristics of patience

and thoroughness. It brought together all classes of people, who united in one fraternity, giving their services to God and the Church. The bells had a message to those outside, and, if the bells had a message, then the ringers were the preachers. Let them, therefore, walk worthy in their vocation; let them do their ringing to the glory of God. There was a danger in thinking too much of practice as an aid to peal ringing, but if they had behind their mind that the object of their practice was to ring the bells better on Sunday, then all would be well. Let them aim high, but let them remember that, as in their ringing they set an example of endurance, patience and reverence, in their daily life they should set an example of true Christian men.

AN ASSOCIATION CERTIFICATE.

After tea, at the Harvest Home Hotel, the business meeting was held, presided over by the Master (Mr. D. Kenneth C. Birt), who at the outset reminded the members that that was the fiftieth annual meeting, and quoted from the first report of the association, which, after referring to the ten peals rung in the first three years, expressed the conviction that not only would the performances increase in numbers, but that they would also grow in variety. That anticipation, said Mr. Birt, had been abundantly fulfilled in the years that had followed.

Mr. C. Dean, as hon. treasurer, presented the financial statement, which showed that the year began with £29 1s. 5d. in hand. The receipts included £3 8s. from the Southern District, £4 19s. 6d. from the North-Western District, £2 2s. from one life hon. member, and £3 5s. from 13 compounding members. The subscriptions were received from 110 ringing and 4 hon. members in the Southern District, and from 142 members in the North-West District. The expenses, including £19 10s. for printing the annual report, amounted to £23 19s. 1d., leaving a balance in hand of £18 3s. 4d., a reduction of nearly £11 on the year.—The report was adopted, with thanks to the treasurer.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. H. Kippin) read the committee's report, which stated that 22 peals had been rung by the association in 1929. Four ringing members and an hon. member had been lost by death. In the North-Western District five meetings had been held with an average attendance of 30, and two successful joint meetings with the Guildford Diocesan Guild. There were 109 members attached to 15 towers and 34 unattached. There were 13 towers with 114 members in the Southern District.

An important part of the report dealt with the committee's recommendations as to a new certificate of membership. A design was submitted, and it was recommended that this should be accepted; that a stone be produced and 300 copies printed at a cost of £23 10s., and that members be charged 1s. per copy. The stone would be the property of the association, and further copies could be produced at £1 1s. per 100.

The design was passed round, but several speakers considered that it was not good enough, and Mr. Housden asked if they could not have an alternative design.

The Chairman said the committee had been to some extent tied in their choice of design by a resolution passed two years ago at the meeting at Leatherhead, when it was resolved that the new design should follow the old certificate as nearly as possible. The committee themselves did not like the design, but they felt bound to act upon the instructions given them. The designers had gone to a great deal of trouble to make the most they could of it within these limits.

After considerable discussion, a motion to refer back this part of the report was defeated, and eventually the design and the committee's recommendations were approved.

The remainder of the report was also adopted.

PEAL BOOKING FEES.

The Hon. Secretary moved a resolution to delete rule 21, under which a booking fee of 3d. per rope is charged for peals. He said this rule was introduced when the association was in financial difficulties in order to assist in meeting the cost of printing the annual report. At the present time they were in a better position, and as it was felt the rule penalised peal ringers it was thought they should get rid of the rule as soon as possible.

Mr. M. Northover expressed the opinion that the time was not yet ripe to delete the rule entirely. He agreed that it had its disadvantages, especially in the case of ringers who rang peals for the benefit of young hands. A suggestion that had been carried practically unanimously in the Southern District was a compromise, and he moved that the booking fees be paid by the districts for each ringer after his first three peals.

The difficulties of carrying this out were pointed out by the hon. secretary, and on a vote being taken the amendment was lost by a large majority.

Mr. Northover then said they ought to think carefully before they decided to do away entirely with this source of income. He thought it was too soon, in view of their other commitments.

It was elicited that the amount received from booking fees last year was £1 19s. 6d.

A member asked if 3d. would stop anyone standing in a peal?

The Hon. Secretary replied that he was sure of it. They would ring peals for another association.

On being put to the vote, the motion to delete the rule was defeated by a large majority.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE MEETING AT CHELMSFORD.

The third session of the thirteenth Council (37th annual meeting) was held in the Cathedral Hall, Chelmsford, on Whitsun Tuesday, May 21st, at 11 a.m.

COUNCIL MEETING.

There were present at the general meeting 78 members (32 guilds and associations being represented).

The chair was taken by the president, who opened the meeting with prayer.

In the unavoidable absence of the Bishop of Chelmsford, the Council was welcomed by Canon Morrow, Sub-Dean and Rector of Chelmsford, and by the Mayor.

Canon Morrow, on behalf of the Church, expressed his appreciation of the work done by the Council, and the high level to which the whole idea of ringing had been brought during the last twenty or thirty years.

The Mayor, on behalf of the city, gave the Council a hearty welcome to what he described as one of the most beautiful of English counties.

The President then thanked the Canon and the Mayor, and the Council proceeded to discuss the business upon the agenda.

The minutes of the last meeting having been published, were taken as read, and duly confirmed and signed.

Apologies for absence for received from the Revs. C. D. P. Davies, A. J. Beeston, H. S. T. Richardson, F. J. O. Helmore, Canon Elsee, E. W. Carpenter, C. C. Marshall, Messrs. J. W. Parker, J. Cotterill, P. J. Johnson, J. S. Pritchett, A. Padden-Smith, H. Knight, E. H. Lewis, H. Haigh, W. Barton, W. Ayre, J. Clark, J. D. Matthews, T. H. Taffender and H. G. Fretwell.

Several of the above were incapacitated by illness, especially the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and a sympathetic reference was made of the fact by the president.

ACCOUNTS.

The hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. E. Alex. Young, presented the financial statement, which showed that the year began with a balance at the bank of £26 15s. 6d., and that the balance, after the receipts (which included £5 5s. for the broadcast lecture), and expenditure of the year had been dealt with, was £31 19s. 6d. There was also £100 (nominal) on deposit.

The accounts were adopted on the motion of Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Hughes.

The Hon. Secretary stated that they would hear with regret that the Gloucester and Bristol Association (one of the founders of the Council) had seceded, but two other associations had joined, viz., the Oxford University Guild and the St. Clement's Youths, London.

The Hon. Librarian, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, then read his statement, saying that the amount realised on the sale of publications during the past year was £6 5s. 3d., that is one pound in excess of the previous year, due to the 'on sale or return' agents. He stated that he had received the last instalment of the 'Treble Bob Peals Collection,' most ably typed by Mrs. Fletcher. During the year he had received numerous applications for publications which were now out of print, through members not consulting the Council's weekly advertisements. He had sent the Heywood MSS. to Mr. Trollope. The Hon. Secretary said that he had inspected some of the MSS. with Mr. Trollope, and they had concluded to recommend that the papers be sorted, put into covers and docketed and returned to the library for future use.

Mr. Trollope, in agreeing with the previous speaker, said that though many of the connecting links of the correspondence were missing, it was possible that the papers might be deemed useful in subsequent years.

On the motion of the President, the report was adopted, and the Council decided that the book, 'On the Preservation of Bells, etc.,' should be revised before being republished.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

The following hon. members being due to retire, viz., Mrs. Edwards, Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Mr. Jas. George, and Mr. H. W. Wilde, the President said that the Standing Committee had recommended the election of Mr. W. A. Cave in place of Mrs. Edwards.

Mr. J. Hunt then proposed the election of Mr. Cave, as hon. member of the Council, which was seconded by the Rev. E. S. Powell, and, on the motion of the President, the remaining three outgoing members were re-elected.

The new members attending for the first time were then introduced to and welcomed by the president.

The Hon. Secretary then 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.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Hon. Secretary reported that the committee proposed that a letter of congratulation on his recovery from serious illness be sent to the King, after the day of thanksgiving, and also particulars of the peals rung in celebration of the event.—This was unanimously endorsed by the Council.

'ROLL OF HONOUR.'

The Hon. Secretary stated that this book had been brought up to date (as they would observe).

CARTER'S RINGING MACHINE.

He further reported that fair progress in reconditioning the machine had been made, and he hoped at the next meeting to report that it had been completed.

TRAVELLING FACILITIES.

He informed the Council that they had received a revised offer, based on 100 persons using the tickets, and that it was deemed advisable to postpone acceptance until next year's meeting.

PEAL COLLECTION COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Fletcher 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. The report was accepted.

LITERATURE AND PRESS COMMITTEE.

Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, who reported for the committee, said that the year had been remarkable for several good and sympathetic articles on bells, and for the publication of 'Bells Through the Ages'—a great addition to our literature.

He referred to the necessity of keeping a watchful eye in the case of any proposal being brought before Parliament for the prevention of noises, which might include a reference to bells.

The President praised the report, and on his motion it was adopted.

SUB-COMMITTEE.

Sub-Committee.—Mr. E. W. Elwell reported that they had revised the 'Rules for a Local Company,' which they suggested should be published at a cost not exceeding £5, for sale at 6d. per copy. On the motion of the President, the report was adopted.

METHODS COMMITTEE.

Rev. H. Law James, in presenting this committee's report, reminded the Council that they were authorised to publish a new edition of the Minor Methods, but, in view of the controversial issues involved, they had thought it wiser to defer publication until now, when they were prepared to publish a complete book containing the whole of the information which had gradually been gathered together.

Mr. Trollope, in seconding, reminded the Council of the long services of this committee of thirty years' standing, and its undoubted experience. He reviewed the differences of opinion which obtained as to what should be included in the book, or otherwise, and strongly urged the Council to pass the list of compositions as published, and, referring to the arrangements of Morris, Pitman and Bankes James, he advocated that they also should be included in the work.

Mr. W. Willson spoke strongly against the adoption of the report, and proposed that it be deferred back for the deletion of the Morris and Pitman Doubles, the London Minor and the Cambridge Surprise Minor, and Mr. Jas. George formally seconded.

Considerable discussion then ensued, Mr. Coles submitting that much of the argument might be deferred until resolution No. 7 was reached, a view supported by Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake. The Hon. Secretary here interpolated the remark that the compositions might be put into an appendix.

After further remarks by Messrs. Pulling and Cave, the latter proposed that the disputed peals be put in as an appendix to the book.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith protested against the committee publishing the compositions in question, and maintained that the Council's book, when published, should serve practical uses only, and should not include anything merely for historical purposes. He further remarked that, whilst he was not prepared to say that the Bankes James' Cambridge Minor was false, he hoped that the other compositions in dispute would be excluded from the publication.

At this point the Council adjourned for lunch.

After the adjournment, Mr. Pulling suggested that the disputed compositions should be inserted with a footnote that they were not to be rung in peals, whereupon Mr. Coles, on a point of order, asked whether this was not prejudicing Motion No. 7, and the President concurred.

Mr. James Hunt objected to the disputed peals being included in the book, and Mr. H. W. Wilde supported him.

Rev. E. S. Powell, as a member of the Methods Committee, then further explained its views. He suggested that the distinction as to truth which critics of the Methods Committee had tried to draw between various compositions in question was illogical and false. The value of these productions for peal purposes could only be judged by practical experience in the belfry.

Mr. Willson's motion was then taken as an amendment, and after two counts was declared carried by 30 votes to 29.

It was then put by the president as a substantive motion, with the addition of the words, 'because they are all hopelessly false,' which, however, was declared as lost.

A deadlock having arisen, it was, after some discussion, proposed by Mr. W. A. Cave and seconded by Mr. C. Mee, that these peals should be inserted as an appendix under the heading, 'The insertion of these compositions does not commit anybody to the opinion that they are suitable to peal ringing.'

This was carried by 44 votes to 3, and the report adopted accordingly.

PEALS ANALYSIS COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Fletcher formally moved the adoption of the report for this committee, its analysis having already been published, which was seconded by Mr. Geo. Williams and adopted.

The Hon. Secretary then said he regretted to say that Mr. J. W. Parker and Rev. A. T. Beeston had withdrawn from the committee. Mr. J. S. Goldsmith proposed, and Rev. E. S. Powell seconded, that Mr. Jas. George and Mr. Geo. R. Pye be elected to fill the vacancies on the committee. This was carried unanimously.

The report was adopted, and the President, on behalf of the Council, thanked Mrs. Fletcher and Mr. Parker for the enormous amount of work they had done in connection with the interesting report.

TOWERS AND BELFRIES.

Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn reported for this committee. He referred to the report, which had already been published, on belfry acoustics, a subject which he thought deserved serious attention. He moved that the committee's report be adopted. Mr. E. M. Atkins, asking whether anything further had been done regarding the welding of bells, Mr. C. J. Sedgely stated that one at Ipswich had been so treated most satisfactorily.

Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn suggested that the committee should undertake the revision of the book on the preservation of bells. This addition to the report being seconded by Major Hesse, it was adopted and the committee authorised to do the above-mentioned work.

RECORDS COMMITTEE.

Mr. T. H. Beams reported for this committee, and read a list of the first peals and new methods and progressive lengths in others which had been rung since the last report. On the motion of the President, the report was duly adopted.

LEGAL LIABILITY.

Mr. F. A. Milne read an interesting and valuable report dealing with the rights, privileges and liabilities of all those having to do with church bells. After a short discussion, the President said that the Council were very grateful to the members of the committee for their valuable report, which, on his motion, was then adopted.

'BROADCASTING' COMMITTEE.

Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, reporting for the committee, said that the 'talk' on bellringing given on September 19th, 1929, had proved an unqualified success, and he had received many letters from different parts of the country in confirmation of this.

The President said the thanks of the Exercise would be accorded to Mr. Edwards and the ringers who had assisted him, and on his motion the report was adopted.

MOTIONS.

The Council then proceeded to discuss the motions on the agenda.

Mr. R. Whittington moved, and Mr. A. H. Pulling seconded, 'That this Council will not recognise as a peal of Minor or Doubles any compositions in which the bells do not strike in 720 or 120 different orders respectively, before beginning the next 720 or 120,' these members, in briefly asking the Council to support their motion, explained that it was to reinforce the decision passed by the Council at Hereford the year before, and that they desired to emphasise that in both cases referred to the changes should start from and finish at rounds.'

After Rev. E. S. Powell had suggested that the motion could be made more acceptable in its terms, Mr. J. Hunt raised the point as to the actual meaning of the resolution passed at Hereford, following upon which the Rev. E. S. Powell then moved the following amendment: '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,"' and said that he deprecated proceeding any further than the Hereford decision (certainly for a year or two), in order that the pros and cons could be better appreciated. Mr. F. W. Perrius seconded this.

Rev. H. Law James in endeavouring to clear up the position, which was becoming somewhat obscured, then illustrated his views upon the nature of a 'round block' by reference to the clock hanging beside them on the wall, dividing its figures into six divisions, starting at 12 o'clock, or 'rounds,' and proceeding clockwise with the changes until they finished at 12 o'clock with the same 'rounds,' claiming that those at the end were those at the beginning. After considerable further discussion, in which he, the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, and Messrs. W. Wilson, W. A. Cave, and C. T. Coles took part, Mr. R. Whittington then said that he and his seconder were prepared to withdraw their motion and support the amendment. The withdrawal being agreed, Mr. J. A. Trollope then pointed out that the passing of the amendment, which had now become the resolution, would exclude the Bankes James Cambridge which, he thought, many would deem undesirable. There was evidently a wide difference of opinion indeed. It might be better to leave the Hereford resolution as it stood.

Rev. F. Ll. Edwards then 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,' and Mr. C. T. Coles seconded.

After a few further remarks, this amendment was put to the meeting and carried by 34 votes to 24; and, on being put as a substantive motion, the President declared it carried by a large majority. The whole question thus remained to be discussed at some future meeting.

(The discussion, with that on the methods report, occupied several hours.)

In the absence of Mr. E. W. Elwell, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn moved, '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. J. Hunt deprecated the idea that hon. members, who came there at their own expense, be penalised, and moved that the portion of the motion relating to hon. members be deleted. The amendment, seconded by Mr. A. H. Pulling, was carried by a large majority. There was, however, no discussion regarding the increase of affiliation fees of associations from 2s. 6d. to 5s. per annum, and the motion, as amended, on being put to the meeting, was carried by 44 votes to 6.

Mr. Drake proposed that '(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.'

The proposer said that he recognised that the Council had already circularised these committees within recent years, but his present motion was that each association be urged to themselves secure the election of someone to the advisory committees. It was an expert ringer that was required in such a case, and he hoped that his motion would be carried. Further, also, that the members would see that their associations put forward ringers as candidates for the Councils, and so on, to the conferences, and then the Church Assembly. Mr. C. J. Sedgely seconded. Mr. C. H. Howard, in supporting the motion, emphasised the fact that a committee member was much stronger than a mere consultant, as he knew from his own experience on the Diocesan Advisory Board at Chelmsford. He said that it was for the associations to approach their Bishops to obtain nomination to these boards. From remarks of subsequent speakers, it appeared that consulting members of these boards were not always invited to attend the meetings, even when their services might have proved useful. But the Rev. H. Law James, speaking to the contrary, said that he was supplied by the Board at Lincoln with all papers connected with bells, and his advice was always faithfully followed. The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn stated that he, too, had had much the same experience.

The proposer, having replied to some of the points which had been raised, the motion was then carried.

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.'

The proposer having explained his motion, and Mr. C. T. Coles having seconded, it was carried without further discussion.

In the absence of Mr. W. Ayre (through illness), Mr. E. A. Young proposed, '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.'

This was seconded by Mr. Jas. George, and, after some discussion, for and against, the motion, on being put, was lost by a very large majority, it being felt that any scheme of this kind should be dealt with by the individual associations.

The President then referred to the next item on the agenda, which was to fix the place of next year's London meeting. The Hon. Secretary stated that he had approached the Archbishop of Canterbury with a view to meeting at Lambeth Palace, and whilst he was speaking a telegram was received from the chaplain saying that, subject to no unforeseen occurrences, the Archbishop was only too pleased to place a room at their disposal and to welcome the Council personally if possible. The procedure was left with the hon. secretary.

This finished the business on the Council's agenda. But Mr. Jas. George then suggested that the Council should issue a book containing the names and addresses of all ringers.

The President, however, stated that this was out of order, and that it should be brought up by way of a resolution to be discussed next year.

Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn proposed, and Mr. T. Faulkner seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding that day. Both speakers feelingly referred to the severe illness from which the president had now providentially recovered, and the vote was carried with applause.

The President, having expressed his thanks for their kindness that day and during his late illness, then proposed a vote of thanks to the Mayor and to the Sub-Dean of Chelmsford, and to Mr. C. H. Howard and the Essex Association (whose jubilee had been celebrated the day before) for their kindly welcome of the Council on its visit to Chelmsford, which was carried, and the meeting concluded at about five o'clock.

'USEFUL STATISTICS.' THE BELLS OF LEICESTERSHIRE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Your leader on 'Useful Statistics' was very appropriate, and—could it be done—such a scheme would prove very useful and illuminating. The difficulty, however, is with the outlying country districts, where one often finds enthusiastic bands of ringers—not always change ringers—but who are outside the pale of Association or Guild activities. Again, in many towers, ringing flourishes for a time, then wanes. Some leader springs into being and revives it once more, and after his departure things go back again.

The following is a complete list of the 'rings' of bells in the Leicester Diocese up to the end of 1927, of which I have a complete history and inscriptions of all possible, having revised, corrected and augmented the late T. North's book on the county:—

| | Towers. | Bells. |
|-----------------|---------|--------|
| Single bells | 84 | 84 |
| Rings of two | 28 | 56 |
| Rings of three | 71 | 213 |
| Rings of four | 25 | 100 |
| Rings of five | 50 | 250 |
| Rings of six | 41 | 246 |
| Rings of eight | 33 | 264 |
| Rings of ten | 3 | 30 |
| Rings of twelve | 1 | 12 |

Total bells ... 1,255

There are also three sets of eight tubular 'bells'. Of the above, 24 are prior to the date of 1500; 90 from 1500-1600; 304 from 1600-1700; 231 from 1700-1800; 257 from 1800-1900; and remainder after 1900.

Personally, I had the ambition to ring a peal of 5,000 on all possible church bells of five and upwards in the diocese, and up to the present have secured 114.

Since 1927, Croft three have been augmented to six, Enderby five made eight, St. John's, Leicester, eight made ten, and, lastly, Claybrooke four made eight, thus adding 12 more bells.

While, writing, I should be grateful if you would kindly mention that my great work, 'The History of the Art of Change Ringing,' is now being printed, and will shortly be published by Messrs. Chapman and Hall, Ltd., of London. The Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, president of the Central Council of Bellringers, has kindly written a 'Foreword,' and in the book I have endeavoured to show all phases of our 'art and science.' I herewith thank all those friends who so kindly contributed data and illustrations—too numerous to mention individually—and trust all will do their best to support this work, which is the first of its kind.—Yours sincerely,

ERNEST MORRIS.

24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

A CHANCE FOR THE SEPTUAGENARIANS.

At St. Mary's Church, Farnham Royal, on Saturday, March 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. by Messrs. Dowling, Parker, Smith, Knight, Batten, Bateman, Henley and Harris, as a compliment to the conductor on his 77th birthday. Touches of Oxford Bob and Stedman Triples followed, in which others took part, and all joined in wishing the steeplekeeper 'many of 'em' at the Duke's Head. Edwin Barnett composed the 'quarter,' and Joseph Parker called it, and was 'not out.'

There is an octave of septuagenarians living who should try their fortune in a peal attempt with a record for combined ages.

DATE TOUCHES.

At Middleton, Lancashire, on Monday, a date touch of Bob Major (1,930 changes) was rung in 1 hour 6 mins.: J. Hollow 1, Wm. Berry (composer and conductor) 2, James Jacques 3, T. K. Driver 4, Harry Bastow 5, Tom G. Ogden 6, James H. Bastow 7, Robert Thickett 8.

On Sunday last, eight members of the Essex Association met at St. Michael's Church, Kirby-le-Soken, and rang for morning service a date touch of Bob Minor, with 6-8 covering in 1 hr. 10 mins., the 1,930 changes comprising two 720's and 490, each called differently: W. Southgate 1, U. Wildney 2, H. Jones 3, E. Durrant 4, H. A. Wright 5, E. Davey 6, M. J. Ling (conductor) 7, A. J. Clarke 8. This is the longest length by Messrs. Southgate, Jones and Clarke, also M. J. Ling's longest length as conductor. All belong to the local company of Sunday service ringers except Messrs. Wright, Davey and Durrant, who are from Clacton-on-Sea, Little Clacton and Thorpe-le-Soken, respectively.

MUFFLED BELLS

On Saturday, March 22nd, at Great St. Mary's Church, Cambridge, with the bells half-muffled, to the memory of the late Lord Balfour, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Faux 1, A. T. Chenery 2, J. W. Ward 3, C. Smith 4, H. J. Hazell (conductor) 5, A. G. Rivers 6, T. R. Dennis 7, P. Taylor 8.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LONDON.—At St. George's-in-the-East, on Sunday evening, March 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: *E. Butler 1, *A. Barratt 2, *H. Rowe 3, *J. Prior 4, W. Glover (conductor) 5, J. Warneken 6, *S. Kelly 7, *H. Ball 8. *First quarter of Triples.

HOLBORN.—On Sunday, March 23rd, for evening service a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: H. C. Halford 1, C. J. Choct 2, W. J. Norton 3, R. W. Green 4, E. Brett 5, A. C. Darnell 6, G. B. Cole (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, J. S. Hawkins 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. A. Hughes.

BRAINTREE.—On Sunday, March 23rd, for divine service, at the Parish Church, 576 Cambridge Surprise Major: S. Warne 1, H. E. Hammond 2, B. Redgwell 3, H. C. Reason 4, C. H. Howard 5, A. Wiffen 6, L. W. Wiffen (conductor) 7, W. H. Hammond 8. Also 576 Superlative Surprise Major and a course of Bristol Surprise Major: S. Warne 1, G. Wiffen 2, C. H. Howard 3, H. E. Hammond 4, F. Ely 5, A. Wiffen 6, L. W. Wiffen (conductor) 7, H. C. Reason 8. First course of Bristol by an entirely local band.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.—On Sunday, March 23rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,263 changes): C. F. Andrews (conductor) 1, Charles Butcher 2, J. Bibby 3, S. J. Hector 4, W. Loud 5, W. Baxter 6, J. Francis 7, C. Reason 8, N. V. Andrews 9, A. Stokes 10. Longest length in the method by ringers of 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, also by the local band.

HAYES, KENT.—On Sunday, March 23rd, for morning service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: G. Harwood 1, H. Reader (conductor) 2, J. Hack 3, O. Gilbey 4, H. Brown 5, F. Keech 6. For evening service, 720 London Surprise Minor (21 bobs): H. Reader 1, F. Keech 2, J. Hack 3, O. Gilbey (conductor) 4, H. Brown 5, J. Brown 6.

ASHTED.—For evening service, on March 23rd, 576 London, 224 Superlative, 324 Double Norwich, and 84 Stedman Triples: J. Hoyle, G. Cook, W. Cook, A. Smith, Miss I. Hastie, G. Marriner, G. Smart, W. Newbury, A. Harman and A. Dean.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, March 23rd, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: F. Cattermoul 1, W. Godfrey 2, W. F. Ellingham (conductor) 3, W. Stevens 4, H. C. Chandler 5, C. S. Bird 6, W. Lewis 7, F. Fuller 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of treble and tenor. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

SPALDING, Lincs.—For evening service, March 23rd, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major, at Spalding Parish Church: A. J. Farr 1, J. T. Brown 2, J. E. Lilley 3, G. Simpson 4, S. Maddison 5, R. Mackman 6, J. G. Ames 7, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 8. J. E. and C. R. Lilley are from Congresbury, Somerset.

CHESTER.—At St. Mary's-without-the-Walls, for evening service, on March 23rd, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major (1,232 changes) in 50 mins.: H. Lewis 1, J. Hayes 2, M. Harris 3, J. Swindley 4, W. Seance 5, G. Gerrard 6, P. Swindley 7, Sam Jones, jun. (conductor) 8. Longest length in the method by 1, 3 and 6.

READING, BERKS.—On Sunday, March 16th, for morning service, at St. Lawrence's, two courses of Stedman Caters and 503 Grandsire Caters: R. P. Hibbert 1, Miss D. Blencowe 2, Miss N. Belcher 3, S. Lodge 4, Miss P. Holloway 5, A. Sweetzer 6, L. Sadler 7, W. Hensley 8, S. Davis 9, E. Foster 10. And for evensong, 1,259 Grandsire Caters in 55 mins.: G. Holloway 1, Miss D. Blencowe 2, Miss N. Belcher 3, S. Davis 4, Miss P. Holloway 5, A. Sweetzer 6, R. T. Hibbert (conductor) 7, W. Hensley 8, E. G. Foster 9, L. Sadler 10. This was rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 3rd and 5th. It is worthy of note that the first course of Grandsire Cinques ever rung in the county on tower bells was creditably scored on Friday, February 28th: R. T. Hibbert 1, G. Holloway 2, Miss V. Robinson 3, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn 4, Miss N. Belcher 5, S. Lodge 6, Miss P. Holloway 7, C. G. Watts 8, H. Smith 9, W. Hensley 10, P. Dyke 11, E. G. Foster 12. Much water has flowed under the bridges since the previous quarter-peal rung by service ringers in this tower.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—For evening service, on March 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,296 changes) by members of the S. Nicolas' Society, all being service ringers: A. Collier 1, F. Radford 2, E. Radford 3, E. Etheridge 4, Mrs. C. Hazelden 5, W. W. Thorne 6, G. Tompsett 7, C. Hazelden 5, S. Radford (conductor) 9, R. Radford 10.

GREAT BARR.—On Sunday, March 16th, at St. Margaret's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,272 changes) in 44 mins.: G. Merriman 1, Miss E. M. Ludlow 2, R. C. Ingram (conductor) 3, E. Terry 4, J. R. Terry 5, W. Terry 6. Rung on the occasions of the 79th birthday of Mr. W. Merriman, father of the treble ringer, and the 82nd birthday of Mr. W. Cooper, the towerkeeper of Perry Barr.

MARKET DRAYTON.—On Sunday, March 16th, at St. Mary's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins.: H. Nagington 1, H. Walker 2, W. J. Chesters 3, A. Hickman 4, J. Clarke 5, S. Hughes 6, W. Weatherby (conductor) 7, G. Hall 8.

MACCLESFIELD.—On Sunday, March 16th, at Christ Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: A. V. Rees 1, A. Challinor 2, W. Gayes (conductor) 3, G. L. Ronan 4, J. Tipper 5, W. Stevenson 6, J. Warth 7, J. Waumsley 8. Rung as a farewell to the curate (Rev. S. May) on his leaving the parish for Godley, near Hyde.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division. —The annual meeting will be held at Lightcliffe on Sat., March 29th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea at 1/3 per head. Subscriptions for 1929-30 are now due, and the Annual Reports may be had at this meeting. — F. Hutchinson. Dis. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry at Longstanton has been postponed indefinitely, owing to illness. — F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, March 29th. Bells at the Cathedral and S. Nicolas' Church 3 p.m. Service in the Cathedral 4.30 p.m. (preacher, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn). Tea and business meeting in Holy Trinity Parish Hall.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec.; Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Cary Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Babcary on Saturday, March 29th. Bells (6) at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Schoolroom 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.—E. Creed, 6, West Park, Castle Cary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. — A meeting will be held at St. Annes-on-Sea on Saturday, March 29th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. Owing to re-naming of streets by the Corporation, the address of the Fylde Branch Secretary has been changed to 118, Dickson Road, Blackpool.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Marlborough Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Everleigh on Saturday, March 29th. Bells available 2.30. Visitors requiring tea, kindly notify the secretary.—Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec., East Leaze, Baydon, Marlborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Deane, on Saturday, March 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at St. Albans on Saturday, March 29th, at the two 6-bell towers of St. Michael and St. Stephen. Meeting at St. Michael's at 2.45 p.m., St. Stephen's after tea.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec. North Mimms, Hatfield.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—A meeting will be held at Stanmore, Middlesex, on Saturday, March 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Short service at 5, followed by tea and meeting. All members are asked to support this meeting. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Sharnbrook on Saturday, March 29th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Good bus and train service. Visitors heartily welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Stagsden.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on April 1st, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 3rd (at 8 p.m.), St. Magnus' on the 10th and 24th, *St. Giles', Cripplegate, or the Coffee Pot, on the 29th (at 7.30 p.m.). *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general committee meeting will be held at Oxford in the Chapter House Ch. Ch., on Saturday, April 5th, at 3.15 p.m.—Richard T. Hibbert, General Secretary.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Cobham (6 bells) on Saturday, April 5th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. W. James, Home Cottages, Cobham, by Wednesday, April 2nd.—Alan R. Pink, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Northfield, near Birmingham, on Saturday, April 5th. Bells available at 3.30. Please notify not later than April 2nd. — T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Cuckfield on Saturday, April 5th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (1/-) in Parish Room. Please notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday previous to meeting if you intend to be present.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave St., Brighton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Poolstock on Saturday, April 5th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is requested. — James W. Grounds, Branch Sec. 8, School Lane, Standish.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting and an 8-bell contest at Heptonstall, near Hebden Bridge, on Saturday, April 5th. Draw 2.45 p.m. Will those who require tea please send not later than March 31st to L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. Philip's Church, Nelson, on Saturday, April 5th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions due.—F. Hindle, Hon. Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of the Southampton District will be held at Romsey on Saturday, April 5th. Bells at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea in Church Hall at 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea please notify me by April 1st.—W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Radcliffe-on-Trent (6 bells) on Saturday, April 5th. Bells ready from 3 p.m. Please bring your Minor Methods with you. All ringers welcome.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — West Norfolk Branch. — The quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Swaffham on Saturday, April 5th. Bells (8) available from 3 to 5 and 7 to 8.30. Tea and meeting in Parish Room at 5 p.m. (1s. per head). A postcard from those intending to come will be helpful.—W. J. Eldred, Dis. Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn, Norfolk.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Ealing, on Saturday, April 5th, not 12th, as on notices sent. Ringing from 3.30. Usual arrangements for tea, etc.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Cheddleton on Saturday, April 5th. Tea, at 5.30 p.m., will be provided for all who notify me not later than April 2nd.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec., 72, Station Road, Milton, Stoke-on-Trent.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Lilbourne on Saturday, April 5th. Usual arrangements.—R. Adams, East Haddon, Northants.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Old Warden on Saturday, April 5th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Melksham on Saturday, April 5th. Bells (8) ready at 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.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at Cresswell on Saturday, April 5th. Bells open early. For tea please advise Mr. L. W. Bacon, Thanet House, Elmtown Road, Cresswell. A hearty welcome to visitors.—H. Thorpe, Hon. Sec., 104, Petre Street, Sheffield.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—St. Clement Danes, Sunday, April 6th, at 10 a.m., Monday, April 7th (quarterly meeting), at 6.30 p.m., and the 21st at 7.30 p.m. St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 15th, at 8 p.m.—S. C. Moye, Gen. Sec.

SPRATTON, NORTHANTS.—Dedication on Tuesday, April 8th, at 6 p.m., of the peal of five, restored by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Penwortham on Saturday, April 12th. Bells available from 2.30. All ringers welcome.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Rd., Chorley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Boreham on Saturday, April 12th. Bells (8) available 2.30. A short service in church at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Those who intend being present for tea please notify me by Wednesday, April 9th.—A. E. Coombes, 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Merstham on Saturday, April 12th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea must notify me by Wednesday, April 9th.—A. J. Ball, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Easter Monday, April 21st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., tea and meeting following at the Institute. Those requiring tea kindly inform Mr. A. Dean, 24, Church Walk, Leatherhead, not later than Thursday, April 17th.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The 50th annual general meeting will be held at Canterbury (where the Association was instituted) on Easter Monday, April 21st. Committee meeting in the Cathedral Library at 11.15. Special service in the Cathedral at 12 noon. Address by His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury. Luncheon in the County Hall at 1.30, presided over by His Grace the Archbishop, followed by business meeting. Towers open for ringing: Cathedral (12), St. Stephen's (8), St. Alphege (6), outlying districts if desired. Luncheon tickets free to practising members only; non-members 3/6. Railway vouchers for the day for return journey at single fare from any station in Kent, Surrey, Sussex and London, can be had on applying, enclosing stamped addressed envelope, to the undersigned. Mr. Morton W. Pierce has kindly offered to conduct ringers and friends round this historic Cathedral at 4 p.m. Application for luncheon tickets must be made on or before Saturday, April 12th, after which date they cannot be entertained. Nominations for Central Council representatives must reach me on or before Monday, April 14th.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Burton-on-Trent on Easter Monday. Bells of St. Paul's (10), St. Modwen (8), Rolleston (8), Winhill (6) available throughout the day. Committee meet at 3.45. Tea, followed by general meeting, at 5 o'clock, in St. Paul's Institute. A substantial meat tea (2s. per head) will be served, and it is imperative that all who attend should advise Mr. J. W. Leach, 4, Vernon Terrace, Victoria Street, Burton-on-Trent, not later than Thursday, April 17th, to avoid disappointment.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester. N.B.—Reports for 1929 ready, price 6d., per post 7½d. A few back numbers are still available.

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SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.—On Thursday evening, February 27th, for practice, at St. Gregory's Church, 1,472 Superlative Surprise in 57 mins.: S. Gridley 1, G. Dixon 2, T. Chinnery 3, L. Allington 4, C. Clark 5, C. Woodcock 6, A. Scott 7, D. Elliott (conductor) 8.

SURREY ASSOCIATION'S JUBILEE (Continued from page 201).

All the retiring officers were re-elected, no other nominations having been received.

It was resolved to hold the next annual meeting at Kingston-on-Thames.

Mr. C. H. Reading said, as that was their jubilee meeting, he thought they ought to place on record an expression of grateful thanks for all their fathers did for them in founding that society 50 years ago, and a pledge to carry on and fulfil the objects for which the association was started. The association had done a wonderful work for ringing in many ways, and he hoped some resolution might be placed on the minutes.—Mr. Joiner seconded, and the motion, having been endorsed by the chairman, was unanimously carried.

The meeting, which had previously thanked the Rector of Beddington and the organist, concluded with thanks to the Master for presiding and for the services which he had rendered to the association.—Mr. Birt, replying, emphasised the need for bringing on young ringers, upon whom the future of the art depended, and on behalf of the association he thanked those members who had given their time and patience in teaching young ringers, and also the hon. secretary and other officials for the work they had done in the interests of the association during the past year.

A social was afterwards held, at which handbell music and songs brought to a close a very pleasant and successful meeting.

A REPLY TO MR. KIPPIN.

Dear Sir,—With your permission I will reply to Mr. Kippin re the Surrey Association's jubilee year. He says that it is not likely that the rules of the association would be ignored to suit the whim of one person. It is not the whim of myself, but the fact that May 21st is the official date of the association, and I doubt, if the feeling of the members were known, but that the rule would have been set aside for the occasion. He twits me with being the 'alleged' last of the foundation members. If he is honest and knows of any other he will let me know who it is, or withdraw that word 'alleged.' As to his remark about 'he and others should come to the annual meeting,' the journey from Dublin to Surrey is not one that can be made after work hours so that one can be home the same night. He need not be in the least amazed at my remarks about amalgamation, which I should like to see, not, however, with the Surrey Association taking a secondary place, but that there should be a Surrey County Association embracing the whole of the county on the same lines of the Yorkshire, Kent, Sussex and other county associations.—Yours faithfully,

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MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—On Tuesday, March 18th, at the Church of SS. Mary and Cuthbert, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Brown (first 720) 1, W. Brown 2, F. Pattison 3, S. Walker 4, F. Sheraton 5, J. Crawford (conductor) 6.

LLANTRISANT, GLAM.—On Tuesday, March 18th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Plain Bob Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: J. Westcott 1, W. Huish 2, R. Davies 3, R. John 4, C. H. Perry (conductor) 5, R. Westcott 6, J. Evans 7, B. Francis 8. First quarter-peal by all, except the ringers of 3, 5 and 8.

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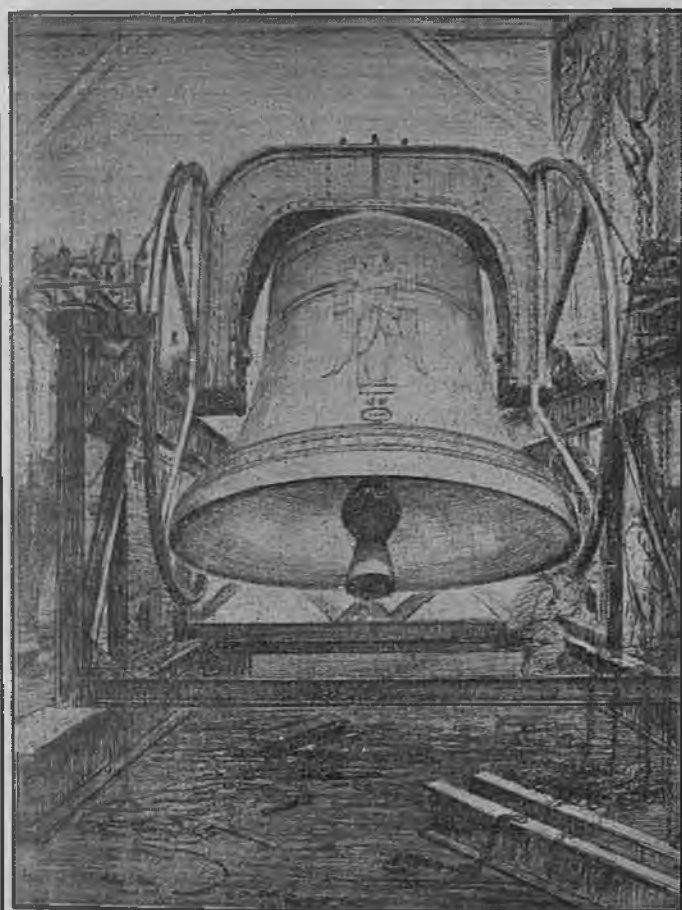
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A MENACE TO THE DEVON GUILD.

In an article contributed by a correspondent, a serious warning is given with regard to the state of affairs which is developing in Devon. Two years ago hints were given in these pages that all was not well in that county; the article which appears in another column reveals that the menace to the Devon Guild and to change ringing in that delectable county is a serious one. It is of no use to blink the facts. The Devon Association of Ringers was established in 1925 to encourage rising and falling and round and call change ringing and it promotes these ends by annual competitions. In the year 1929, four years after the foundation, it had 68 affiliated towers—more towers than the Devon Guild which has been established for over 50 years. Devon, although it was one of the first counties in which a change-ringing society was formed, has, of course, always been a stronghold of 'stoney,' but let it not be forgotten that, taken as a whole, there is nowhere in England where rising and falling in peal can be heard in such perfection, or the call changes struck with such measured precision. 'Stoney' in Devon is not 'bell banging' and, because it is only call-change ringing, do not let it be imagined that, speaking generally, it is not well done. It is done better than the average change ringing is done, because of its vastly easier and simpler character and, if the simpler task appeals to the simpler village mind inside the belfry, it also pleases the ear of those outside, who in some of these country places are shrewd critics of good ringing.

There is another direction, too, where the Association has a pull over the Devon Guild. In the latter the members have to pay a subscription of 2/- per annum; in the Devon Association the ringers pay nothing, except entrance fees if they compete in the contests, and apparently they get a free luncheon into the bargain. The funds seem to come from subscriptions of presidents and vice-presidents, and the advertisements in and sale of elaborately prepared programmes of the competitions (a profit of nearly £30 was made on this item alone last year). In addition there are offertories at the festivals and proceeds from other sources, one of which appears to have been a skittles competition. In this way the ringers get all there is to be got out of the association financially, without putting very much into it—which in our opinion is extremely bad in principle, however nice it may be for those who benefit.

Here then are some of the broad facts which face the Devon Guild. Our correspondent suggests that they are actually losing some of their towers to the new organisation, and, if this be so, it is time some serious steps were taken to stem the 'decay' to which he refers, if the Guild is to

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survive as a live force in the churches of Devon. We do not know of any change ringing organisation which is faced with a more serious menace than the Devon Guild, and it would be interesting to learn what is being done to combat it. In a recent appeal for subscriptions the rival association said: 'There is no other organisation in the county that appeals to the village church belfry. Other forms of ringing may succeed in towns, but will never take on in our scattered villages, and from the excellent ringing on the Cathedral bells we feel that even in towns a return to call-change ringing would be appreciated.' Surely the Devon Guild has some answer to this?

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, March 29, 1930, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.

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| WILLIAM HIBBERT Treble | FRANK W. PERRENS 7 |
| *GEORGE R. PYE 2 | JOHN ARMSTRONG 8 |
| CHARLES T. COLES 3 | FRANK E. PERVIN 9 |
| ALBERT W. COLES 4 | JAMES BENNETT 10 |
| FRANK E. HAYNES 5 | EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 11 |
| SIDNEY T. HOLT 6 | WILLIAM PYE Tenor |

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

* 200th peal on 12 bells. † 50th peal of Surprise Maximus. The visitors, for whom this peal was arranged by Mr. Albert Walker, desire to thank him and Mr. John Neal for the loan of ropes, without which the attempt would have been impossible. They are also equally obliged to Mr. J. Screen, the towerkeeper, for having everything ready for them.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES CAMBERWELL, S.E.,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

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| *WILLIAM D. GRAINGER ... Treble | ERNEST J. KING 6 |
| THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2 | THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 7 |
| WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 3 | JEFFREY R. GAMMON ... 8 |
| GEORGE W. FAULKNER ... 4 | † WILLIAM ROGERS 9 |
| RONALD BULLEN 5 | EDWARD D. SMITH ... Tenor |

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER

* First peal. † First peal of Treble Bob Royal.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 29, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. in C sharp.

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| HORACE BELCHER Treble | JAMES E. DAVIS 6 |
| WILLIAM H. HEWETT 2 | CHARLES W. GRIMWOOD ... 7 |
| WILFRED WILLIAMS 3 | ERNEST BRETT 8 |
| JOHN T. KENTISH 4 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 9 |
| EDWIN F. PIKE 5 | REUBEN SANDERS ... Tenor |

Composed by J. A. BURFORD. Conducted by WILLIAM H. HEWETT

First Surprise peal on the bells. Rung as a jubilee peal for the association. It was on these bells that the association rang its first peal. The peal was also a 74th birthday compliment to Mr. James Frossell, an old Kingston stalwart, and formerly a member of the celebrated band at St. Peter's, Brighton.

COMBE FLOREY, SOMERSET.—On Saturday, March 22nd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Doubles: A. J. Wyatt 1, W. H. Coles 2, W. H. Lloyd 3, S. G. Coles 4, S. P. Merson (conductor) 5, H. P. Cannon (longest length) 6.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Monday, March 24, 1930, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5068 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

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| JAMES E. DAVIS Treble | GEORGE R. PYE 5 |
| EDWIN F. PIKE 2 | JOHN T. KENTISH 6 |
| WILFRED G. WILLIAMS 3 | ERNEST BRETT 7 |
| WILLIAM PYE 4 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor |

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, March 27, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

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| LESLIE C. WIGHMAN ... Treble | GEORGE BENNETT 5 |
| JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... 2 | WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 6 |
| GEORGE PRYKE 3 | T. WILLIAM LAST 7 |
| LESLIE G. BRETT 4 | JOHN GOOCH Tenor |

Conducted by T. W. LAST.

* First peal in the method. It is also the hundredth peal in which G. Pryke and G. Bennett have rung together.

NORTON, NEAR SHEFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 29, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt.

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| ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble | MISS NOEL CAWTHORNE ... 5 |
| *MISS ELSIE E. SMITH ... 2 | WILLIAM BIGGIN 6 |
| MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 3 | *CHARLIE BATES 7 |
| MISS K. BURCHNALL 4 | A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS.

* First peal in the method. The band wish to thank the Rector, the Rev. S. T. Pegge and Mrs. Pegge, for the tea they so kindly provided after the peal.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 29, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb.

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| HERBERT MARKWELL ... Treble | WILLIAM COLLISON 5 |
| WILLIAM STEED 2 | DR. E. L. TAYLOR 6 |
| ROBERT COLLINS 3 | KEITH HART 7 |
| STAFFORD H. GREEN 4 | ARTHUR MAYES Tenor |

Conducted by KEITH HART.

At the close of the peal the band warmly congratulated Mr. Collison on his 100th peal, and wished him also many happy returns of his birthday. This peal was also Mr. R. Collins' first peal in the method and Dr. Taylor's first for the association.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 29, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAY'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

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| *THOMAS BARKER Treble | ARTHUR HARTLEY 5 |
| †JACK CHARNOCK 2 | FRED RIGBY 6 |
| HERMON NELSON 3 | †EDWARD LAWSON 7 |
| ALFRED BLOGG 4 | GEORGE HEWITT Tenor |

Conducted by FRED RIGBY.

* First peal in method. † First peal in method on an 'inside' bell. First peal in method on the bells. The peal was rung as a compliment to the Rector of St. Mary's, the Right Rev. Monsignor Thomas Stanislaus Crank, on his recent appointment as domestic prelate to the Pope. The right rev. gentleman was mainly responsible for installing the present splendid and well-balanced ring of bells.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 29, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILTYD,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

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| BENJAMIN J. TOBY ... Treble | CHARLES H. PERRY 5 |
| JOHN PHILLIPS 2 | GEORGE POPNELL 6 |
| FRANK J. BAILEY 3 | ERNEST STITCH 7 |
| ALBERT J. PITMAN 4 | WILLIAM H. WRIGHT ... Tenor |

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by CHARLES H. PERRY.

First peal in the method by all the band except the ringers of 4, 5 and tenor.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 29, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

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| GEORGE GREEN Treble | DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS ... 5 |
| GEORGE W. MOSS 2 | WILLIAM LINCOLN 6 |
| WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3 | WILLIAM KEEBLE 7 |
| FRANK CLAYDON 4 | ARTHUR HEAD Tenor |

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First Surprise peal by Dr. Spencer Phillips. Rung to celebrate the 52nd birthday of the conductor. At the conclusion of the peal the band were entertained to tea at the Bell Inn.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 29, 1930, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

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| CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... Treble | GEORGE A. FLEMING 5 |
| WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 2 | GEORGE BENNETT 6 |
| GEORGE PRYKE 3 | WILLIAM G. J. BROWN ... 7 |
| JAMES BENNETT, JUN. 4 | LESLIE G. BRETT Tenor |

Composed by C. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 29, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

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| ERNEST WHITING Treble | CHARLES COTTING 5 |
| ALFRED SMITH 2 | FREDERICK ROOPE 6 |
| CHARLES BAKER 3 | CHARLES ROOPE 7 |
| FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... 4 | EDWIN R. GOATE Tenor |

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by E. WHITING.

PATTINGHAM, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, March 29, 1930, 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 14 cwt.

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| RALPH LITTLER Treble | WILLIAM A. JONES 5 |
| HAROLD L. FLAVELL 2 | HERBERT E. BOOTH 6 |
| HERBERT R. PICKERING ... 3 | ALBERT FALLON 7 |
| ALBERT D. COLLINS 4 | HARRY BOSWELL Tenor |

Conducted by ALFRED FALLON.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 29, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

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| GEORGE R. JONES Treble | HENRY W. WILDE 5 |
| LESTER L. GRAY 2 | JAMES MORGAN 6 |
| THOMAS HAMMOND 3 | PERCY SWINDLEY 7 |
| ARTHUR NEWELL 4 | JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor |

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, March 29, 1930, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF ERIN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| JOHN C. ADAMS Treble | JOHN T. DAVIES 5 |
| CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 2 | EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 6 |
| ROBERT PICKERING 3 | JOHN PERRY 7 |
| EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... 4 | ARTHUR E. REED Tenor |

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by JOHN PERRY.

First peal in the method by all the ringers.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 29, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5104 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in G.

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| CHARLES F. GOODMAN ... Treble | ALBERT G. HARRISON ... 5 |
| WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 2 | NOLAN GOLDEN 6 |
| ALPHEUS J. BERRY 3 | GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 7 |
| ERIC G. BENNETT 4 | WILLIAM STEGGALL Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

This is the 50th tower in which the conductor has rung a peal.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, March 29, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

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| FRED PORTER Treble | NORMAN S. BAGWORTH ... 5 |
| THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 2 | *WILLIAM BOTTRILL 6 |
| ERNEST B. CROWDER 3 | FREDERICK DIGBY 7 |
| CHARLES ELLIOTT 4 | ERNEST GWILLIAM Tenor |

Conducted by W. BOTTRILL.

* 50th peal. All except the ringer of 3rd are members of Metropolitan Police Guild, Norman Bagworth, of Leicester, and Ernest Gwilliam, of Standish, Lancashire, being recent additions to the Guild.

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 29, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Catherine,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

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| CHARLES H. BRIGGS ... Treble | CHARLES R. BELTON, SEN. ... 5 |
| GEORGE DUDLEY 2 | ERNEST MORRIS 6 |
| C. HENRY WEBB 3 | FRED COTTON 7 |
| *ERNEST RIVITT 4 | GEORGE A. NEWTON Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First of Major. First peal of Major on the bells. The composition, with 50 singles and 32 bobs, is now rung for the first time. It was tapped on handbells November 2nd, 1921, by the late A. T. Morris.

STONHAM ASPAL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, March 30, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lambert,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

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| WILLIAM J. BUTTON ... Treble | GEORGE BENNETT 5 |
| JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... 2 | ERNEST F. POPPY 6 |
| GEORGE PRYKE 3 | LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 7 |
| WILLIAM J. GROOM 4 | LESLIE G. BRETT Tenor |

Composed by N. J. PIRSTOW.

Conducted by L. G. BRETT.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

PRESTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 29, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

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| JAMES MARSH Treble | ARTHUR TOMLINSON 5 |
| JAMES ARMSTRONG 2 | JAMES W. GROUNDS 6 |
| BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 3 | WILLIAM SHARPLES 7 |
| JOHN BOOTH 4 | JOSEPH H. RIDYARD Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (282). Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Booth. Mr. Booth kindly entertained the band to tea after the peal, which was also rung as a compliment to the Rev. William H. Sanders and Mrs. Sanders, of Brindle, on the birth of a daughter.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in nine methods, viz.: 1 Norwich, 2 Carlisle, 3 Norfolk, 4 Primrose, 5 Ipswich, 6 Cambridge, 7 London, Cuneastre and Wells.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

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| WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... Treble | † HORACE M. DAY 4 |
| JOHN W. LAKE 2 | ALBERT S. ALLEN 5 |
| *FREDERICK W. FRENCH ... 3 | THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

* First Surprise peal. † First Surprise peal in a number of methods.

PRISTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Luke,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings.

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| WILLIAM HAWKINS ... Treble | *REGINALD PARFREY 4 |
| JOHN OWEN 2 | FRANK FLOWER 5 |
| DENNIS FLOWER 3 | *NORMAN FOWLER Tenor |

Conducted by FRANK FLOWER.

* First peal.

STOURTON, WILTS.

On Tuesday, March 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

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| CHRISTOPHER T. HOOPER ... Treble | LEONARD C. WILLIAMS ... 4 |
| E. G. L. COWARD 2 | WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5 |
| WILLIAM J. MARSHALL ... 3 | WILLIAM SIMMONDS Tenor |

Conducted by WM. C. SHUTE.

First peal and first attempt by the ringers of 1, 3, 4 and 6, who are Sunday service ringers at this church. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. H. Poole King, who has now retired after 42 years as Rector of this parish.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 29, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

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| *KENNETH STEVENS ... Treble | REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 4 |
| M. EDWARD WATSON 2 | ALFRED BALLARD 5 |
| CECIL E. CARR 3 | *GEORGE WORLEY Tenor |

Conducted by C. E. CARR.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

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CROSTHWAITE, WESTMORLAND.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(FURNACE AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 29, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 10½ cwt.

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| *HUBERT RICHARDSON ... Treble | WILLIAM ROBINSON ... 4 |
| *JIM TERRAY ... 2 | *THOMAS S. JEFFERSON ... 5 |
| *EDWIN JENNINGS ... 3 | *FRANK WILSON ... Tenor |

Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

* First peal of Oxford. The first peal in the method, on the bells, and in the county.

BIRKENHEAD.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 29, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 9 lb.

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| *W. BATTLE ... Treble | T. A. ROGERS ... 4 |
| *GEORGE BATTLE ... 2 | H. LUDKIN ... 5 |
| W. J. BATTLE ... 3 | J. COOKE ... Tenor |

Conducted by H. LUDKIN.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells since their restoration in November last. Rung as a 14th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, March 26, 1930, in Two Hours and One Minute,

In the Belfry of the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, ten different callings.

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| *AARON JONES ... 1 | WILLIAM R. NASH ... 3-4 |
| FORREST T. MASSEY ... 2 | PERCIVAL R. NASH ... 5-6 |

Conducted by W. R. NASH.

Witness: FRANK CARTWRIGHT.

* First peal. First handbell peal by all except the conductor.

PEALS OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

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| 36452 | — | 2 | |
| 63254 | 2 | — | 2 |
| 62534 | — | 1 | 2 |

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| 24536 | 2 | — | 1 |
| 25346 | 1 | — | 2 |
| 62453 | — | 2 | |
| 23456 | 2 | — | 1 |

A. KNIGHTS.

Both peals contain the 4th, 5th and 6th the extent in 5-6, in 18, the minimum number of courses. The 6,048 was first rung at North Wingfield by the M.C.A. on June 27th, 1925, conducted by the author. The 6,400 was first rung at Handsworth, Sheffield, by the Y.A. on February 22nd, 1930, conducted by A. Percival Knights.

LOUGHBOROUGH.—On Thursday, March 13th, for Confirmation service, at the Parish Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters in 54 mins.: J. Onslow 1, C. Ballard 2, D. Collins 3, E. Cartwright 4, C. Allsop 5, J. Saddington 6, J. Hutchby 7, C. Harrison (conductor) 8, E. Reader 9, A. Harrod 10.

A SUSSEX RESTORATION.

FACULTY CASE RECALLED.

The bells of St. Mary's, Washington, Sussex, have been rehung by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and a new treble added to make a peal of six. The fifth has been recast, and the other bells retained. They are hung in a new cast-iron side frame, mounted on four steel girders, running north and south, east and west, and efficiently cross braced, thus binding the four walls of the tower together. The new bell frame is several feet lower in the tower than the old timber frame was, thus allowing the bells to be several feet below the openings.

The bells are as follows:—

Treble: John Taylor, Loughborough, 1830.

2nd and 3rd: Mears and Stainbank, 1878.

4th: Roger Tapsul, 1608.

5th: Recast by John Taylor, 1930. (Formerly by Eldridge, 1614.

This bell has had a ring round the shoulder about 4in. deep cut out and preserved, so as to maintain the old founder's name and inscription, and this is now placed in the church.)

Tenor: Mears and Stainbank, 1878. (Weight 9 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. This weight was before tuning, and the bell now weighs a few pounds lighter.)

The canons on the old bells have been retained, and special iron headstocks have been designed and cast to suit these bells. All the fittings are of the very latest pattern, including ball bearings to main bearings and rollers. The whole job is a fine specimen of what bell hanging ought to be—mechanically sound throughout, and the 'go' of the bells is perfection.

The dedication service on Wednesday of last week was a beautiful one owing to its perfect simplicity. It was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. H. S. Patrick), who has been instrumental in getting this work done, and many years ago he did a certain amount of ringing. It was gratifying to note that he had not lost the art of handling a bell, as he raised one before the dedication service, although he is nearer eighty than seventy years of age.

The address was given by Bishop T. C. Twitchell (formerly of Polynesia), who is now Rector of Selsey. During the dedication service the first rounds were rung by: J. H. B. Hesse 1, Miss Irene Hastie 2, G. Ellis 3, R. Swift 4, N. Elliott 5, O. Sippetts 6; and, after the service, the first touch was rung, 288 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, by the following: O. Sippetts (conductor) 1, Miss Irene Hastie 2, G. Ellis 3, R. Swift 4, N. Elliott 5, J. H. B. Hesse 6.

Some of the local ringers then rang some rounds and Grandsire Doubles. Following that, 720 of Cambridge Minor was rung by the visiting ringers mentioned above. During the evening, several of the local ringers took part, and were initiated into Grandsire Doubles, and, considering they had not rung for such a long time, their performance was very creditable. The writer is sorry that he has not got their names.

The whole of the proceedings went off without a hitch, and as the weather was beautiful the day was a most enjoyable one. The Rev. A. H. S. Patrick very kindly provided tea for all the visiting ringers at the Village Hall.

It will be remembered that there was a stiffish fight for the faculty in connection with the carrying out of this restoration, there being opposition to an iron frame and to recasting the 5th (which had been recommended by Major Hesse, who was called in to advise the church authorities), and the preservation of the portion bearing the inscription was the compromise.

FIRST PEAL OF 'SILENT' SURPRISE MINOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—April 6th will be the 33rd anniversary of the first 'silent' peal of Surprise Minor ever rung, which took place at St. Mary's Church, Bucknall, Staffs, in seven different methods. As one of the band who rang the above peal, I am wondering how many per cent. of the Exercise have attained to the plural in peals of this calibre. Personally, I should say that the percentage would be very low, not only owing to the rarity with which such bands could be got together, but also to the great strain on the nervous system which it involves owing to the tomb-like silence that prevails for practically three hours, which seems to be interminable. The band at Bucknall was composed of two pairs of brothers, an uncle and a nephew, and all are still alive, with the exception of the uncle, who was one of the pioneers of change ringing in North Staffordshire.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN E. WHEELDON.

VETERAN CROYDON RINGER'S DEATH.

At St. Peter's Church, South Croydon, on Sunday evening, March 30th, with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the memory of Mr. Charles H. Kitching, who passed away on the previous day at the age of 74 years, and who was for over 40 years a ringer at this church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,263 changes): David Wright 1, H. Wills 2, C. Dean 3, E. F. Pike 4, W. H. Hewett (conductor) 5, W. Bulpitt 6, B. Newson 7, C. W. Grimwood 8, C. W. Roberts 9, E. Denham 10. H. Wills' first quarter of Stedman Caters.

DECAY!

A WARNING FROM DEVONSHIRE.

[CONTINUED.]

Decay is always loathsome in every sphere of life, whether in business, domestic and social affairs, or even in sport. When, however, it touches the more religious side of life and enters into our Exercise of church bellringing, we may well be concerned.

Admitting that every county or district would have some peculiar difficulties and dangers, yet even so, it is a real duty to tackle and overcome these hindrances, especially when a 'dry rot' is apparent. In some counties it is uphill work to avoid 'stagnation,' and no progress is had enough, but when we discover—as is the case in the county of 'glorious Devon'—a Guild that is decreasing in its bands and losing touch with our ringing world, and scientific method ringing is in grave danger of becoming extinct, then surely your warning in last week's issue, entitled 'The Other 25,000,' is not only timely but urgent, and demands deep concern from the Devonshire Guild.

Our county has a large area and is most difficult to work, especially in its heart or centre between Barnstaple and Crediton and Holsworthy to Axminster.

It is in this rural area that the most alarming conditions exist. A Devon association is making rapid strides with some 70 towers, well organised, and led by a most energetic hon. secretary (Rev. A. F. McCarthy), who can capture the village ringer and please the outside listener by his appeals for music versus noise, so often created by inefficient scientific bands who visit the towers and leave behind a bad impression through careless striking.

In this county there are at least 370 rings of bells (from 5 to 12). The Devonshire Guild, after all its years of existence, cannot claim more than 50 towers, and during the past five years have actually lost no less than 10 bands, whilst there are several others on the verge of breaking from the Guild (through despair and lack of progress).

Yet the Round Ringing and Call Change Association is all the time making rapid progress, and its hundreds of members are contented and enthusiastic.

Perhaps the influence of your weekly paper and its excellent editorial will arouse a deep anxiety to probe matters and give Devonshire ringers an opportunity to suggest a remedy when careless ringers and bad striking should in some way be penalised at home, and when scientific bands visit the rural districts only the best should be offered in place of clash and noise, which at present becomes a laughing stock in the villages and a discredit to our science.

Even the Guild ringing at our Exeter Cathedral is of a low order, and does no credit to the science or our city. Often six and eight bells are rung instead of the noble ring of 12.

DISHEARTENING CONDITIONS IN GLOUCESTER.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to your leading article of March 21st, 'The Other 25,000,' your reasons given why a large number of them are outside the fold are, I should say, very near the mark, but they do not quite apply to the city of Gloucester. We are not allowed to ring for practice or the church services, except for one hour a month at the Crypt Church, and at that service I have seen six or seven out of the eight stop to service. I have suggested myself, if we could ring one hour a fortnight at each church for service—St. Michael's and the Crypt alternately—it would keep a band together, and hold the interest. Within this last two or three years the authorities have been approached several times without avail. I think it would be more than Mr. Jim George or even the King of England could do to alter the existing state of affairs. Under the present conditions, Gloucester ringers will, I am sorry to say, gradually join the other 25,000.—Yours faithfully,

G. CONDICK.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

NOMINATION OF OFFICIALS.

A very well-attended meeting was held at Armley on Saturday, March 22nd, for the nomination of officials for the coming year. The business meeting was held in the tower, the president being in the chair. Members were present from Almondbury, Bailley, Calverley, Drighlington, Birstall, Headingley, St. Chad's, Hunslet, Lindley, Leeds Parish Church, Pudsey, Rothwell, and Sharow (Ripon). Three new members were elected.

The following were nominated for 1930 and 1931: President: Mr. C. E. Lawson; vice-presidents, Messrs. T. Strangeway, J. Hey, W. H. Senior; secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. Lofthouse; trustees (for bank account), Messrs. R. C. Squires, G. Moorhouse; Ringing Master, Messrs. W. H. Ash and H. Marsden (this will require a ballot for election); auditors, Messrs. A. Fieldhouse and H. Grimwood.

It was decided to revise the rules of the society, and the committee were asked to do this.

The usual vote of thanks to the Vicar of Upper Armley, for the use of the bells, and to the local company, for the necessary arrangements, was passed. It was proposed that the annual general meeting should be held at Leeds Parish Church on April 26th, bells to be available from 5.30 p.m., and the business meeting held in the tower.

A PEAL OF MINOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The last thing we want is the sort of controversy which arose last year upon this question. Now 'Minormania' calls his article of March 21st 'Muddled Minor.' I do not suppose that he intended to do anything unfair when he wrote that title, but the title is simply an appeal to prejudice, and that is the last thing that is wanted. His article is very good as far as it goes, but it wants supplementing at one point.

Take the old nine bob 720 and examine its q sets. They are:—

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| 32546 | 52364 | 53246 |
| 23564 | 25346 | 35264 |
| 24536 | 54263 | 52436 |
| 42563 | 45236 | 25463 |
| 43526 | 53462 | 54326 |
| 34562 | 35426 | 45362 |

Now in the middle one of each of these sets the bells are running the reverse way to what they are running in the first and third.

This point is of the greatest importance because it explains the possibility of adding five plain courses to the original course in Minor methods, and so produce the whole, which you cannot do in Triples.

I have known the connection between 9 bob and 21 bob 720's for forty years, and the same connection exists between 12 bob and 18 bob 720's, but if anyone thinks that they are the same, will he please prove it by producing a 21 bob 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor?

H. LAW JAMES.

MORE THAN THREE EXTENTS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I should like to explain my reason for assuming that Mr. James meant by different 720's that they must contain a different number of bobs, was assumed on good grounds. Some years ago a conductor asked Mr. James to supply him with all the different ways (not 720's) of London Surprise, and as I was fortunate to get hold of the figures supplied was able to judge what his idea was. They contained seven round blocks containing 720's, with 9, 12, 18 and 21 bobs.

In your issue of March 21st Mr. James persists in saying a 720 consists of 721 rows, of which the first and last are the same. I also notice in the minutes of the last Central Council meeting, published in this week's issue of 'The Ringing World,' he made use of the clock to emphasise his point of a round block. I would like to use the same means. Big Ben booms out 1 a.m., and the minute hand starts out on its 12 part 720 changes (i.e., minutes). It is in the coming home course, and presently booms out 1 p.m. Does Mr. James mean that 1 p.m. is 1 a.m.?

I do not quite agree with Mr. Powell that a 720 of Kent with 9 bobs is a different composition to a 720 of London Surprise with 9 bobs. The Q sets used are exactly the same, viz., 2,6, 3,6, and 4,6, the only difference being their removal from 2-3 places to 5-6 places.

I am also of the opinion that there are more than three different extents of Treble Bob Minor. I give below two 720's of Cambridge Minor:—

| (A) | | | | | (B) | | | | |
|------|-----|---|---|-----|------|-----|---|---|-----|
| 2345 | 4th | W | O | I H | 2345 | 4th | W | O | I H |
| 3542 | — | — | — | — | 3254 | — | — | — | — |
| 5243 | — | — | — | — | 3425 | — | — | — | — |
| 3425 | — | — | — | — | 5243 | — | — | — | — |
| 5324 | — | — | 2 | — | 4235 | — | — | — | — |
| 4235 | — | — | — | — | 3542 | — | — | — | — |
| 3254 | — | — | — | — | 2345 | — | — | — | — |
| 2345 | — | — | — | — | | | | | |

The Q sets in (A) are 35, 52, 45, 23, 46, and may be varied by using Q sets 42, 63, 25, 53, 45, or 35, 26, 54, 34, 25. Now, to produce (B) you have to pick out of these three variations Q set 42, 63, 46, 53, 62, which, in my opinion, produces a different 720.—Yours, etc.,

Killamarsh.

C. SEVERN.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Replying to Mr. Trappitt's letter in your last issue, no doubt he has read the report of the association's annual meeting and observed the number that were present. I can imagine a similar gathering on a Wednesday whatever the occasion—I don't think!

I must confess I did allege Mr. Trappitt was the only foundation member, but would remind him that all people are honest until they are found out. I now say definitely that he is not the only foundation member. Only this week I have been in communication with the representative of Mr. Harry Pates (85), now living at Clacton-on-Sea. I am informed that Mr. Pates was enrolled a member at the Surrey Association's inaugural meeting on May 21st, 1880, at Beddington. If Mr. Trappitt requires further proof, no doubt Mr. Pates himself will rush into print.

I note Mr. Trappitt's remarks re amalgamation. I refer him to the first paragraph of the proposals for amalgamation circulated among the members at the proper time, and remind him that those present at the Leatherhead meeting in March, 1928, are quite aware of his attitude at that meeting, which calls for no further comment from me.—Yours faithfully,

CHAS. H. KIPPIN,

Hon. Secretary.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. BRISTOL BRANCH AT PUCKLECHURCH.

The spring meeting of the Bristol Branch was held on Saturday at Pucklechurch in glorious weather. A record number of members attended, over 50 being present, representing 17 towers. The fine afternoon, coupled with the chance of a ring on this recently restored peal, was no doubt responsible for the number present. The bells, a peal of six, have recently been overhauled and rehung in a new frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, whose representative, Mr. F. Stevenson, attended the meeting, Mr. Cyril Johnston being unable to be present through illness.

The bells were made good use of until 4.30, when service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. E. Lewis), who gave a very helpful address.

The members then made their way to the 'Fleur-de-Lys,' where tea had been prepared by Mr. Scarretti, the arrangements being due to the kindness of Mr. F. Lewis.

A short business meeting followed, at which the chairman, Mr. F. Skidmore, presided. Five new members were elected, and the secretary was asked to send a letter of congratulation to the Minchinhampton ringers (Stroud Branch) on their ringing the first peal of Cambridge Minor for the association.

The Chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. R. E. Lewis for the use of the bells, and conducting the service, also to the ladies and those who had kindly assisted at tea.—This was seconded by Mr. J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton.

The Vicar, in responding, gave the members some idea of the work and trouble he had had to get the necessary repairs done to the bells to put them in order. He gave the association a hearty welcome, and hoped they would come again.

The tower was again visited, and ringing in the usual methods was continued until 8 p.m., some of the members also going on to Abson to ring.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At All Saints', Sutton-on-Trent, on March 20th, 720 Cambridge Surprise: H. Edwards 1, H. Cafferata 2, Miss K. Burchnall 3, Miss G. Burchnall 4, E. A. Midwinter 5, L. Pierrepont (conductor) 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob: N. Moxon 1, H. Cafferata 2, Miss K. Burchnall 3, H. Edwards (first 720 in the method) 4, Miss G. Burchnall 5, L. Pierrepont (conductor) 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of esteem to Miss E. Day and the Rev. F. B. Proctor, who were buried that afternoon.

A DISAPPOINTING EXPERIENCE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Ringers visiting the Newark-on-Trent district would be well advised not to go out of their way to get a ring at Newark Parish Church, as the welcome extended by the local ringers to visitors is not exactly cordial, if I may judge by my own experience.

I happened to be at Newark on Sunday, March 9th, and ascended the tower when ringing commenced, in the hope of getting a pull. Stedman Triples was in progress when I entered the belfry. The 'touch' came round a few minutes after. No one took any notice of me, and after a couple of dozen rounds, 'go' was called again. The bells were then kept going until they were lowered for service time. The conductor then asked me if I had come up to see him. I told him I had hoped for a ring. No one expressed regret at my disappointment. Someone did say, 'Was I coming again?' I politely refrained from saying, 'Not so likely,' said 'Good-night' instead, and descended the tower.

I am pleased to say that this is the first time I have had this experience in fourteen years' activity in the Exercise, and I sincerely hope it will be the last.—Yours faithfully,

FREDERICK E. COLLINS.

South Norwood, London.

MR. W. COLLINSON'S 100 PEALS.

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| Seven Minor methods | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 |
| Grandsire Triples | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 14 |
| Union Triples | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| Oxford Bob Triples | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Plain Bob Triples | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Court Bob Triples | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| Stedman Triples | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 20 |
| Plain Bob Major | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 |
| Canterbury Pleasure Major | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Double Norwich Court Bob Major | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 9 |
| Kent Treble Bob Major | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 14 |
| Kent Treble Bob Royal | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Oxford Treble Bob Major | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Superlative Surprise Major | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 18 |
| Cambridge Surprise Major | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |

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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 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.

ILLNESS OF CANON G. F. COLERIDGE.

Ringers throughout the country will regret to learn of the illness of Canon G. F. Coleridge, the genial president of the Central Council. Early last week he developed pneumonia in one lung, as the result of a chill, and he has since been attended by two doctors.

The legion of his friends in the Exercise will unite in wishing him a speedy recovery.

On Wednesday, Canon Coleridge's condition was reported to be improving. He had passed a comfortable night, and his strength was maintained.

BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. C. T. Coles, the popular hon. secretary of the Middlesex County Association, is the third ringer to reach 50 Surprise peals on 12 bells, the other two being Messrs. W. and G. R. Pyc, who reached this total a few weeks ago. Mr. Coles' 50 are made of 43 of Cambridge, 5 of Superlative and 2 of Spliced Superlative and Cambridge. They have been rung in 21 towers for 11 associations, and include the 7,392 at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, and the 15,312 at Ashdon-under-Lyne.

The Rev. W. H. Pennington Bickford, the popular Rector of St. Clement Danes, has been elected an honorary member of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

The College Youths and the Cumberland Youths are taking steps to appoint an entertainment committee in connection with the Central Council meeting in London at Whitsun.

This next week sees the anniversary of several memorable performances, including the 40,320 Bob Major rung by James Barham and 13 other ringers at Leeds, Kent, on April 7th and 8th, 1761. The peal occupied 27 hours.

A peal board at Shoreditch records: 'This inscription will hand to posterity the unparalleled abilities displayed in the performance of a peal that was rang in this steeple on Tuesday, 7th of April, 1801, 5,220 changes, Court Bob Royal, in 3 hrs. and 37 mins., being the first ever rung by any society in that intricate method.' It was composed and called by George Gross, sen.

On April 8th, 1912, a peal of 12,160 Bristol Surprise Major was rung at Knebworth, Herts, by the Herts Association, and on the same day, ten years later, a 13,440 Bob Major at the Loughborough Bell Foundry by the Midland Counties Association.

One hundred years ago next Wednesday Elijah Roberts 'tapped' a peal of 7,536 Kent Treble Bob Maximus on handbells in 4 hrs. 51 mins. This, like two other peals he had tapped, was performed at Birmingham. Seven years later he tapped a peal of 19,440 of Treble Bob Maximus, which occupied him 13 hrs. 43 mins., and he came to an untimely end by his own hand in 1865.

A peal of 10,272 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at Liversedge, Yorks, on April 10th, 1871.

The peal of London Surprise Major at Stoke, Coventry, recorded in our last issue, was rung for the Warwickshire Guild.

The peal at Whitwick was rung on March 19th, not February 19th, as reported to us.

Until the next annual meeting, correspondence for the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild should be addressed either to the Rev. Evan Jones, Hedge End Vicarage, Botley, Hants (hon. treasurer), or Mr. F. W. Rogers, 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth, who is acting as hon. secretary pro. tem.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION

ASSOCIATIONS ASKED TO CONSIDER PROPOSED CHANGES THIS YEAR.

COUNCIL TO DECIDE NEXT YEAR.

Our contributor, who in several issues last autumn put forward proposals for revising the constitution of the Central Council, writes:

In your issue of October 18th last you printed some suggested alterations to the rules of the Central Council, which it was thought might bring its constitution more closely into line with present day ideas of what it should be. Suggested amendments were set out in definite terms, so that the associations might consider them and put forward any alternative proposals if they desired to do so. It was the intention that these alterations should be submitted to the next meeting of the Council in London, but for the reasons given below it has been thought, after consideration, that it would be well to postpone the question of revision until next year.

First, in order to get the necessary motion on the agenda for this year, it would have to be sent in before Easter, and, therefore, the great majority of the associations would not be able to consider the proposals at their annual general meetings—and it is desirable, above all things, that in this matter the associations should ventilate their views upon it.

Secondly, the Council will have been already elected for three years, so that some part, at any rate, of the proposals could not, even if passed, be put into operation until the end of the triennial period, and it would be much better if the whole change could be introduced at the same time.

Thirdly, the London meeting is usually a full one from the point of view of business, and the discussion which would probably ensue on the proposals might inconveniently congest the proceedings.

If, therefore, the associations will devote their attention to the subject and definitely express their views as to the suggested alterations, which could be made next year and come into operation (if desired) before the next election of members, the ends in view might be better served. But each association ought to consider the proposals *this year*.

[Briefly, the points upon which alterations are suggested are the following:

(1) That the various associations and guilds should be formally affiliated to the Council, with a certain ratio of representation; instead of the Council consisting merely of a number of private members elected by the associations.

(2) That all the affiliated associations and guilds should undertake to recognise the rulings of the Council.

(3) That the members be elected by the affiliated societies annually, instead of triennially.

(4) That it should be open to the affiliated associations and guilds to make recommendations direct to the Council.

(5) That all resolutions, outside the purely domestic affairs of the Council, should be officially communicated to the affiliated bodies.

Full details of the proposed alterations, set out side by side with the existing rules, were published in 'The Ringing World' on October 18th last.—ED. 'R.W.']

A CITY BELL RESTORATION.

The bells of St. Lawrence Jewry, one of Wren's City churches, are being restored and the bells are now at the Whitechapel Foundry, where they were cast by Bartlett in 1687. The bells have been sand-blasted and retuned, and will be rehung in new fittings. The tenor is 32 cwt., and they are the heaviest ring of eight in the city.

They had not been rung for a number of years owing to their dilapidated condition, and their renovation has been carried out as part of a big scheme for the restoration of the church, the roof of which had suffered badly from the ravages of the 'death watch' beetle.



ST. LAWRENCE JEWRY,
where the bells are now being restored.

Very little peal ringing has been done on the bells. On April 30th, 1887, a peal of Grandsire Triples (the fourth peal on the bells) was rung, the previous peal having been 125 years before. The only survivor of the band that rang the peal in Queen Victoria's jubilee year is Mr. James Waghorn, sen. The others who took part were James Haworth, Robt. Jameson, Wm. Weatherstone, Geo. Banks, Richard French (conductor) and Edward Albone.

LADIES' GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Ladies' Guild (Northern District) was held at North Wingfield, on Saturday, March 22nd, when ringers attended from Duffield, Rotherham, Chesterfield, Handsworth and the local band. Although it was a lovely spring day, the attendance was very poor.

A nice tea had been prepared in the Church Hall, where the business meeting was held afterwards, one new member being elected.

Miss Foulk, of Duffield, proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to Miss Taiton for so kindly arranging the meeting, to the ladies for preparing tea, and to the gentlemen who gave such valuable assistance.

Various methods were rung during the afternoon and evening, including Superlative, Cambridge, Duffield, Stedman, Little Bob, Kent and a touch of Grandsire Triples.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The second annual meeting of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held at Guildford on Saturday, and drew a large attendance. The bells at the Cathedral and St. Nicolas' Church were kept well employed during the afternoon under the direction of the respective tower masters, and choral service was held in the Cathedral. The Provost (Canon E. C. Kirwan) officiated, and the choir led the singing. The preacher was the Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), who gave an inspiring address.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn preached from the text, 'Let us wait on our ministry' (Rom. xii. 7). He referred to various ministries in connection with the Church of Christ, and said that the ministry of the bellringers was by no means the least important. Despite all that was said in newspapers and elsewhere, there was a demand by the Church for the ministry of church bellringing, and it was by no means less to-day than it was 20 or 30 years ago. There was a demand to have bells put in good order and well rung, and very often there was a demand to have a ring of bells where none existed. In his own diocese of Oxford, bell hangers had been extremely busy since the war, and this was proof that there was a demand by churchpeople that there should be a church ministry of bellringing. That, continued the preacher, was a very different thing to having bells put in good order for various people—good, steady people, no doubt—to exercise themselves in the art of ringing as they would in games, such as golf, or cricket, or football, merely using the bells as a means, and the place as a site in which to take their exercise. He was quite sure that ringers who thought at all would agree with him that the ministry of bellringing in their churches must be clearly a church ministry and not a pastime only. Let them, then, ask themselves this question: Did they wait on their ministry; that was, were they absorbed in it, or did they expect the ministry to wait on them? They ought all to feel the need of waiting on their ministry, and they should try and see how best it could be done. First of all, they ought to engage more in spiritual exercises and make themselves more fitted for their task. They wanted to say more prayers, to be more regular in their Communion, and to look upon attendance at public worship as a duty which they must discharge unless there was good reason to the contrary. He was quite sure himself, after considerable thought and experience, that the idea of making a hard and fast rule as to ringers attending service so often was a mistake, but they should be faithful in the discharge of their duty in regard to public worship. Then, proceeded the preacher, they should adapt themselves to the conditions which they found in the tower to which they were attached. If a man left a tower where there was a good band and found himself in one where there was a struggling band, he must adapt himself. He did not mean by that he must just let things remain as they were, but he must be patient. And while he was patient he must carefully and strenuously insist on progress. If they were a band that 'struck' badly, he must persuade them to concentrate on their striking rather than going on to some other method; if he found that what they rang they rang well, but were content to learn nothing more, he must try and induce them to branch out in something new. That was the way to help their ministry along. It took a great deal of care and patience and prayer. The preacher then had a few words of advice to beginners, urging them to show zeal in the work and to devote themselves to it as they would to any game. Guilds and associations, he said, had also to wait upon their ministry. They existed for the benefit of the ministry. It was for the benefit of good service ringing that there were Guilds at all. Guilds did not exist merely to enable ringers to ring a great number of peals in a number of methods. There should be peals, undoubtedly; and practice, certainly—both did a great deal of good to the ministry if they were done in the right way—but the real ministry of the Guild was to promote good service ringing; to introduce ringers into a fellowship which should help, by instruction in ringing and by leading them to think about their duty in the highest possible way, and inspire them to be good ministers. They should remember that God had called them to this ministry—it was not something which they had done on their own—therefore let them wait on their ministry.

Tea was served in St. Saviour's Church Hall, and at the subsequent business Mr. Walter Harrison (vice-president) presided over an attendance of nearly 140 members and friends. He was supported by the Provost, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Miss Middleton and Mr. W. C. Ryde (life hon. members), Revs. S. Courtney-Smith and Norton (Guildford), G. Mitchell (Cranleigh), Major J. H. B. Heshe (Master), Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O. (hon. treasurer) and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. secretary). Members were present from Aldershot, Ashted, Bagshot, Banstead, Cobham, Cranleigh, Dorking, Ewhurst, Farnham, Farnborough, Godalming, Guildford (Cathedral and St. Nicolas'), Haslemere, Leatherhead, Merrow, Ottershaw, Pirbright, Seale, Shalford, Shere, Thursley, Walton, Witley, Woking, Wotton and Worplesdon. The visitors included Messrs. C. H. Kippen (hon. secretary of the Surrey Association), Mr. F. W. Rogers (acting hon. secretary of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild), Mr. W. Bolton (Cardiff), and ringers from Croydon, Ealing, Petersfield and Crawley.

THE REPORT.

The annual report began with some frank criticism. After the first flush of enthusiasm inspired by the foundation of the new Guild there had been, in some quarters, said the report, a falling-off in interest, and while the officers had been endeavouring to consolidate the position achieved when the Guild started, many of the members had not continued to give that support which might justifiably have been anticipated. This had been noticeable both in the district meetings and in connection with combined practices. Usually these had been attended by the same limited circle of enthusiasts, but if the Guild was to fulfil its functions successfully, support of a much wider kind was not only desirable but essential. The combined practices held in the Leatherhead and Guildford Districts had been attended with varying success, and the committee recorded its thanks to those who had devoted so much time and attention to this part of the work of the Guild. Those who had taken advantage of the facilities provided had profited by the experience. If ringers would realise that by attending these practices they would be helping others as well as probably helping themselves, the reluctance to visit other bellfries, which seemed to exist, would perhaps eventually disappear in the desire to render service. In both the Leatherhead and Guildford Districts new schemes were to be tried this year, and it was hoped the results would be more encouraging to the promoters. There had been no organised combined practices in the Farnham District, but the district officers had done some valuable spade work in visiting several of the towers. In the Chertsey District, also, it had not been possible to arrange combined practices, and there was a regrettable lack of interest among the majority of ringers in this area. The committee appealed to all the members in this district especially to show greater interest, not only in the Guild itself, but in the duties which they are called upon to perform in their own towers and in the meetings which are organised in their interests.

Having referred to the various important events of the year, the report recorded that the committee, under the powers given to them to make grants to towers which are endeavouring to add new bells to the existing ring or are carrying out extensive repairs, had given grants of £2 2s. to West Clandon and £1 1s. to Woking Parish Church. Welcome augmentations to two rings of bells in the diocese had been made during the year. A new bell was added at Farnborough, increasing the peal to six, and two trebles added at Woking Parish Church, and the other bells put on ball bearings, giving another ring of eight in the Guildford District. This latter augmentation was carried through largely by the efforts of the local ringers, who collected most of the necessary funds, and they were to be congratulated on the success of their efforts, in which the hon. treasurer (Admiral T. P. Walker) took a leading part. As a result of a meeting held at Godalming it was hoped that something might be done in the near future to put the ring of bells at the Parish Church in better order. There were several other rings in the diocese which badly required attention. Their present condition was not only an obstacle to the progress of the Guild, but also resulted in valuable property of the Church remaining in a state of disrepair and unfit for use for the purposes for which it was installed by beneficent churchmen in years gone by.

ADVANCE IN PEAL RINGING.

In peal ringing, the Guild made a substantial advance on the preceding year, due in no small measure to the welcome return to the ranks of peal ringers of Mr. A. H. Pulling after his happy recovery from the serious accident which for so long incapacitated him from ringing. The peals numbered 35, against 22 in the previous year. These peals were rung in 21 towers (including four outside the diocese), against 15 in the preceding year. They included the Guild's first peals of Cambridge Surprise Minor and Royal, Stedman Triples and Caters, Canterbury Pleasure Major, College Single Major, Bob Royal, Dublin Surprise Major and Bristol Surprise Major. Other noteworthy peals were the peals of Grandsire Caters at St. Nicolas', Guildford, the first on the bells since rehanging; the first peal of Bob Minor at Esher; a peal of Grandsire Doubles at Ottershaw, in which five of the local ringers rang their first peal; and a peal of Superlative Surprise at Rammore, rung by a resident band of the Leatherhead District. The number of towers which paid their affiliation fee for 1929 was 35, four less than in 1928. The total membership was 559, made up of 19 life hon. members, 38 hon. members, 379 ringing members, and 121 non-resident members. In conclusion, the committee urged that more strenuous efforts should be made by members to bring Sunday service bands up to full strength and to advance the art of change ringing; and that there should be a fuller appreciation of their duties to the Church and their responsibilities to the Guild. This appeal to the members could not be better emphasised than by quoting from the report of the Guildford District secretary presented to the annual meeting of the Guildford District: 'Every member must realise that, although the success of the district and of the Guild depends, to some extent, on its officers and its efficient management, it depends principally on the individual members, who cannot be too strongly reminded that their duty to the Guild does not end, but only starts, with the payment of their annual subscriptions. The objects of the Guild can never be attained until every member has developed such a sense of loyalty that he is, even at some inconvenience to himself, a regular and punctual attender

at service ringing, at practices and at the meetings of his district and the Guild; ever ready to learn some new method to help to keep interested his fellow-ringers, and, above all, perhaps, a persevering recruiting officer for the Exercise.

The balance sheet of the general fund showed that the year began with £20 1s. 2d. in hand, and that subscriptions amounting to £36 12s. had been received. The expenses, including the donations to bell funds, were £20 8s. 11d., leaving a balance in hand of £36 12s. 3d. The district balances have increased during the years from £11 0s. 10d. to £18 13s. 1d.

The balance sheet was adopted on the proposition of the chairman, seconded by Mr. F. Nye.

On the proposition of Canon Kirwan, the following officers were re-elected: Vice-president, Mr. Walter Harrison; Master, Major. J. H. B. Hesse (Haslemere); hon. treasurer, Admiral T. P. Walker (Woking); hon. secretary, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (Woking); hon. auditor, Mr. C. N. Burdock (Guildford). Mr. Goldsmith asked to be allowed to hand in his resignation next year as his interests in ringing extended outside the diocese, and sometimes there was a clash of interests. The suggestion was greeted with cries of 'No.'

A ballot for the election of three representatives on the Central Council resulted as follows: A. H. Pulling, C. Hazelden and G. L. Grover. A vote of thanks was accorded the last three representatives.

Four compounding members, 12 hon. members, two ringing members and one life member were elected.

Alterations were made in the rules to the effect that vice-presidents be ex-officio members of the Executive Committee.

PROTECTION AGAINST FAULTY WORK.

The rule that the Executive Committee may make grants 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, was amended, so that such grants be not paid until the work has been completed to the satisfaction of the Guild's advisory officer.

The Hon. Secretary, submitting the alteration, said there might be a danger of repairs being done by the village blacksmith, instead of by competent bell hangers, or, failing to raise sufficient money to get a new peal a church might decide to instal a set of tubular bells. He thought the Guild ought to safeguard itself.

Major Hesse seconded.

Admiral Walker and Mr. A. Pulling opposed the alteration on the ground that the grants the Guild could make were only small sums.

Canon Kirwan pointed out that the alteration was exactly the same as that adopted by every Diocesan Board of Finance. No grants were made unless the work was done to the satisfaction of the Board. It was a matter of principle.

The alteration was accepted by 66 votes to five.

The meeting decided to hold their summer festival at Egham on July 5th, and the next annual general meeting at Guildford. The meeting also approved of the suggestion to hold a Guild dinner.

An offer by Mr. J. Beams to enter the peals in the Guild's peal book was accepted with thanks.

Thanks were expressed to Canon Kirwan for the use of the Cathedral, for the service and for his continued interest, and also to the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn for the high ideals expressed in his address at the Cathedral.

Matters concerning the Central Council's constitution which it was proposed to alter, were explained by the secretary, who said that the proposals were that societies should be formally affiliated to the Central Council; that societies should recognise the rulings of the Council; that members should be elected annually instead of for three years; that Guilds should be able to send resolutions direct to the Council; and that resolutions of the Council should be communicated to the various Guilds. The principles involved were accepted by the meeting.

Hearty good wishes were extended to Mr. H. Gardner, of Seale, who was leaving the district for Worthing. He was the oldest member of the band, and had been responsible for the training of many of the younger members.

Thanks were accorded the chairman for presiding, and the new Rector of S. Nicolas for his interest in ringing.

POLICEMEN'S SERVICE TOUCHES.

At St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, on Sunday, March 30th, for evening service 688 Bob Major: P.C. Willis 1, Insp. Bottrill (conductor) 2, P.S. Schleuter 3, P.C. Digby 4, P.C. Doel 5, Candidate Gwilliam 6, Candidate Bagworth 7, P.C. Bannister 8. Also 504 Stedman Triples, with P.C. Bannister conductor and P.C. Jones tenor. All are members of Metropolitan Police Guild.

A HALF-PEAL

At Mongham, Kent, on March 28th, a half-peal of Bob Minor (2,520 changes) in 1 hr. 25 mins., being three 720's and 360, called differently: S. Bamford 1, E. Long 2, F. Rye 3, W. Terry 3, W. Hunt 5, L. Ladd (conductor) 6. Longest length by ringers of 3, 4 and 5.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. THE ANNUAL REPORT.

The forty-eighth annual report, covering the 52nd year of the Norwich Diocesan Association, has just been issued. It is mainly a record of the recent reorganisation of the association. The last reorganisation, says the report, took place in the year 1890, when the association was divided up into districts, which were worked single-handed by a district secretary. During this period many of the districts have become far too small in membership to hope for any success, and in others difficulties have been found in the way for the proper organisation of the districts being satisfactorily carried out, with the inevitable result that district meetings had fallen to zero point, followed with an atmosphere of apathy hovering over the work for the future welfare of the association.

The committee recognised this state of affairs and also that the existing arrangements of districts were obviously out of gear and should be overhauled without further delay. The committee's proposals for the reorganisation scheme were considered by all the general meetings in 1928, and were summarised in a circular letter dated February, 1929, to all members residing in Norfolk, with an attached form containing five questions on the proposals of reform for members to answer and return to the general secretary (Mr. Arthur L. Coleman). The returns showed majorities in favour of all the five proposed reforms at the Whit Monday general meeting held at Pulham St. Mary, on May 20th, 1929.

A sub-committee was appointed to deal with the areas of the new branches. Great attention was given to the important matter of easy inter-communication by railways and motor bus routes which was no easy matter with so many of the towers in isolated places. To meet this difficulty it was found necessary to group the eleven existing districts into four branches instead of the three as proposed in the referendum to members, to be called 'The North,' 'The East,' 'The South,' and 'The West' Branches. Particulars with regard to the boundaries of the branches are printed in the annual report for 1929.

The change of title, 'The Norfolk Guild for the Diocese of Norwich' to revert to its original title, 'The Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers,' was particularly popular, especially among the older members, with remembrances of its brilliant past record, thus bringing it into touch with the present generation.

The unwieldy area of the association covering the diocese of Norwich was far too great to be continued to be administered centrally from Norwich. The committee hope for a real revival in the life of the association by the constitution of four new branches large enough to give ample material for the officers and committees to work and keep the members actively in touch with one and another by frequent meetings and combined practices, and also for members to take the opportunity now offered to them for active work as officers and members of the branch committees.

The committee are pleased to report that members came forward willingly to take up office at the election of the branch committees: The East Norfolk Branch at Great Yarmouth on November 9th, 1929; the West Norfolk Branch at King's Lynn, November 16th, 1929; the South Norfolk Branch at Diss, November 23rd, 1929; the North Norfolk Branch at Norwich, December 7th, 1929.

The committee wish them every success, and trust their efforts will result in a general activity in the work of the association, but let it be remembered that this largely depends upon what support the branch committees get from the members. Service and good fellowship is the key to unlock a successful branch.

The committee also put on record their thanks to all district secretaries for their many years of services, and are sure they will appreciate the mention of the name of their grandfather of district secretaries, Mr. William Ireland, of Diss, who has been district secretary of Diss for 39 years and 52 years a member of the association, and still going strong in his 78th year of age, and adding on peals to his record of 101.

The committee regret the loss by death of nine members and four by resignation. Seven members have lapsed during the year, but they are glad to report the election of 26 new members and the re-election of nine old members, the grand total of members standing at 822 against 806 in 1928. The committee report a small reduction in the amount of outstanding subscriptions for the year ending December 31st, 1929, the amount being £4 10s., against £6 3s. in 1928. They regret to report the falling off in the number of peals during the year. Forty-five peals in 11 different methods were rung, against 50 peals in 1928; 113 members took part in the peals, which were conducted by 13 members.

In conclusion, they wish to thank all the officers and members of the committee for their services during the past year.

The association membership is 7 life members, 263 non-resident life members, 218 Suffolk non-resident life members, 31 hon. members in Norfolk, and 303 performing members, a total of 622.

RINGSTEAD, NORTHANTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Thursday evening, March 27th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor: H. Peacock 1, G. Whitney 2, E. Whitmore 3, G. Roberts 4, W. Whitmore (conductor) 5, A. Bellamy 6. First 720 by the ringers of treble and second.

ALDERMAN J. S. PRITCHETT HONOURED.**JUBILEE AS A FREEMASON.**

Alderman J. S. Pritchett, best known among ringers as the Presiding Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, has had, as most of our readers know, a distinguished career in many departments of life. He is a prominent member of the Bar and Recorder of Lincoln, and, outside his profession, his chief interest, apart from ringing, is Freemasonry, in which he has risen to an exalted position. He has just completed his jubilee in the craft, having been initiated in the 'Alma Mater' Lodge, No. 1844, on March 19th, 1880. This auspicious event was celebrated last Friday, when Wor. Bro. Pritchett was the guest of the evening at a banquet at the Birmingham Masonic Temple.

In the craft, W. Bro. Pritchett has filled the offices of Provincial Grand Deacon, Provincial Grand Senior Warden, and Grand Senior Deacon of England, and in 1925 was appointed Assistant Provincial Grand Master, Warwickshire, which office he still holds. Equally distinguished has been his progress in Royal Arch and Mark Masonry, and in the orders of the Knight Templars, and Rose Croix, as well as in other branches, including holding the office of Provincial Grand Master of the Royal Order of Scotland.

Despite his 75 years, Alderman Pritchett is young in spirit, due to the fact that his outlook on life is always a broad and cheerful one. Asked at the recent Johnson dinner when he was happiest, he replied that he was happiest wherever he happened to be at the moment.

Alderman Pritchett has undoubtedly found the key to true happiness, and it has kept him keenly alert in intellect and active in body, in proof of which we have only to remind our readers that on his 75th birthday he rang in a peal of Stedman Cinques. Alderman Pritchett celebrated his jubilee as a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths some years ago.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**WESTERN DIVISION OFFICERS.**

The annual meeting of the Western Division of the Yorkshire Association was held at Lightcliffe on Saturday last. The attendance was very good, members from the following towers being present: Guiseley, Lindley, Longwood, Headingley, Armley, Queensbury, Rothwell, Brighouse, Pudsey, Denholme, Liversedge, Leeds, Mytholmroyd, Keighley, Bradford, Shipley, Birstall, Bingley, Mirfield, Halifax, Batley, Bramley, Northwram, Idle and the local company. During the afternoon the bells were rung to touches of Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire, and a short church service was held, the address being given by the Rev. H. L. Taylor.

Tea was served in the schools, and the business meeting was held immediately after. Mr. J. Cotterell (vice-president) was in the chair, supported by the Rev. H. L. Taylor and Mr. J. Broadley (Ringing Master). Six new members were elected, viz., W. Bibby, T. B. Worsley, T. Barlow, A. Towend, K. R. Jubb and W. Lawson, the last-named being the grandson of J. Lawson, of Lightcliffe, and as his son is also a member this makes three generations now ringing together in the same band.

The following officers were re-elected: Mr. J. Cotterell, Bradford, vice-president; and Messrs. R. W. Jennison (Keighley) and W. Ambler (Queensbury), committee. Mr. W. E. H. Ash (Leeds) was elected on the committee in the place of Mr. H. Smith (Leeds), who expressed a wish to retire. An invitation to hold the next meeting at Calverley was accepted.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and address, and also to the organist for presiding at the organ, was moved from the chair, and seconded by Mr. J. Broadley. This was carried, and the Rev. H. L. Taylor responded.

A vote of thanks to the local company for the arrangements made, and to the ladies for presiding at the tea tables, was proposed by Mr. W. Barton, seconded by Mr. V. Bairstow, and passed, and Mr. J. Lawson replied.

The tower was again revisited at the close of the business meeting, and the bells were kept going until 9 p.m.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.**CHEAP TRAVELLING FACILITIES.**

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In connection with the forthcoming Whitsuntide meeting, representations have again been made to the railway companies, who have agreed to afford cheap travelling facilities and will issue tickets available from Saturday, June 7th, until Wednesday, June 11th, from any station to London. The fare charged will be single fare and a third. The condition imposed is that at least 100 tickets should be sold. As they will be available for members' wives and friends travelling with them to the meeting, it is hoped that this number will be sold. Those living only a short distance from London may considerably help by using these tickets.

Applications, stating number of tickets, should be made to me, including a stamped addressed envelope.—Yours faithfully,

E. ALEXR. YOUNG,

Hon. Secretary.

155, Rushey Green, Catford, S.E.6.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

NEWCASTLE.—At the Cathedral, a touch of 660 Stedman Cinques was rung for evensong, on Sunday, March 30th, to celebrate the 64th birthday of Mr. C. L. Routledge, everyone wishing him 'many happy returns': G. A. Pickering 1, A. Payne 2, C. L. Routledge 3, J. E. Keen 4, J. Rowell 5, J. Anderson 6, A. Deas 7, W. Baskill 8, J. Foreman 9, Jas. Davidson 10, W. H. Barber (conductor) 11, R. Anderson 12. A short-course touch.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows', on Sunday, March 30th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 42 mins.: H. Ellis 1, H. A. Barnett 2, W. J. Ellis 3, E. E. Holman 4, E. A. Hull 5, J. H. Crampion (first quarter-peal as conductor) 6, J. G. Nash 7, H. W. Strickland 8.

WINDERMERE, WESTMORLAND.—On Sunday, March 30th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): E. Hadwin 1, H. Richardson 2, H. Woodburn 3, J. Tebay 4, T. Jefferson (conductor) 5, W. Troughton 6, F. Wilson 7, W. Walker 8. First quarter-peal as conductor. All are Sunday service ringers, and it was the first quarter-peal by a purely local band.

WELLINGTON, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, March 30th, for morning service, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins.: R. Whalley 1, F. R. Wiggins 2, W. H. Jones 3, L. Bishop 4, W. A. Fletcher 5, H. Hayward 6, A. Pritchard (conductor) 7, W. Thomas 8. Arranged for Messrs. F. R. Wiggins and W. H. Jones, of Stafford.

SEALE, SURREY.—On Sunday, March 30th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Minor (1,260 changes), being 720 of Kent, 360 Oxford Treble Bob, and 180 Plain Bob: H. Court 1, H. Gardner 2, C. Newman 3, W. Denyer 4, E. Whitford 5, H. Tinsley (conductor) 6. Arranged and rung as a farewell to Mr. H. Gardner, who is leaving the parish to take up new duties at Worthing.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On 'Mothering' Sunday, March 30th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1,260 changes), being 360 Canterbury, 360 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire) in 40 mins.: J. H. Bailess 1, C. H. Webb 2, F. Bailess 3, M. E. Watson (conductor) 4, W. A. Wood 5, A. E. Warwick 6. First quarter-peal in three methods by a local band.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.—On Sunday, March 30th, at St. Thomas' Church, for Holy Eucharist service, three parts of Holt's Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples (1,540 changes) in 56 minutes: J. Peters 1, F. G. Ringe (conductor) 2, A. Rainbird 3, C. Pryke 4, R. Ong 5, A. Pryke 6, E. Furbank 7, B. Hines 8.

TENTERDEN.—At St. Mildred's, for evensong, on Sunday, March 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. J. Battin 1, Dr. Taylor 2, — Collins 3, H. V. Baker 4, R. Edwards (conductor) 5, J. Neve 6, W. Tickner 7, C. Tribe 8. Arranged for ringers of 2, 3 and 4, who hail from Sevenoaks.

EGERTON, KENT.—On Sunday morning, March 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: A. Foreman (first away from tenor) 1, W. Henniker 2, M. Johnson (first inside) 3, A. Missing 4, F. Good (conductor) 5, C. Rains (first quarter-peal) 6.

BANSTEAD.—On Sunday, March 23rd, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: J. Hobson (first quarter-peal) 1, F. G. Woodiss 2, A. E. Cheesman 3, H. N. Pitlow (conductor) 4, L. George 5, T. Norman 6, R. I. George 7, E. Wooloff 8.—On Sunday, February 16th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: *Col. T. F. Parkinson 1, F. G. Woodiss 2, A. E. Cheesman 3, H. N. Pitlow (conductor) 4, *L. George 5, *T. Norman 6, R. I. George 7, *E. Wooloff 8. * First quarter-peal. First quarter-peal on the bells by an entirely local band.

LONDON.—On Sunday, March 23rd, for evening service, at St. Giles', Camberwell, S.E., 1,299 Stedman Caters: H. W. Hibbert 1, Miss B. M. Mills 2, E. E. Richards 3, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 4, E. Brown 5, E. J. King 6, W. D. Grainger 7, T. W. Taffender 8, W. Rogers 9, H. H. Peters 10.

LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity, on Sunday evening, March 9th, before the Confirmation service by the Bishop of Lewes, a touch of 1,008 Grandsire Triples in 37 mins.: E. Wadey 1, W. Watts (conductor) 2, H. Wadey 3, S. Vince 4, G. Feist 5, G. Woodman 6, R. Langridge 7, W. W. Watts 8.

CHATHAM.—At St. Mary-the-Virgin, on Sunday evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: David Gammon 1, J. Kidd 2, H. Hogarth 3, S. Shellock 4, F. Belsey (conductor) 5, W. Beaumont 6, C. Norris 7, G. Lawrence 8. The ringer of the treble is 14 years old, this being his first quarter-peal, rung at the first attempt.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 10th and 24th, *St. Giles', Cripple-gate, or the Coffee Pot, on the 29th (at 7.30 p.m.) *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general committee meeting will be held at Oxford in the Chapter House Ch. Ch., on Saturday, April 5th, at 3.15 p.m.—Richard T. Hibbert, General Secretary.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Cobham (6 bells) on Saturday, April 5th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Alan R. Pink, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Northfield, near Birmingham, on Saturday, April 5th. Bells available at 3.30.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Cuckfield on Saturday, April 5th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (1/-) in Parish Room.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Poolstock on Saturday, April 5th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is requested. — James W. Grounds, Branch Sec. 8, School Lane, Standish.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Next meeting will be held at Cresswell on Saturday, April 5th. Bells open early. For tea please advise Mr. L. W. Bacon, Thanet House, Elmtown Road, Cresswell. A hearty welcome to visitors.—H. Thorpe, Hon. Sec., 104, Petre Street, Sheffield.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of the Southampton District will be held at Romsey on Saturday, April 5th. Bells at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea in Church Hall at 5 o'clock.—W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Ealing, on Saturday, April 5th, not 12th, as on notices sent. Ringing from 3.30. Usual arrangements for tea, etc.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — West Norfolk Branch. — The quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Swaffham on Saturday, April 5th. Bells (8) available from 3 to 5 and 7 to 8.30. Tea and meeting in Parish Room at 5 p.m. (1s. per head). A postcard from those intending to come will be helpful.—W. J. Eldred, Dis. Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn, Norfolk.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. Philip's Church, Nelson, on Saturday, April 5th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions due.—F. Hindle, Hon. Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Radcliffe-on-Trent (6 bells) on Saturday, April 5th. Bells ready from 3 p.m. Please bring your Minor Methods with you. All ringers welcome.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch. — A special meeting will be held at Lilbourne on Saturday, April 5th. Usual arrangements. —R. Adams, East Haddon, Northants.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Old Warden on Saturday, April 5th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested. —C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

SPRATTON, NORTHANTS.—Dedication by the Lord Bishop of Peterborough on Tuesday, April 8th, at 6 p.m., of the peal of five, restored by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Penwortham on Saturday, April 12th. Bells available from 2.30. All ringers welcome. — Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Rd., Chorley

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The quarterly meeting takes place at Kewstoke on April 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bus from Town Hall, Weston-super-Mare, to Worlebury every 10 minutes; Church 5 minutes' walk from Worlebury. Important business—please attend.—L. G. Tanner, Hon. Sec., 51, Locking Road, Weston-super-Mare.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting of the above Guild will be held at Wye on Saturday, April 12th. Bells available 2.30. All ringers welcome. — A. J. Batten, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. A meeting will be held at St Luke's, Great Crosby, on Saturday, April 12th. Bells (6) available 3.30. Usual arrangements. Please make an effort to attend.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — Next meeting will be held at South Kirkby on Saturday, April 12th. For tea please advise A. E. Harrison, 74, Mill Lane, South Kirkby, near Pontefract, not later than Wednesday, 9th. Visitors heartily welcome.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The first quarterly meeting will be held at Anstey (Kibworth being unavailable) on Saturday, April 12th. Bells (8) available from 3.30. Tea at Mrs. Baker's, Church Lane, at 5, followed by business meeting. Will those requiring tea please let me know not later than Wednesday, 9th?—Alban Disney, Local Sec., 3, Highgate, Aylestone Lane, Leicester.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Merstham on Saturday, April 12th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea must notify me by Wednesday, April 9th.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Boreham on Saturday, April 12th. Bells (8) available 2.30. A short service in church at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Those who intend being present for tea please notify me by Wednesday, April 9th.—A. E. Coombes, 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—A meeting will be held at Hersham on Saturday, April 12th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea in the Parish Room 5. All ringers welcome. Numbers for tea must reach me by Wednesday, April 9th.—H. Hancock, Hon. District Sec., 3, Chobham Road, Ottershaw, Chertsey.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Ellesmere on Saturday, April 12th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Tea (1/- each) at 6 o'clock. Please send numbers for tea before the 9th, to the Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at Market Drayton, on Saturday, April 12th. Ringing from 2.30. (8 bells). Tea at 5 o'clock. Will those intending being present kindly inform the Secretary on or before April 9th?—R. D. Langford, Branch Hon. Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome & Midsomer Norton Deanery.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Douling on April 12th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and business 5. Those requiring tea please notify R. T. Clark, High Street, Timsbury, nr. Bath.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch will hold their quarterly meeting at Colerne on Saturday, April 12th. Bells (8) (good going) from 3.15 p.m. Visitors please notify me early.—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., The Woodlands, Chippenham.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—Dedication of peal tablet, Easter Saturday, April 19th. Service 4.30. All ringers welcome.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Easter Monday, April 21st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., tea and meeting following at the Institute. Those requiring tea kindly inform Mr. A. Dean, 24, Church Walk, Leatherhead, not later than Thursday, April 17th.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, April 21st. Full particulars next week.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Burton-on-Trent on Easter Monday. Bells of St. Paul's (10), St. Modwen (8), Rolleston (8), Winshill (6) available throughout the day. Committee meet at 3.45. Tea, followed by general meeting, at 5 o'clock, in St. Paul's Institute. A substantial meat tea (2s. per head) will be served, and it is imperative that all who attend should advise Mr. J. W. Leach, 4, Vernon Terrace, Victoria Street, Burton-on-Trent, not later than Thursday, April 17th, to avoid disappointment.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester. N.B.—Reports for 1929 ready, price 6d., per post 7½d. A few back numbers are still available.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The 50th annual general meeting will be held at Canterbury (where the Association was instituted) on Easter Monday, April 21st. Committee meeting in the Cathedral Library at 11.15. Special service in the Cathedral at 12 noon. Address by His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury. Luncheon in the County Hall at 1.30, presided over by His Grace the Archbishop, followed by business meeting. Towers open for ringing: Cathedral (12), St. Stephen's (8), St. Alphege (6), outlying districts if desired. Luncheon tickets free to practising members only; non-members 3/6. Railway vouchers for the day for return journey at single fare from any station in Kent, Surrey, Sussex and London, can be had on applying, enclosing stamped addressed envelope, to the undersigned. Mr. Morton W. Pierce has kindly offered to conduct ringers and friends round this historic Cathedral at 4 p.m. Application for luncheon tickets must be made on or before Saturday, April 12th, after which date they cannot be entertained. Nominations for Central Council representatives must reach me on or before Monday, April 14th.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Hedon, near Hull, on Easter Monday, April 21st. The fine new ring of eight (tenor 17½ cwt.) will be available for ringing throughout the day. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1/6 per head, and all applications for same must reach Mr. G. Dowling, Roos, near Hull, not later than first post Tuesday, April 15th. Buses run every quarter-of-an-hour from Paragon Square, Hull. Members are reminded that the annual subscription of 2/- is now due, and should be paid to the respective district secretaries without delay.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Axminster, on Easter Monday, April 21st. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, members free. Meeting 5.30. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 21st. Business meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 2.15 prompt. Chairman: The Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., President. Service with address by the Rev. Canon Chesshire, D.D., in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5.30 p.m. for all those who notify me before Wednesday, April 16th. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 12.30 to 2, All Saints' (10), St. Helen's (8) and St. John-in-Bredwardine (8). 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.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at All Saints', Fulham, on Saturday, April 26th. Preacher, Rev. W. P. Cole-Sheane, Vicar of Twickenham (President-elect). Further particulars later.—C. T. Coles, W. H. Hollier, Hon. Secs.

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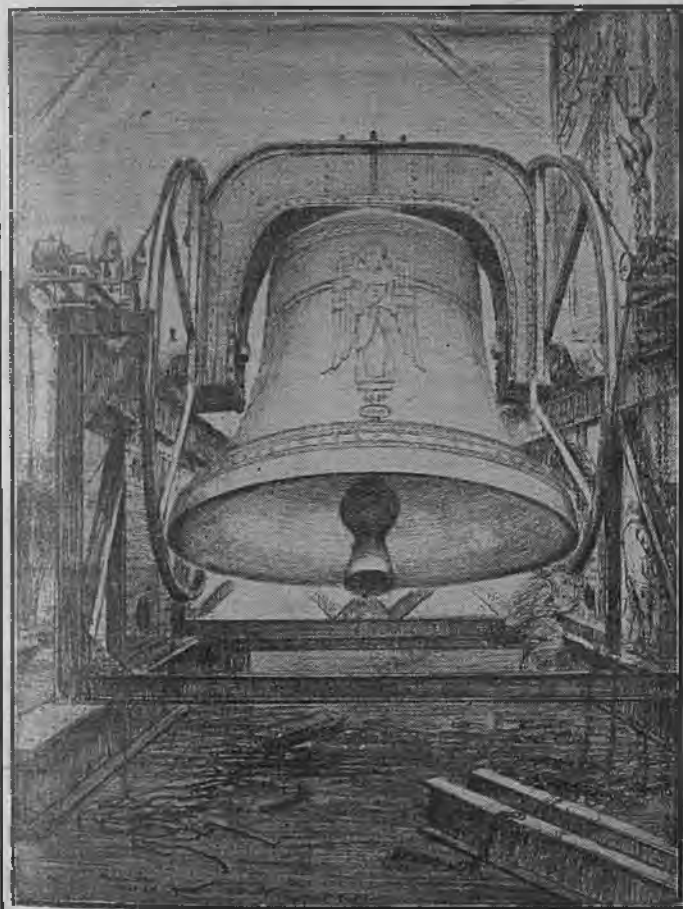
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It is not for us to allocate blame in this most recent 'lock-out,' but the incident does give point to the futility of making hard and fast rules as to ringers' attendance at church. Every ringer who approaches his duties in the right spirit will always make it a practice to attend service unless there is reasonable cause for not doing so. Seldom is there a sermon preached at a ringers' gathering when emphasis is not laid upon the duty of the ringer to respond to the call which he has given from the belfry, but is not the part which the ringer plays, as a preliminary to the service, an act of worship in itself? If the ringing is done in the right spirit it constitutes as much a part of the service as that which takes place afterwards in the church; and while we do not say that ringers should not share in the prayer and praise which follow, when the congregation have assembled, those who imagine that the ringers have not fully done their part unless they stay to service overlook the fact that the half hour's ringing, reverently and well done, can in itself be a not unimportant part in that service.

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| THOMAS BALDWIN Treble | FRANK PONTING 6 |
| LESLIE BARRY 2 | THOMAS WITTS 7 |
| ALBERT WRIGHT 3 | P. I. G. HASTINGS 8 |
| TRAVERS PRITCHARD 4 | J. F. BALLINGER 9 |
| GEORGE ORCHARD 5 | * REGINALD HEARNE Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

* First peal.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NORBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

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| EDWARD JONES Treble | WILLIAM FERNLEY 5 |
| ERNEST BENNETT 2 | WALTER WOLSTENCROFT ... 6 |
| JAMES FERNLEY, JUN. 3 | TOM WILDE 7 |
| JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. 4 | EDWARD JENKINS Tenor |

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

Rung on the 29th anniversary of the first peal rung in the method.

MILNROW, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 29, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

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| LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Treble | ALBERT J. HUGHES 5 |
| MISS ROSE BELL 3 | * WALTER STAFF 6 |
| WILLIAM HORAN 3 | WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 7 |
| HERBERT DAVENPORT 4 | EDWARD JENKINS Tenor |

Composed by T. WILDE.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

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

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT & BOWDON BRANCH.)

On Monday, March 31, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

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| RICHARD E. JONES Treble | WILLIAM FERNLEY 5 |
| ERNEST BENNETT 2 | WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 6 |
| JAMES FERNLEY, JUN. 3 | TOM WILDE 7 |
| JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. 4 | JOHN W. HARTLEY Tenor |

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE. Conducted by TOM WILDE.

First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band. Rung on the 30th birthday of H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester. Also a birthday peal for the ringer of the treble and the wife of the ringer of the tenor.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 2, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

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| * ALBERT STOKES Treble | WILLIAM BAXTER 5 |
| JAMES BILEY 2 | CHARLES RAISON 6 |
| JESSE FRANCIS 3 | CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... 7 |
| SAMUEL J. HECTOR 4 | NORMAN V. ANDREWS ... Tenor |

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by N. V. ANDREWS.

* First peal of Major. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Baxter.

SHIFNAL, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, April 5, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. in E flat.

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| WILLIAM SAUNDERS Treble | FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 5 |
| CHARLES H. WATTS 2 | ALBERT WOODVINE 6 |
| ARTHUR PRITCHARD 3 | HARRY BOSWELL 7 |
| ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 4 | EDWARD V. RODENHURST Tenor |

Composed by the late G. HAYWARD. Conducted by A. GREENFIELD.

Rung as a welcome to the Vicar, the Rev. J. H. Hall, who was inducted to the living of Shifnal on Sunday, March 9th. The ringers extend their best thanks to the Vicar for his compliments and kind hospitality at the close of the peal. The ringer of the sixth was proposed a member of the above society previous to starting.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 5, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

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

Composed by JOHN COX.

Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to L. P. Bailey.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 5, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, BETHNAL GREEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

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| CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble | FREDERICK SMITH 5 |
| ALAN R. MACDONALD 2 | HUGH HILLS 6 |
| THOMAS LANGDON 3 | JOSEPH S. HAWKINS 7 |
| SIDNEY PENFOLD 4 | HENRY C. TAYLOR Tenor |

Conducted by J. S. HAWKINS.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 5, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

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| JOHN HULL Treble | WALTER RUFFLES 5 |
| JAMES BENNETT, JUN. 2 | T. WILLIAM LAST 6 |
| WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 3 | LESLIE G. BRETT 7 |
| GEORGE BENNETT 4 | * LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN.

* 50th peal of Cambridge Surprise.

BROXBOURNE, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 5, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

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| ERNEST J. BUTLER Treble | EDWIN F. PIKE 5 |
| GEORGE M. KILBY 2 | GEORGE R. PYE 6 |
| GEORGE RADLEY 3 | JOHN ARMSTRONG 7 |
| JOHN G. NASH 4 | WILLIAM PYE Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

WINSCOMBE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 5, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

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| WILLIAM H. THOMAS Treble | ERNEST PARKER 5 |
| CHARLES R. LILLEY 2 | LEONARD TANNER 6 |
| JAMES R. JONES 3 | JOHN A. BURFORD 7 |
| WILLIAM KNIGHT 4 | RAYMOND ROBERTS Tenor |

Conducted by J. A. BURFORD.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 5, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART.

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| REGINALD ARNOLD Treble | WILLIAM LINCOLN 5 |
| PERCY GREEN 2 | WILLIAM KEEBLE 6 |
| ARTHUR HEAD 3 | GEORGE GREEN 7 |
| HENRY WAIN 4 | HARRY SHARPINGTON ... Tenor |

Conducted by PERCY GREEN.

First peal as conductor.

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

On Saturday, April 5, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty One Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| * JACK CHARNOCK | Treble | FRED RIGBY | 5 |
| * HERMON NELSON | 2 | ARTHUR HARTLEY | 6 |
| JOHN RICHARD TAYLOR | 3 | JOHN H. GARTSIDE | 7 |
| BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS | 4 | WILLIAM SHARPLES | Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (284). Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob.

RADCLIFFE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 5, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

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| * JOHN NASH | Treble | HERBERT DAVENPORT | 5 |
| JOHN BOOTH | 2 | GEORGE STAFF | 6 |
| LAWRENCE J. WILLIAMS | 3 | JOHN POTTER | 7 |
| * WALTER STAFF | 4 | WILLIAM HORAN | Tenor |

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM HORAN

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Edith Lumb, of Cross Stone, Todmorden.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 5, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

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| WILLIAM RICHES | Treble | EDWARD ETHERIDGE | 5 |
| ERNEST AUSTIN HEAD | 2 | JAMES RICHES | 6 |
| ALBERT RICHES | 3 | WALTER RICHES | 7 |
| ROBERT RAYNER | 4 | ROBERT RICHES | Tenor |

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by ROBERT RICHES.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. John Riches, who died at the age of 79 years and was buried that afternoon. He was for many years a ringer of the above church. Messrs. Albert, William, Walter, Robert and James Riches are brothers and nephew of John Riches.

USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 5, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

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| * EDWARD H. STRADLING | Treble | EDGAR W. LUFF | 5 |
| DONALD G. CLIFT | 2 | GEORGE POPNELL | 6 |
| GEORGE HAWKINS | 3 | CHARLES GREEDY | 7 |
| ARTHUR HAWKINS | 4 | ALBERT THOMAS | Tenor |

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by DONALD G. CLIFT.

* First peal. First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the sixth. First peal of Oxford Bob Triples on the bells and by the Llandaff Association in the county of Monmouth. E. H. Stradling was elected a member of the association before starting the peal.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 5, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

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| * JOHN COOK | Treble | GEORGE E. CLODE | 5 |
| ALFRED H. PULLING | 2 | FREDERICK W. ROGERS | 6 |
| GEORGE WILSON | 3 | WALTER CHARMAN | 7 |
| C. ERNEST SMITH | 4 | GEORGE W. STEERE | Tenor |

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal in the method. Rung after meeting short for Surprise. The visitors take this opportunity of thanking the two Warnham men for standing in at short notice.

RAWMARSH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 5, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ILKESTON VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| CLIFFORD F. WILSON | Treble | CHARLES POULTNEY | 5 |
| OLIVER GREATHEAD | 2 | ALBERT NASH | 6 |
| WILLIAM GREEN | 3 | PERCY GLEDSTONE | 7 |
| ARTHUR PANTHER | 4 | ARTHUR GILL | Tenor |

Composed by E. C. GOBEY (No. 9). Conducted by A. NASH.

First peal of Spliced Treble Bob Major by all the band and on the bells. A birthday compliment to C. F. Wilson (April 7th).

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 5, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

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| * BERTIE CORNELL | Treble | ARTHUR SYMONDS | 5 |
| † WILFRED ANDREWS | 2 | LAURENCE POULSON | 6 |
| WILLIAM R. J. POULSON | 3 | STEDMAN H. SYMONDS | 7 |
| MAURICE T. SYMONDS | 4 | FREDERICK F. MORTLOCK | Tenor |

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by M. T. SYMONDS.

* First peal of Major. † First peal on tower bells.

KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 5, 1930, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
At the Parish Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

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

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| RICHARD DENNISON | Treble | THOMAS S. JEFFERSON | 5 |
| EDWIN JENNINGS | 2 | JIM TEBAY | 6 |
| FRANK WILSON | 3 | * IVOR J. HEAP | 7 |
| WILLIAM ROBINSON | 4 | * STANLEY EDMONDSON | Tenor |

Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

* First peal. The tenor ringer was elected a member previous to starting. Rung as a birthday compliment to P.C. W. Robinson, of Manchester; Mrs. E. Jennings, of Kendal; and Miss M. Jennings, of Buxton, Derbyshire. Also in honour of the wedding of Miss S. A. Atkinson, of Kendal, and Mr. A. Forrester, of Christchurch, New Zealand, which took place a few weeks ago at Christchurch. Miss Atkinson is the youngest daughter of Mr. W. Atkinson, the senior ringer at the above church.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, March 23, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

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| HARRY PARKER | Treble | JOHN WORTH | 4 |
| GEORGE H. CRAWLEY | 2 | WILFRED S. STEVENSON | 5 |
| ERNEST BENNETT | 3 | ALBERT CRAWLEY | Tenor |

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

H. Parker has now rung each bell in the tower through a peal.

BLACKWELL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 29, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Werburgh,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of St. Dunstan's, 720 Old Doubles, 720 St. Simon's, 720 Plain Bob and 2,160 of Grandsire. Tenor 9½ cwt.

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| W. RILEY | Treble | A. SMITHSON | 3 |
| E. MALLENDER | 2 | H. BAILEY | 4 |
| F. KNOWLES | ... | ... | Tenor |

Conducted by F. KNOWLES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Bailey.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 24, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
At the Parise Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in 23 methods, viz.: (1) Chester, Munden, Ahwick and Newcastle; (2) London, Wells and Cungeastre; (3) Lincoln and Coldstream; (4) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Stamford and Rossendale; (5) Cambridge, Ipswich, Norfolk and Primrose; (6) Beverley, Surfleet, Hexham and Berwick; (7) York and Durham.

PARKER'S.

Tenor 13 cwt.

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| ALFRED PRIOR Treble | JOHN MOULE 4 |
| ERNEST J. BUTLER 2 | WILLIAM MILLER 5 |
| *WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 3 | EDWARD D. SMITH Tenor |

Arranged by GEORGE L. JOYCE. Conducted by EDWARD D. SMITH

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Minor. First peal of 23 methods by all, and rung at first attempt. It contains the largest number of Surprise methods yet rung in one peal.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Tuesday, April 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Woodbine, two 720's Oxford Treble Bob and two of Kent. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

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| LEONARD A. TIDY Treble | *WILLIAM G. PATERNOSTER 4 |
| *ERNEST N. TIDY 2 | EDWARD E. TIDY 5 |
| H. F. HYLTON TIDY 3 | *JAMES W. KNIGHT Tenor |

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

HOOLE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 5, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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| JOHN BENNION, SEN. Treble | HARRY COUSONS 4 |
| GEORGE R. JONES 2 | WILLIAM WEETMAN 5 |
| ARTHUR NEWALL 3 | JOHN BENNION, JUN. Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM WEETMAN.

First peal as conductor and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

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

On Saturday, April 5, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 19½ cwt.

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| *WILFRED A. SHARPE ... Treble | †THOMAS W. LEWIS 4 |
| *ALLEN MORGAN 2 | WALTER H. RAXTER 5 |
| †HAROLD F. MARTIN 3 | *REGINALD WOODYATT ... Tenor |

Conducted by W. H. RAXTER.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

BROMHAM, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 5, 1930, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Owen.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents called differently. Tenor 23 cwt.

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| CHARLES WM. CLARKE ... Treble | WILLIAM STOCK 4 |
| *FRANK TYSOE 2 | HENRY STAPLETON 5 |
| *ERNEST FREEMAN 3 | *HERBERT SHARP Tenor |

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

* First peal in the method.

GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATED.

At Chertsey, Surrey, on Thursday, April 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 minutes, to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hessey, father and mother of the conductor, also as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. R. Stevens and Mr. G. Warinton: Mrs. L. Crocker 1, H. R. Stevens 2, G. Warinton 3, Miss N. Stevens 4, J. B. Hessey (conductor) 5, S. Armstrong 6, J. Crocker 7, P. J. Percy 8.

TIBSHELF, DERBYSHIRE.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 5, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| W. RILEY Treble | H. DRAYCOTT 4 |
| A. SMITHSON 2 | E. MALLENDER 5 |
| H. BAILEY 3 | F. KNOWLES Tenor |

Conducted by F. KNOWLES.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. J. W. Scott on his 84th birthday, and also on H. Draycott's birthday.

HANDBELL PEALS.

JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA.
ST. ALBAN'S RINGING GUILD.

On Thursday, March 6, 1930, in One Hour and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At St. Margaret's Mission House, Johannesburg,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different compositions of 720, containing 87 bobs and 22 singles.

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| *SISTER ANGELA 1 | *SISTER VIVIAN 3 |
| *SISTER MADELINE 2 | *SISTER MARY 4 |

CANON G. H. RIDOUT 5-6

Conducted by CANON G. H. RIDOUT.

Umpire: SISTER JOSEPHINE, who ticked off every lead-end.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal in the Transvaal. First peal 'in hand' in South Africa. Rung to commemorate the dedication of St. Alban's Church, Johannesburg, on 10th March, 1929.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD.)

On Monday, March 31, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
At 1, Salters Road,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

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| JOHN ANDERSON 1-2 | WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 5-6 |
| WILLIAM H. BARBER 3-4 | ROBERT S. ANDERSON 7-8 |
| ADAM DEAS 9-10 | |

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

First peal of Caters on handbells by all except W. H. Barber. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. L. Roulledge, Ringing Master of the above Guild.

GLOUCESTER'S PLIGHT.

THE VALUE OF HANDBELL RINGING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is very saddening to read Mr. Condict's account of ringing affairs in Gloucester in this week's issue of 'The Ringing World.' Service ringing is, or should be, the main purpose of all bell-ringing, other things, such as peals and practice meetings, being secondary, but leading up to good service ringing.

In Gloucester, however, the authorities do not seem to favour service ringing very much and practices not at all, if I understand Mr. Condict's letter aright; so that keeping a band together must be an impossible task, unless they are merely to talk about ringing. May I suggest to Mr. Condict, and, indeed, to any other conductor who is similarly situated or short-handed in the tower, that the enthusiastic members should seriously take up handbell ringing. Handbell ringing, although it can never answer the purposes of tower bells, has one or two decided advantages. First, it requires less men; therefore, the enthusiastic ones, who, maybe, rarely hear their full peal in the tower, can gratify their desire to ring on higher numbers. Second, the enthusiastic ones can forge ahead in their own way, without waiting around for the laggards—in several senses.

One more point, handbell ringing has the merit of being good ringing mostly, for it is next to impossible to keep bad striking going at all.

These advantages, and the fact that the ordinary standard methods provide unlimited scope for practice, together with the most decided advantage of all, that four or five can meet almost when and where they like to practise, where seven might wait for the eighth in a tower, must conclude my plea for more evidence of handbell practice.

Finally, let me point out that in this week's issue there are published 26 peals on tower bells and one only 'in hand.'—Yours faithfully,

PETER LAFLIN.

Stockport.

SPLICING PLAIN MAJOR.

PEALS IN 15 AND 21 METHODS.

ANOTHER ARTICLE BY STEPHEN H. WOOD.

At the end of my last article on this subject I spoke of elaborating the calling of the 15-method peal a little bit in order to reduce the number of short courses necessitated by the 'Bobs at Home.' We shall find that we can, in this way, make our 60 courses give us 6,048 instead of under 5,000 changes.

As in the last peal, we have got to select four sets of course-ends which do not show repetition with each other when transposed by any of the eight false course-ends mentioned before, namely:—

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| 34256 | 35426 | 63254 | 42635 |
| 42356 | 52436 | 43652 | 35264 |

The four sets I have used in this composition are as follows:—

| A. (In-course.) | B. (In-course.) | C. (Out-of-course.) | D. (Out-of-course.) |
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| 23456 | 26354 | 23465 | 25364 |
| 42356 | 46253 | 42365 | 45263 |
| 34256 | 36452 | 34265 | 35462 |
| 42635 | 24536 | 42536 | 24635 |
| 34625 | 43526 | 34526 | 43625 |
| 23645 | 32546 | 23546 | 32645 |
| 36264 | | 36254 | |
| 25463 | | 26453 | |
| 45362 | | 46352 | |
| 62534 | | 52634 | |
| 64523 | | 54623 | |
| 63542 | | 53642 | |
| 56234 | | 55234 | |
| 56423 | | 65423 | |
| 56342 | | 65342 | |
| 25634 | | 26534 | |
| 45623 | | 46523 | |
| 35642 | | 36542 | |
| 26543 | | 25643 | |
| 46532 | | 45632 | |
| 36524 | | 35624 | |
| 23564 | | 23654 | |
| 42563 | | 42653 | |
| 34562 | | 34652 | |

It is interesting to compare these four sets with the symmetrical four which we used for the last peal, and to note the various alterations and their connection with the altered calling.

As in the last case, C and D are the same as A and B with 5 and 6 reversed. The first 15 of A and C are the same as in the last case, and the 6 which are now the only members of B and D appeared in the same places before. We have removed 9 from each of B and D, and added 9 different ones to each of A and C.

This gives us four sets which satisfy the conditions and enable us to join them together into one round block, as in the peal below.

I will give a brief outline of the structure of the peal, so that anyone who is interested and has the time and inclination to do so may pull it to pieces and see how it is built up, and—hence—the reasons for the selection and arrangement of the course-ends in A, B, C, D.

The main basis of the composition is a five-course block similar to the one we used before, and for which we are indebted to the Rev. E. Banks James. It is this:—

| | |
|-------|-------|
| H. R. | 23456 |
| x | 42635 |
| x | 64523 |
| — | 56423 |
| x | 45362 |
| x | 34256 |

This, repeated five times, with a Single for the Bob at Right in the 3rd and 6th's parts to turn 5-6, will give us the first 15 course-ends of A and C. The others are then spliced in at various points, thus: Before each of the 6 calls at 'Right' we put in 3 bobs at 'Wrong'; this gives us 6 of the remaining course-ends of each of A and C. The other 6 (3 of A and 3 of C) are spliced in, one in each part, between singles at 'Middle,' after the first of the 3 bobs at Wrong. We are now left with the 12 course-ends which come under B and D; 6 of them are spliced in, one at a time, between 2 singles at 'In,' between the first and 2nd bobs at 'Home' in each part. The other 6 are put in in two chunks of 3; thus, between the 2nd and 3rd bobs at 'Wrong' in 1st and 4th parts, 2 Singles at 'Right' are called, and between these 2 we call 3 bobs at 'Middle.' We have now accounted for all the 60 course-ends, and can proceed to write out the figures and course-ends of the peal; we can then choose which of the four original groups of methods to use for each of A, B, C, D, and then, by observing the natural course-end at any point, and also whether the calling necessitates a 2nd's-place or an 8th's-place method, we can decide which method to ring at any point, there being in general a choice of two (as explained in detail for the last peal).

The following are the figures of the peal:—

A SPLICED PEAL OF MAJOR IN 15 METHODS.
6,048 CHANGES.

| I. H. W. M. R. | 23456 |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| x | 42635 Double Norwich. |
| S | 32645 Double Norwich—I—Maidstone. |
| S x | 64523 Maidstone—I—Double Norwich. |
| — S | 36542 Double Oxford—M—Double Bob. |
| — S | 26543 Double Bob—M—Double Oxford. |
| — S | 45263 Double Oxford. |
| — | 25364 Edmonton—M—Chesterfield. |
| — | 35462 Chesterfield—M—Edmonton. |
| — S | 42563 Edmonton. |
| — | 56423 Double Oxford. |
| x | 45362 Pershore. |
| x | 34256 Pershore. |
| x | 23645 Pershore. |
| S | 43625 Double Norwich—I—Lavenham. |
| S x | 62534 Lavenham—I—Double Norwich. |
| [— S | 46523 [Double Oxford—M—Double Bob. |
| — S | 36524 Double Bob—M—Double Oxford. |
| — | 23564 Double Oxford.] |
| — | 56234 Double Oxford. |
| x | 25463 Pershore. |
| x | 42356 Pershore. |
| x | 34625 Pershore. |
| S | 24635 Double Norwich—I—Lavenham. |
| S x | 63542 Lavenham—I—Double Norwich. |
| [— S | 26534 [Double Oxford—M—Double Bob. |
| — S | 46532 Double Bob—M—Double Oxford. |
| — | 34562 Double Oxford.] |
| — | 65342 Double Oxford. |
| x | 36254 Reverse Bob. |
| x | 23465 Reverse Bob. |
| x | 42536 Reverse Bob. |
| S | 32546 Reverse Bob—I—Highbury. |
| S x | 54623 Highbury—I—Reverse Bob. |
| — S | 35642 Plain Bob—M—Hereward. |
| — S | 25643 Hereward—M—Plain Bob. |
| — S | 46253 Plain Bob. |
| — | 26354 Winchester—M—Marlborough. |
| — | 36452 Marlborough—M—Winchester. |
| — S | 42653 Winchester. |
| — | 65423 Plain Bob. |
| x | 46352 Reverse Bob. |
| x | 34265 Reverse Bob. |
| x | 23546 Reverse Bob. |
| S | 43526 Reverse Bob—I—Shipway's Court. |
| S x | 52634 Shipway's Court—I—Reverse Bob. |
| — S | 45623 Plain Bob—M—Hereward. |
| — S | 35624 Hereward—M—Plain Bob. |
| — | 23654 Plain Bob. |
| — | 65234 Plain Bob. |
| x | 26453 Reverse Bob. |
| x | 42365 Reverse Bob. |
| x | 34526 Reverse Bob. |
| S | 24536 Reverse Bob—I—Shipway's Court. |
| S x | 53642 Shipway's Court—I—Reverse Bob. |
| [— S | 25634 [Plain Bob—M—Hereward. |
| — S | 45632 Hereward—M—Plain Bob. |
| — | 34652 Plain Bob.] |
| — | 56342 Plain Bob. |
| x | 35264 Double Norwich. |
| x | 23456 Double Norwich. |

By leaving out the three 3-course blocks as shown in square brackets, the peal is reduced to 5,040.

In the cases where the method is changed in the middle of a course I have indicated between the two methods the point where the change-over is made (thus: I for In and M for Middle). It must be understood that in these cases the course-ends do not necessarily come up at equal intervals of seven leads. Perhaps an example will make this point clearer. Take the 2nd course of the peal, for instance: Double Norwich is rung till the 'In' position, which comes up at the first lead-end; a Single is called here and Maidstone is rung. The course-end 32645 will actually come up at the next lead-end, so that the course only contain 2 leads; but the next course will contain 10 leads to make up for it. This is a little muddling at first, but it is really quite simple. The easiest way to look at it is to take the 2nd and 3rd courses together; it is then simply a course of Double Norwich with a bob at 5 (i.e., at 'Home'), with a whole course of Maidstone spliced in between Singles at the In position (wherever it may happen to occur). And so on in a similar way in the other cases. The three pairs of courses where Double Oxford and Double Bob are rung are a little more complicated, owing to the fact that in Double Oxford the Wrong position comes after the

Middle position. The result is that the 5th course-end actually comes up before the 4th, but again, provided the calling is carried out without worrying about where the course-ends come up, there is no difficulty. The instructions for the 4th, 5th and 6th courses are simply as the calling says, i.e., Ring Double Oxford till the Wrong position and call a bob; the 5th course-end will actually come up at the next lead, but don't worry about this; go on till the Middle position, call a Single and ring Double Bob; ring this for a whole course (during which the 4th course-end will come up somewhere—it does not matter where), and call another Single at Middle, and then ring Double Oxford again. We next have to call the bob at Wrong in the 6th course, and this position will come up without the intervention of a course-end (the course-end 26543 having already been rung). [The whole business is not nearly as complicated as it sounds; it is exactly similar to the making of Singles in peals of Stedman Triples.]

As regards the omission of the three chunks to reduce the peal to 5,040, there is no difficulty, and I think the placing of the brackets shows just what is meant. For instance, after the 15th course, instead of the next four courses we simply ring one course, the calling being 'Bob at Right' and the method Double Oxford. Similarly for the other cases.

Now that we have got a length of more than 5,000 we can introduce 6 'Little' methods if we want to, thus bringing our number of methods up to 21.

The calling will be exactly the same as the 15-method peal we have just been dealing with, the only difference in the two peals being the methods rung in certain courses. We will, therefore, save space by refraining from writing out the 21-method peal in full, contenting ourselves by merely indicating the courses in which the new methods are rung, thus:—

A SPLICED PEAL OF PLAIN MAJOR IN 21 METHODS. 5,000 CHANGES.

The calling the same as the 15-method peal, and methods the same with the following exceptions:—

- Ring Crayford Little Court for Reverse Bob in course 31.
- Ring Wellington Little Court for Reverse Bob in courses 41, 42, 43.
- Ring Little Bob for Plain Bob from course 57 ('Wrong' position) to course 58 ('Wrong' position).
- Ring Gainsborough Little Bob for Plain Bob from course 48 ('Wrong' position) to course 49 ('Wrong' position).
- Ring Victoria Little Court for Shipway's Court from course 44 ('In' position) to course 45 ('In' position).
- Ring Little Oxford Bob for Winchester Bob from course 38 ('Middle' position) to course 39 ('Middle' position).

This gives 5,672, and the peal is reduced to 5,000 by omitting the first two of the 3-course blocks shown in square brackets; the 3rd block, which was also omitted in reducing the 15-method peal to 5,040, must not be omitted in this case.

May I point out, in conclusion, for the sake of those who may be interested in the practical ringing of these spliced peals, that the methods are all to be found in the 'Central Council Collection of Plain Major and Cater Methods,' and will be quickly mastered by any band that can ring Double Norwich and Double Oxford, which are in construction, if not in symmetry, the most complicated of them all.

I must apologise if my explanation of these peals has made them seem more complicated than they actually are, but it is no new discovery that anything campanological is difficult to explain in a clear and yet concise manner. I hope I have at least been clear. I trust that any conductor who has followed the argument through will be able to make alterations in the arrangement of the methods to suit himself or the ambition of his band without jeopardising the 'truth' of the compositions, but if anyone has any difficulty in following my explanation I shall be only too glad to attempt to make myself clearer if they will write to me.

[The two previous articles in this series appeared in 'The Ringing World' on August 30th and December 27th last.]

DEATH OF A STOKE-ON-TRENT RINGER.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of Mr. George Bloor, of Stoke-on-Trent, who passed away after a short illness on Thursday, April 3rd. He was out on the Tuesday before his death, which came as a great shock to all his friends. Deceased had been a member of the Stoke tower for 27 years, during a number of which he acted as towerkeeper. He was looking forward to the time when the bells would be reopened on Palm Sunday after rehanging by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

The funeral took place on Saturday at Hartshill Cemetery, after a service in St. Barnabas' Church, at which the Rector of Stoke (the Rev. D. H. Crick) officiated. Deceased's brother ringers from Stoke attended, and four of them (Messrs. J. Limister, W. Ball, D. Steel and C. H. Page) acted as bearers. There were a great many floral tributes, including one from the Stoke ringers in the shape of a bell. Mr. Bloor was very regular in his attendance at service and practice ringing, but was not keen on peals, having rung about 12 in all. The deepest sympathy goes out to his widow and relatives in their great sorrow.

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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.

ILLNESS OF CANON G. F. COLERIDGE.

The report on Canon Coleridge's condition on Wednesday was that he was 'going on nicely and was very comfortable.'

BELFRY GOSSIP.

We would emphasise the notice elsewhere in this issue, reminding correspondents that next week 'The Ringing World' will go to press a day earlier, owing to Good Friday. Will secretaries and peal conductors kindly dispatch their reports to reach us on Monday—instead of leaving them until the following week. May we ask those who may be inclined to take the latter course to 'hustle' instead. It will greatly help us.

The Rev. Canon H. R. Jennings, of Madron Vicarage, Cornwall, has resigned the hon. secretaryship of the Truro Diocesan Guild, owing to pressure of work. His successor is the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella, St. Paul's Vicarage, Truro.

Another attempt on the twelve-bell record length is to be made by the Painswick Youths at Painswick on Easter Monday. The start will be at 8 a.m.

Forty-two years ago to-day a peal of 13,265 Grandsire Caters was rung at Appleton, in a year when no fewer than three ten-bell records were made in the tower.

To-morrow is the anniversary of the 18,027 Stedman Caters, rung at Loughborough in 1909, in 12 hours 18 minutes—the first time that one set of men had rung 'round the clock.'

A new Kent 'Treble Bob Royal' record was set up at Ashton-under-Lyne on April 13th, 1914, when a peal of 14,000 was rung in 9 hours 24 minutes. Three years earlier, viz., on April 17th, 1911, the record of 12,240 Treble Bob Maximus was rung in the same tower.

Probably the longest peal attempt which has been lost was that at Heptonstall on April 14th, 1928, when in an effort to ring 22,086 Double Norwich Major the ringing came to grief after 19 hours 31 minutes' ringing—a considerably longer 'lost peal' than that at Romford on March 26th, 1894, when a rope broke after 8 hours 16 minutes, and the bells were within 400 changes of the end.

What was probably the first 5,040 of Minor was rung on April 16th, 1737. This was at St. Mary's, Whitechapel, and consisted of 'seven complete Surprise six-bell peals, viz., 720 of Oxford Tripple Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Morning Exercise, Bristol Surprise, Worcester Surprise and York Surprise, containing 5,040 changes in 3 hours 15 minutes. By a Society of Compilers.'

The 'performers' of this peal were James Tichbourne, James Stuart, James Forsee, Edward Newton, Thomas Smallshaw and William Barrett (who called the bobs). The treble and second men were Eastern Scholars; third, fourth and fifth London Youths, and tenor a College Youths.

'Many happy returns of the day' to the popular hon. secretary of the Ancient Society of College Youths. Mr. W. T. Cockerill will celebrate his 71st birthday on Sunday.

'A DISAPPOINTING EXPERIENCE.'

We have received letters from Mr. J. F. Smallwood, of Derby, and Mr. H. E. Wills, of Croydon, giving their experiences at Newark, which were quite the opposite to that related by Mr. F. E. Collins last week. These letters will be published in our next issue.

WITHERNSEA BELLS TO BE AUGMENTED.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY RAISE THE FUNDS.

Withernsea, a seaside resort on the East Coast of Yorkshire, has a pretty little Parish Church dedicated to St. Nicholas. The church was built in 1484, but in 1609 it was seriously damaged and unroofed by a storm, and was then allowed to fall into decay. For some 250 years the building was a ruin, but was restored in 1858.

In 1894 funds were raised by the ladies of Withernsea for a peal of five bells. They were cast by Messrs. Barwell, of Birmingham. The tenor weighs 13 cwt. and is inscribed:—

'A.D. 1894. FUNDS FOR THESE BELLS RAISED BY LADIES OF WITHERNSEA. LAUS DEO.'

In 1928 the bell frame was strengthened, and the bells resting on ball bearings.

During the year 1929 the Withernsea branch of the Girls' Friendly Society were busy organising concerts, sales of work, etc., for the purpose of raising funds to provide for the addition of a treble bell to complete the ring of six. A faculty has been obtained, and the order for the new bell is now in the hands of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. It is hoped the bell will be placed in the tower this month, and that the dedication will take place early in May. The new bell will be inscribed:—

'THE WITHERNSEA G.F.S. GAVE ME, MAY, 1930. LAUS DEO.'

Amongst an enthusiastic band of ringers are several ladies, members of the Girls' Friendly Society, who have worked so hard to provide the necessary funds for the new bell.



WITHERNSEA CHURCH, RESTORED IN 1858, where the bells are to be increased to six.

GOOD FRIDAY WEEK.

SEND YOUR COMMUNICATIONS EARLY.

As Good Friday falls in next week, 'The Ringing World' will go to press a day earlier than usual, and all communications intended for insertion must reach us by first post on Monday.

We would specially ask Secretaries, who have meetings to-morrow, and the conductors of peals, to send off their reports at once, so that they may appear next week, and so help to relieve our columns of the congestion which always follows Easter.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

NO SUPPORT FOR QUARTERLY PEAL PROPOSAL.

A quarterly meeting of Southampton District was held at Romsey on Saturday. The bells were available during the afternoon and evening, and service was held in the Abbey at 4.30, conducted by the Vicar of Romsey (the Rev. W. B. Corban). Tea and a short business meeting took place in the Church Hall, Mr. George Williams (vice-president) being in the chair.

Three new members were elected from St. Mary's, Southampton, and Mr. Williams suggested that a quarterly peal should be rung, the band to be selected from the towers in the district. The suggestion, however, got no support from the meeting and, therefore, the matter dropped.

The methods rung during the day were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative and London Surprise Major. The towers represented were North Stoneham, Bishopstoke, Netley, Brockenhurst, Titchfield, Portsmouth, Croydon, Southampton, Kings Somborne, Ringwood and Romsey.

The next meeting will be held at Sherfield English on Saturday, July 5th.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH.

The quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at the Parish Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Melksham, on Saturday, a large number of ringers being present. Ringing commenced about 3 p.m., and at 4.40 p.m. the Guild office was said by the Vicar (the Rev. B. Aston, M.A.), the hymns being sung unaccompanied. In his address, based on the text, 'Their sound went into all the earth,' Romans x., 18 (R.V.), the Vicar, after welcoming the ringers, drew some lessons from the bells and ringing, showing how the material things of the world could be used to convey things spiritual.

Tea followed in the Parish Room, to which 41 sat down, including Mrs. and Miss Green, Mrs. West, Mrs. Swift and Miss Williams. The Vicar was prevented from being present in consequence of another engagement.

A short business meeting followed, the chairman of the branch, Mr. C. D. Heggibothorn, presiding. After welcoming the visitors, he gave a resume of the business at the Guild committee meeting, held at Salisbury.

Mr. W. H. Mills, of Frome, was elected a life ringing member; Mr. D. H. Flower, of Upton Scudamore, as an unattached member; while three ringing members were also elected.

A vote of sympathy was passed to Mr. T. Hervey Beams, of Bradpole, Dorset, assistant secretary to the Guild, in his illness, and the secretary was asked to write a letter to Mr. Beams conveying to him the regret of the members and their good wishes for his recovery.

Heytesbury was selected for the May meeting, Urchfont for June, and for the half-yearly to be held in July, Trowbridge, if the bells are available.

It was announced that the annual festival of the Guild would be held at Calne on Saturday, May 17th.

The usual vote of thanks was passed. Ringers were present from Melksham, Aldbourne, Bratton, Bradford-on-Avon, Chippenham, Calne, Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Swindon, Wootton Bassett, Holt, Trowbridge, Stratton, Weston (Bath) and Warminster.

Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Kent and Cambridge were rung during the afternoon and evening.

TREBLE BOB MINOR COMPOSITIONS.

ARE THERE FIVE?—OR SIX?—OR MORE?

BY 'THE MAD HATTER.'

To the Editor.

Sir,—Your various correspondents are affording us, little by little, a closer insight into this problem; but, the whole story has not yet been told.

At last, however, the Rev. H. Law James has himself brought forward, in support of his case, just that evidence whereby his contention may be refuted in more details than one.

Mr. James has stated that in no Treble Bob Minor method are more than five compositions possible. It has been pointed out by 'Minormania,' and, later, by the Rev. E. S. Powell, that the compositions, in certain cases, exist in 'pairs.'

Mr. Powell conjectures, rightly, that in four groups of methods, which he specifies, every composition having 9 (or 12) bobs has an 'inverse,' producible by changing every plain to a bob, and every bob to a plain, thus giving a composition having 21 (or 18) bobs. He might have added with respect to the two groups among those four, wherein a 15-bob composition may be had, that such a composition will, by like treatment, yield another composition having (merely by accident) the same number of bobs.

Mr. Powell thinks that if two compositions are 'inverses,' one of the other, they are one. What does Mr. James think? Of the 9 and 21-bob pair, also the 12 and 18-bob pair, he states definitely that they are different compositions, and he puts forward what he considers to be incontrovertible proof of this. But when, of a PAIR, each has the same number of bobs, he counts the pair as one. Let us judge of the correctness of this by Mr. James' own criterion.

Mr. Severn's extent A, published on April 4th, will serve as an illustration. The Q-sets bobbed are:—

(b) 23, 25, 35, 45, 46.

Consequently, those plained, also five in number, are:—

(a) 24, 26, 34, 36, 56.

By bobbing the (a) group of Q-sets, the 'inverse' of this composition will be produced. This 'inverse' will serve for Kent Treble Bob; by which is meant that, in Kent, bobbing Q-sets (a) will produce an extent.

If Mr. James thinks the two compositions are one, will he please prove it by producing a 15-bob 720 of Kent having the (b) group of Q-sets bobbed? Of course, he cannot do so; and if he proved the 9 and 21-bob compositions to be different, then the two 15-bob compositions are proved also to be different.

Thus, Mr. James' 'five' should be six; which is the same thing as Mr. Powell's 'three,' when it is understood that in the latter case 'three pairs' is meant.

But this is not all. Mr. Powell writes that all extents having a given number of bobs are simple variations or reverses of one of another. It has been shown that this is not so in one case. Let us look further. Here are two 12-bob compositions of Cambridge:—

| IV. (a) | | IV. (b) | |
|---------|---|---------|---|
| 23456 | | 23456 | |
| 35642 | 1 | 64235 | 2 |
| 54263 | 1 | 64352 | 3 |
| 32546 | 2 | 45236 | 1 |
| 65324 | 2 | 62453 | 2 |
| 52436 | 1 | 34625 | 2 |
| 52364 | 3 | 42563 | 1 |
| 35264 | 5 | 42635 | 3 |
| 42356 | 2 | 42356 | 3 |
| 42563 | 3 | 63425 | 2 |
| 63542 | 4 | 25483 | 4 |
| 34256 | 1 | 34256 | 2 |
| 23456 | 5 | 23456 | 5 |

The four Q-sets bobbed are:—

(a) in IV. (a) 24, 36, 46, 56.

(b) in IV. (b) 25, 35, 38, 58.

A 720 of Kent may be had by bobbing the (a) group of four Q-sets, but not by bobbing the (b) group. Mr. James must admit that IV. (a) and IV. (b) are different compositions.

Each of these 12-bob compositions gives rise to an 18-bob inverse, VI. (a) and VI. (b), respectively. Can they be the same composition while their inverses are different? Neither will serve for Kent; but as VI. (b) will run in London, while VI. (a) will not, they would seem to be different; yet both run in Cambridge.

It would appear quite plain that there are no less than eight essentially distinct compositions of Treble Bob Minor, or four pairs, and that in some methods all of them can be used.

The possibility of using any of these compositions, in any method, can be exhibited in a concise table, which will be offered for publication if a desire for it is evident.

ADVICE TO MR. SEVERN.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Severn would do well to take an elementary course in composition before taking up your space with letters on the subject. In particular, I would venture to recommend the fifth chapter of

(Continued in next column.)

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The First Session of the Fourteenth Council (38th Annual Meeting) will be held by the courtesy of His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, in the Guard Room at Lambeth Palace, London, on Whitsun Tuesday, June 10th, 1930, 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, 1930.

1. Election of president, hon. secretary and treasurer, and hon. librarian.
2. Minutes of the last meeting.
3. Apologies for absence.
4. Statement of accounts and sale of publications.
5. Election of honorary members.
6. Introduction of new members to the president.
7. Election of Standing Committee.
8. To receive and discuss the reports of the following committees, and to reappoint or alter the constitution of the committees as may be thought desirable, viz.:—
 - (a) Standing.
 - (b) Peal Collection.
 - (c) Literature and Press.
 - (d) Methods.
 - (e) Peals' Analysis.
 - (f) Towers and Belfries.
 - (g) Records.

MOTIONS.

9. That honorary members and the fourth of the representative members pay an affiliation fee of 2s. 6d. each per annum. (Messrs. E. A. Young and)
10. To fix the place of next year's meeting. (By rota the Council should meet in the North.)
11. Other business, if any.

E. ALEXR. YOUNG,

Hon. Secretary.

155, Rusley Green, S.E.6.

(Continued from previous column.)

Snowden's 'Treble Bob.' As a part of this study he might usefully count the bob distances of case 'A', that he gives in this week's 'Ringing World,' and then write out the composition he gets by starting at the end and working backwards with the same bob intervals.

Also, may I beg him to read the letters of other correspondents before calling them in question?—Yours, etc., E. S. POWELL.

The Rectory, Clyst St. George, Exeter.

MORE EXPLANATION NEEDED.

Dear Sir,—I can heartily agree with the Rev. H. Law James in that we certainly should avoid the kind of controversy he mentions, and if there is one other of your readers who sees, in 'Muddled Minor,' an unfair appeal to prejudice, I would hasten to apologise. I have read through my article again, and, apart from its title, fail to see anything but appeals to the reader to judge for himself, and to Mr. James to explain his utterances. As 'Minormania,' I care not two straws which way the wind blows, and try to separate my writings under this name from others which appear under my own. 'Minormania' endeavours to take an inexpert view, that is all.

None realises more than I what Mr. James has done for ringing and the depth of his experience, but he will forgive me if I say that I cannot swallow cryptic utterances solely because of their source; and he, I am sure, would be the last to wish anyone so to do.

In commenting upon my article, Mr. James still refrains from explaining his 'five possible,' and it is this lack which is the bone of my contention. I ask for all to have a sporting chance to understand, and 'Muddled Minor' stated no definite view—the reader took his choice.

Finally, Mr. James' last paragraph of his letter of April 4th leaves one to assume that 9-bob and 21-bob extents are different, while 9-bob extents in any method are the same. Very well! Again I appeal to your readers to make a choice.

'Things that are equal to the same thing are equal to one another'; oppositely, two things that are equal must be equal to a similar third. Therefore, if a nine-bob-Kent and a nine-bob-London are the same, and a nine-bob-London bears a certain relationship to a 21-bob-London, it follows that a nine-bob-Kent ought to bear a like relationship to a 21-bob-Kent! What is the answer? I am not splitting straws; it is merely that I had a Minor mania, which is becoming a muddled

MINORMANIA.

A HANDBELL PEAL IN JOHANNESBURG.**MISSION SISTERS TAKE PART.**

An extremely interesting item of news comes this week from South Africa, and records the first peal in the Transvaal and the first handbell peal in South Africa. It was rung at St. Margaret's Mission House, Johannesburg, on March 6th. Canon Ridout was the conductor and the other ringers were four sisters attached to the Mission. In the following notes, Canon Ridout, who was in England on leave last year, and took part in the Cambridge University Guild's jubilee celebration and also in other peals, gives some brief details of the formation of St. Alban's Ringing Guild, and the persevering efforts which have led up to the successful completion of this peal of Bob Minor.

'On St. Margaret's Day, July 20th, 1926,' writes Canon Ridout, 'some of the sisters of St. Margaret's, Johannesburg, expressed a desire to take up change ringing as a form of recreation: and the project of building the new Church of St. Alban gave an added incentive. Within twelve months the first 720's and quarter-peals had been achieved. Three weeks later, on August Bank Holiday, 1927, seven 720's were accomplished—but with breaks between them. After that a good many peal attempts were made: and the conductor confesses that the failures were more often due to him than to the rest of the band.'

On 10th March, 1929, the new church was dedicated, though the bells are not yet forthcoming. The conductor was then away on furlough for six months; but with his return handbell practice was again resumed. The first success was within a day or two of the church's anniversary.

Three other members of the Guild have scored quarter-peals, Sister Mildred, Sister Josephine and Mr. C. W. Kearns.

'St. John's College, Johannesburg, is building a bell tower, the foundation stone being laid last month. St. Boniface Church at Germiston, seven miles away, is to start building its tower soon after Easter. The question of bells for St. Alban's is at present in the lap of the gods. At all events, we have hopes that when bells are forthcoming they will be turned to good account.'

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**SMALL BUT USEFUL SIX-BELL MEETING.**

The Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild held its first meeting of the year at Cobham on Saturday. Only 16 ringers attended from Cobham, Leatherhead, Dorking, Woking, Epsom and Guildford, and from this one would deduce that six bells are not a popular number for meetings. It is surely an erroneous point of view that the six-bell meetings are only for the six-bell ringers, and yet one invariably finds that eight-bell ringers will not adequately support six-bell meetings, and that six-bell men do not come to eight-bell meetings. The ideal ringer will attain to ringing on bells of all numbers, and the interest of a six-bell meeting should be just as great as an eight or ten-bell meeting. The average eight-bell man can learn much from the six-bell man, and vice versa.

The ringing started later than usual, and 'Brooklands' had to be blamed for this. It is believed that a bus crew took French leave at that point of their journey, thus causing the 'flower' of the meeting to arrive an hour late. They reached the church just in time to ring a touch of Cambridge Minor for service. The Vicar, the Rev. J. du V. Brunton, officiated, and in the course of his address traced the history of church bells and their uses through the ages. The congregation were informed that the 'Encyclopædia Britannica' positively bristles with information regarding the art.

A welcome feature of the service was the attendance of 13 choir boys. In view of the small number of ringers present, this was a great boon.

Service was followed by tea at the Parish Hall, and a goodly spread it was. Much of the success of a meeting depends upon the quality of the tea, and the Leatherhead District looks specially to this part of the programme. Other districts or associations might make a note of this.

The business meeting was short, consisting chiefly of the ratification of the election of Messrs. W. Poplett and H. Sycamore, of Ewell, prior to a peal attempt; the election of Messrs. Jesse Beams and W. Worsfold, of Ewell, as ringing members; and the election of Mr. William T. Waller, of Dorking, as an honorary member. The hon. secretary explained that Mr. Waller was a churchwarden at Dorking Parish Church, and appealed to the meeting to try to increase the district's honorary membership. He suggested that churchwardens were suitable persons for election in this way.

The meeting then closed with the usual votes of thanks, and the members returned to the tower for further practice. Methods ranging from Bob Minor to Cambridge and London Surprise Minor were practised.

Cobham bells are a nice ring, with a good toned tenor of 9½ cwt. In passing, it may be stated that all strangers would be welcomed at Cobham, whether for practice or service ringing. At 8.30 the bells were lowered in peal in the approved 'West Country' style, and the ringers dispersed, having attended one more enjoyable meeting.

A. R. P.

THE DEVON GUILD.**SOME SUGGESTIONS.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I am not at all in agreement with the forlorn note struck by your correspondent and emphasised in your leading article concerning the Devon Guild.

True, it is that we are just passing through a reactionary period after several years of excellent progress, but, to some extent, nearly all the associations are experiencing the same.

There are so many counter attractions for young people to-day that it is difficult to get the younger generation to give the time and concentration necessary to learn half-pull change ringing.

But the Devonshire Guild is surely, is slowly, progressing, and I am sure our dear old late president, the Rev. M. Kelly, was happy in his later days in the thought that all the years of labour he had given to advance the aims of our Guild had borne fruit.

If, by our example, we have taught our round ringing friends to copy us by holding meetings and services for ringers and eliminating all that was associated with prize ringing contests, as I remember them a few years ago, then we have at least done something to raise the status of ringers generally.

The Devonshire Guild three years ago passed a resolution by a huge majority prohibiting competitive ringing, and I am of the opinion that if we keep firmly to this principle, the day is not far distant when the rival association, which has been copying our methods of administration, will see that we are right and that we are not in any way antagonistic towards them, but rather that we are prepared to help them.

But have we perfect unanimity in our own ranks?

Have we any members, experienced change ringers, who are quietly giving moral support to our rival round ringing friends in their endeavour to persuade ringers, especially in rural areas, to take up round ringing rather than half-pull ringing?

Perhaps we have not done all that we might to advance the cause of half-pull ringing, and I would suggest that in the first place we should become a diocesan association, with official recognition from the diocesan authorities; secondly, that we advertise ourselves more, letting the clergy and ringers know exactly the aims and objects of the Guild; and, thirdly, that we endeavour to meet the executive officers of the rival association and try to persuade them that in half-pull ringing there is something which stimulates to further effort, which, through mind training and concentration, brings out all the noble qualities of the ringer and encourages him to aspire to higher ideals. As a result, the clergy must recognise that scientific half-pull ringing inevitably brings into the belfry (and the church) the person who can be relied upon as an excellent example of a real church-worker who is prepared to progress on sound principles.—Yours
E. W. MARSH.

Lipson, Plymouth.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**MEETING AT EALING.**

A meeting of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at Christ Church, Ealing, by permission of the Rev. H. L. Haynes (Vicar) on Saturday. Touches of Grandrive and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Major were rung before service, which was conducted by the Vicar, who gave a brief but interesting address. Miss Parker, the organist, gave her services, and the hymns were heartily sung.

Tea followed in the Church Hall, and was ably served by Mrs. Wilson. The Vicar presided, supported by Mr. J. A. Trollope and Mr. Herbert, etc. The Vicar, on vacating the chair, was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for allowing the meeting to be held there that day; for conducting the service, and for presiding.—In reply, he said he hoped to again meet the Guild at Christ Church in the near future.

Mr. Trollope was appointed to fill the vacant chair for the business meeting, when it was announced that the annual general meeting of the association would take place at Fulham on April 26th; also that a joint meeting with the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild (South District) was to be held on the third Saturday in May, and a joint meeting with the Oxford Diocesan Guild (East Berks and South Bucks branch) at Wraysbury and Old Windsor on Saturday, June 28th. Particulars of these meetings will appear in 'The Ringing World' in due time. A course of Kent Treble Bob Royal was rung on handbells by Messrs. E. S. Turner 1-2, A. Diserens 3-4, G. Cross 5-6, J. Herbert 7-8, W. G. Wilson 9-10. Other touches followed.

The hon. secretary proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Trollope, to the organist, to the hostess and her assistants, and to Mr. Harry Burton, who made the necessary arrangements for a most pleasant and enjoyable meeting.—Mr. Trollope, on behalf of the district, gave the visitors a hearty welcome, to which Mr. A. Reeve (Ringing Master of the Northern District, London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild) responded. Other welcome faces at the meeting were Messrs. A. W. Coles, G. R. Pardon, etc.

Business over, the tower was again visited, and methods, including Superlative Surprise, were rung until 8.30, when final 'stand' was called, and a pleasant meeting came to a close.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LEWISHAM.—At St. Mary's Church, on April 6th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): W. W. Fox 1, C. H. Walker 2, H. James 3, H. Warnett, sen., 4, J. Dafters (conductor) 5, H. Warnett, jun., 6, C. Davies 7, C. Morion 8.

MIDDLESBROUGH.—On Sunday, April 6th, for evensong, 1,088 Kent Treble Bob Major in 43 mins.: S. Yates 1, W. Jones 2, Miss Lancaster 3, R. Worthly 4, T. Metcalfe 5, W. Ellerington 6, J. C. Pollard 7, T. Lancaster (conductor) 8. First one thousand of Kent since the bells were rehung in ball bearings by Mears and Stainbank.

BROMHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.—At St. Owen's Church, for morning service, on Sunday, April 6th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob Minor in 30 mins.: J. Freeman 1, G. White 2, W. Tebbutt 3, F. Tysoe 4, A. Everest 5, E. Freeman (conductor) 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor for evening service in 29 minutes by the same band. All are regular Sunday service ringers at the above church.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Sunday, April 6th, at Christ Church, for men's service, on the occasion of a visit of the Lord Bishop of Bristol, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,263 changes): R. G. Townsend 1, E. Bishop 2, R. W. Hyner 3, W. W. T. Daniells 4, S. Palmer 5, E. J. Berry 6, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 7, H. W. L. Wells 8, W. B. Kynaston 9, W. A. Bullock 10.

OXFORD.—On Sunday, April 6th, for evening service, at St. Giles' Church, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: W. Blake 1, R. J. Chaundy 2, W. Brigham 3, R. Post 4, V. J. Bennett 5, R. G. Rice 6, W. F. Judge (conductor) 7, H. Miles 8. Longest length in the method by the ringers of the 2nd, 4th and 6th.

ABERAVON, GLAM.—On Sunday, April 6th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: G. Chappel 1, W. Williams 2, W. J. Nulton 3, F. E. Stone 4, A. J. Pitman 5, C. Mathers 6, E. Stitch (conductor) 7, J. Weathersby 8.

NEWPORT, I.O.W.—On Sunday, April 6th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Haley's Variation): W. Scott, sen., 1, H. Barton (conductor) 2, W. Chambers 3, W. Scott, jun., 4, W. Upton 5, S. Moody 6, A. R. Ward 7, W. H. G. Scott 8.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, April 6th, at St. Mary's Church before matins, 720 Wells Surprise and 720 Kent Treble Bob; before evensong, 720 York Surprise and 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. Ringers: L. Camp, G. Camp, J. Sitch, E. Sitch, C. Harrington, H. Wright and A. Bradley (conductor).

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows' Church, on Sunday, April 6th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,344 changes) in 50 mins.: H. W. Strickland 1, H. A. Barnett 2, F. G. Symonds 3, J. G. Nash (conductor) 4, J. H. Crampin (first quarter-peal in the method) 5, H. Ellis 6, M. Fensom 7, E. A. Hull 8. Also for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: E. G. Hibble 1, H. A. Barnett 2, H. Ellis 3, E. A. Hull 4, W. Dickinson 5, M. Fensom 6, J. G. Nash (conductor) 7, H. W. Strickland 8.

GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Sunday, April 6th, for evening service, 1,152 Bob Major: Mrs. E. H. Spice 1, R. A. Constant 2, S. Sandford 3, A. S. Constant 4, E. G. Morriad 5, R. Smith 6, E. H. Spice 7, E. J. Beer (conductor) 8.

SANDIACRE, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, March 30th, at St. Giles' Church, for evening service, 720 Wearmouth Surprise: G. H. Clift 1, W. Thornley 2, J. Hall 3, W. R. Drage 4, R. H. Cox (conductor) 5, H. Turner 6. First by all in the method.

BROWNGEDGE, PRESTON.—On Sunday, Mar. 30th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins.: R. Hardacre, jun. (conductor) 1, H. Hardacre 2, C. Hardacre 3, T. Harrison 4, J. Molyneux 5, R. Hardacre 6. This is the first 720 on the bells by the local band.

MINSTER-ON-SEA, SHEPPEY.—At the Abbey Church of Minster in Sheppey, on Sunday, March 30th, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor in 25 mins.: J. Wilder 1, M. J. Exeter 2, W. J. Wood 3, W. Pitcher 4, G. Wood 5, W. A. Wood (conductor) 6.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist, on Sunday, March 30th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters by the following members of the Guild, in 48 mins.: W. Fry 1, *P. Padwick 2, F. Hunt 3, *C. Jeans 4, C. Norman 5, *T. Marks 6, E. T. Griffin 7, S. Ricketts 8, J. E. Baker (composer and conductor) 9, T. J. Setter 10. * First quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—At St. Peter's Church, for ordination service, on March 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins.: W. T. Beeson (conductor) 1, W. Massey 2, Miss N. E. Shorter 3, H. Barber 4, J. Loveridge 5, A. Woodrow 6, J. Gill 7, W. Mills 8.

EAST GRINSTEAD.—On Sunday morning, March 16th, for the ordination service, a touch of Grandsire Triples (1,414 changes) in 57 mins.: J. Ladd 1, W. Mills 2, H. D. Whyte 3, E. J. Olliver 4, E. J. Ladd 5, T. Pullett 6, J. Wren (conductor) 7, S. Chisson 8.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, February 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: *Col. T. F. Parkinson 1, F. G. Woodiss 2, A. E. Cheesman 3, H. N. Pitlow (conductor) 4, *L. George 5, *T. Norman 6, R. F. George 7, *E. Wooloff 8. * First quarter-peal. First quarter-peal on the bells by an entirely local band.

FRITTENDEN, KENT.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, January 12th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: B. Croucher (first quarter) 1, Mrs. H. Baker 2, W. Wenban 3, H. Baker 4, G. H. Daynes (conductor) 5, J. Head 6, G. Grant 7, W. Rofe 8.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 24th, *the Coffee Pot, on the 29th (at 7.30 p.m.). *Business meeting afterwards.

— William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Penwortham on Saturday, April 12th. Bells available from 2.30. All ringers welcome.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Rd., Chorley

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The quarterly meeting takes place at Kewstoke on April 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bus from Town Hall, Weston-super-Mare, to Worlebury every 10 minutes; Church 5 minutes' walk from Worlebury. Important business—please attend.—L. G. Tanner, Hon. Sec., 51, Locking Road, Weston-super-Mare.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting of the above Guild will be held at Wye on Saturday, April 12th. Bells available 2.30. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Batten, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. A meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Great Crosby, on Saturday, April 12th. Bells (6) available 3.30. Usual arrangements. Please make an effort to attend.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The first quarterly meeting will be held at Anstey (Kibworth being unavailable) on Saturday, April 12th. Bells (8) available from 3.30. Tea at Mrs. Baker's, Church Lane, at 5, followed by business meeting.—Alban Disney, Local Sec., 3, Highgate, Aylestone Lane, Leicester.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Merstham on Saturday, April 12th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Boreham on Saturday, April 12th. Bells (8) available 2.30. A short service in church at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock.—A. E. Coombes, 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—A meeting will be held at Hershaw on Saturday, April 12th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea in the Parish Room 5. All ringers welcome.—H. Hancock, Hon. District Sec., 3, Chobham Road, Ottershaw, Chertsey.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch will hold their quarterly meeting at Colerne on Saturday, April 12th. Bells (8) (good going) from 3.15 p.m. Visitors please notify me early.—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., The Woodlands, Chippenham.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Ellesmere on Saturday, April 12th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Tea (1/- each) at 6 o'clock.—Rev. F. Tennison, St. Almund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome & Midsomer Norton Deanery.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Doultong on April 12th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and business 5. Those requiring tea please notify R. T. Clark, High Street, Timsbury, nr. Bath.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A combined practice will be held at Hawley to-morrow, Saturday, April 12th. Bells (8) available from 6 to 9 p.m.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next meeting will be held at Great Longstone, near Bakewell, on Saturday next, April 12th. Church of St. Giles (6 bells, tenor about 8 cwt.). Tea (1/6) at the White Lion, 5 p.m. Members from other districts welcomed. Subscription due.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Claybrooke on Saturday, April 12th. Bells available 3.45. Tea provided. All ringers will be cordially welcomed.—W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—Dedication of peal tablet, Easter Saturday, April 19th. Service 4.30. All ringers welcome.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next meeting will be held at Houghton-le-Spring on Saturday, April 19th (not 12th). Bells of St. Michael's available 2.30 to 9 p.m. Will ringers please drop that postcard to Mr. R. Parkinson, 1, North View Terrace, Colliery Row, Fencehouses, to help him arrange tea, which is at 5 p.m.? Don't 'dodge,' go 'straight in' to St. Michael's, and make the meeting a success. All ringers welcome.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Water Street, West Hartlepool.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held North Collingham on Easter Monday, April 21st. The bells (6) have recently been rehung on ball bearings, and will be open for ringing at 10 a.m. The tea will be served at 4 p.m., price 1s. 6d. per head, for those who notify Mr. J. H. Clayton, Grange Farm, North Collingham, Newark. All ringers welcome. Cheap railway tickets will be issued from all stations. Good bus service from all directions. Good attendance requested.—H. Revill and R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Secs.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard on Easter Monday, April 21st. 'The bells of All Saints' (10) will be available from 11 a.m. Linslade St. Barnabas' (8) will also be available. Luncheon will be at 1 p.m., to be followed by the annual business meeting. Names for luncheon to Mr. J. Nicholls, 20, Grove Road, Leighton Buzzard, a few days before, please.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street, N., Dunstable.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Easter Monday, April 21st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., tea and meeting following at the Institute. Those requiring tea kindly inform Mr. A. Dean, 24, Church Walk, Leatherhead, not later than Thursday, April 17th.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting of the Association will be held at Norwich on Easter Monday, April 21st. By kind permission of the incumbents, the bells of St. Peter Mancroft, St. John-de-Sepulchre, St. Michael-at-Coslany and All Saints' will be at the disposal of the members from 10 o'clock a.m. Divine Service will be held at St. Peter Mancroft Church, at 12.30 p.m., conducted by the Reverend the Ven. G. M. MacDermott, when the address will be given by the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake. The luncheon will take place at The Bell Hotel, Orford Hill, at 1.30 p.m. The President, The Archdeacon of Norwich, in the chair. Tickets, 2/6 per head. Members intending to be present must notify the General Secretary on or before Wednesday, April 16th. The annual business meeting for the election of officers, committee, representatives to the Central Council, and new members, will follow immediately after the luncheon. Committee meeting will be held in the choir vestry in St. Peter Mancroft Church, at 11.30 a.m.—Arthur L. Coleman, Gen. Sec. & Treas., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Cambridge on Easter Monday, April 21st. Service at St. Andrew's the Great at 4 p.m. Address by Rev. J. Duffil, Vicar of Bourn. Meeting 4.30. Ringing at the following towers: Great St. Mary's (12), St. Andrew's (8), Old Chesterton (6), and in morning and early afternoon R.C. Church (8).—Rev. R. Copeman, Hon. Sec., Owlstone Road, Cambridge.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The forty-third annual festival will be held at Northwich on Easter Monday, April 21st. A service will be held in the Parish Church at noon, followed by lunch at 1 p.m. (2/6 per head) and meeting at 2 p.m. The bells of the Parish Church (8) will be available.—J. C. E. Simpson, Hon. Sec., 27, Seabank Road, Wallasey.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Association will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, April 21st. Various towers open for ringing at 2 p.m. Hatfield (10 bells) will be open from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Service in Choir of Cathedral, with short address for ringers by the Lord Bishop of St. Albans, 4.30. Tea at the Ver Residential Hotel, at the bottom of Holywell Hill, followed by the annual business meeting, 5.30. The pleasure of your company is greatly desired at both the service and meeting. If able to attend the latter, notification of acceptance would be helpful in making seating arrangements.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, Russell Avenue, St. Albans.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual meeting on Easter Monday at Bury St. Edmunds. The Cathedral bells (10) and St. Mary's (8) available all day in alternate hours. 3.30: Service in Cathedral. 4.0: Tea at the Abbey House, free to all sending word. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Burton-on-Trent on Easter Monday. Bells of St. Paul's (10), St. Modwen (8), Rolleston (8), Winhill (6) available throughout the day. Committee meet at 3 p.m. Tea, followed by general meeting, at 5 o'clock, in St. Paul's Institute. A substantial meat tea (2s. per head) will be served, and it is imperative that all who attend should advise Mr. J. W. Leach, 4, Vernon Terrace, Victoria Street, Burton-on-Trent,

not later than Thursday, April 17th, to avoid disappointment. — Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester. N.B.—Reports for 1929 ready, price 6d., per post 7½d. A few back numbers are still available.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The 50th annual general meeting will be held at Canterbury (where the Association was instituted) on Easter Monday, April 21st. Committee meeting in the Cathedral Library at 11.15. Special service in the Cathedral at 12 noon. Address by His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury. Luncheon in the County Hall at 1.30, presided over by His Grace the Archbishop, followed by business meeting. Towers open for ringing: Cathedral (12), St. Stephen's (8), St. Alphege (6), outlying districts if desired. Luncheon tickets free to practising members only; non-members 3/6. Railway vouchers for the day for return journey at single fare from any station in Kent, Surrey, Sussex and London, can be had on applying, enclosing stamped addressed envelope, to the undersigned. Mr. Morton W. Pierce has kindly offered to conduct ringers and friends round this historic Cathedral at 4 p.m. Application for luncheon tickets must be made on or before Saturday, April 12th, after which date they cannot be entertained. Nominations for Central Council representatives must reach me on or before Monday, April 14th.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Hedon, near Hull, on Easter Monday, April 21st. The fine new ring of eight (tenor 17½ cwt.) will be available for ringing throughout the day. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1/6 per head, and all applications for same must reach Mr. G. Dowling, Roos, near Hull, not later than first post Tuesday, April 15th. Buses run every quarter-of-an-hour from Paragon Square, Hull. Members are reminded that the annual subscription of 2/- is now due, and should be paid to the respective district secretaries without delay.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Axminster, on Easter Monday, April 21st. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, members free. Meeting 5.30. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 21st. Business meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 2.15 prompt. Chairman: The Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., President. Service with address by the Rev. Canon Chesshire, D.D., in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5.30 p.m. for all those who notify me before Wednesday, April 16th. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 12.30 to 2, All Saints' (10), St. Helen's (8) and St. John-in-Bredwardine (8). 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.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held on Easter Monday, April 21st, at Rotherham and Eastwood. Bells available from 10.30. Tea at 5 p.m. (1/6); please notify Mr. C. Ryder, 16, Godstone Road, Rotherham. Visitors heartily welcome.—H. Thorpe, Hon. Sec., 104, Petre Street, Sheffield.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at All Saints', Fulham, on Saturday, April 26th. Preacher, Rev. W. P. Cole-Sheane, Vicar of Twickenham (President-elect). Further particulars later.—C. T. Coles, W. H. Hollier, Hon. Secs.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A ringing meeting of the above Guild will be held at Lindfield on Saturday, April 26th. Tower open 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea let me know not later than April 23rd? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Earls Colne on Saturday, April 26th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 followed by tea. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than April 22nd as this is most important.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Sacred Heart R.C. Church, Blackpool (8 bells), on Saturday, April 26th. Ringing 4 to 6 p.m. only.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 118, Dickson Road, Blackpool.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Worsley on Saturday, April 26th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 at 1s. per head. Names to be sent to Mr. P. H. Derbyshire, Beesley Green, Worsley, not later than the 24th. Subscriptions due. Reports to hand. Hoping to have a good attendance.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Helmshore, on Saturday, April 26th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting 6.30. Expecting a good attendance of members; also visiting members. Reports, etc., to hand.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Middleton on Saturday, April 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenbirst Hey, Todmorden.

DEVON GUILD.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Oakford on Saturday, April 26th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Committee meeting 4.15. Service 4.30. Tea (tickets 1/-) 5.0. Visitors requiring tea please notify me by April 19th.—A. G. Selley, Hon. Sec., The Square, Silvertown.

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In acknowledgment, Mr. Warrington thanked all for their kindness, and said how pleased he was with their gift. He assured them he would keep them in his thoughts; in fact, he wished the band would take a holiday with him.

WORCESTER.—At All Saints' Church, on Thursday evening, April 3rd, a quarter-peat of Stedman Caters (1,296 changes): C. Tansell 1, T. Lewis 2, W. Powell 3, D. Morris 4, G. Hinton 5, A. Hill (conductor) 6, J. J. Jeffries 7, W. Lewis 8, G. Checketts 9, S. Holt 10.

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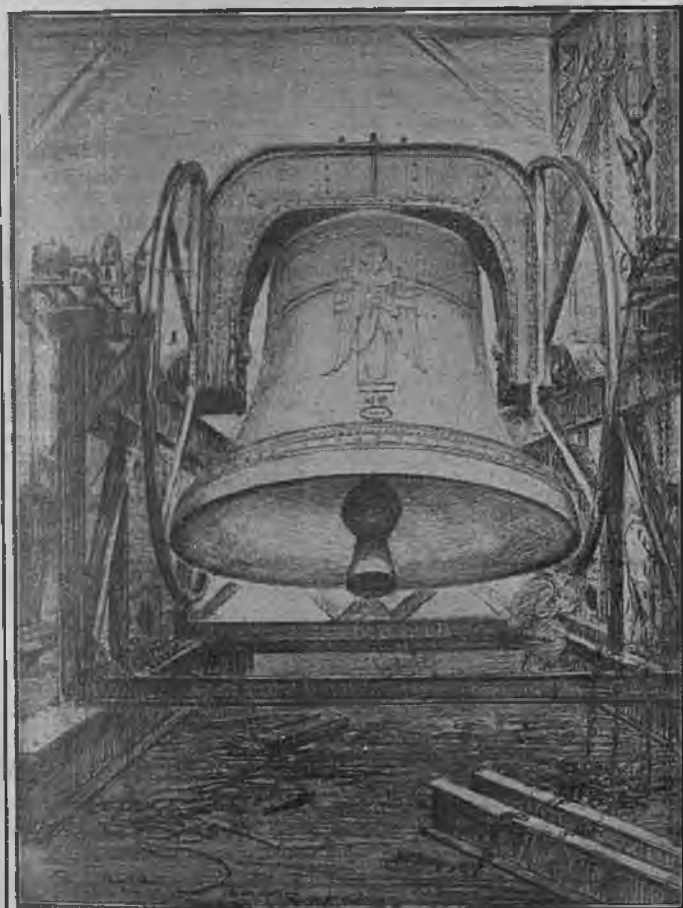
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The services rendered in the belfry by ladies, however, is not to be measured by their achievements as an organisation. The Guild binds them together in a sisterhood which forms a national link between them, but in their individual spheres the ladies, whose 'joining up' in the belfry was greatly stimulated by the war, when they responded to the call to replace the men, are a useful adjunct to many a band. The frequency with which their names appear in peals shows that numbers of them are as keen as the other sex, in proportion to their numbers, on achieving the highest ambitions of a ringer, but it is in the service ringing that the ladies have proved their usefulness and their reliability. The difficulties which the Guild finds in getting adequate support of the members for their district meetings can be realised when it is remembered that the whole country is covered by only six districts and that, for instance, the western and southern districts have to cover nearly all the southern half of England, with the exception of the London area, and that the northern district has to cater for the rest of the country with the exception of Northamptonshire and Lincolnshire, which have their own districts. Whether a district reorganisation with smaller areas would facilitate a larger membership and create a greater interest in the Guild is not easy to determine, but the disappearance of the Midland district has left a gap in the organisation which ought to be filled without undue delay. There must be quite a number of lady ringers in the area west of Northamptonshire and

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north of Bristol who are sufficiently keen to support the Guild, and we hope to see some effort soon made to re-establish the activities of the Guild in that quarter of England. Despite all drawbacks, however, the Guild has done well, and is officered by some enthusiastic women ringers, several of whom are outstanding figures in the Exercise. But most of all, the Guild owes its success to the labours of Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, who has been its hon. secretary and its inspiration since its foundation in 1912, when she conducted at Cubitt Town the first peal ever rung by a band of ladies.

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At the Church of SS. Mary and All Saints,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

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| HERBERT DAVENPORT ... Treble | THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... 5 |
| LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 2 | *WILLIAM HORAN ... 6 |
| ROBERT WALLWORK ... 3 | TITUS BARLOW ... 7 |
| THOMAS WALLWORK ... 4 | EDWARD JENKINS ... Tenor |

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal of Cambridge. First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 12, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

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| *GEORGE W. HOWLETT ... Treble | ALBERT G. HARRISON ... 5 |
| WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... 2 | WILLIAM STEGGALL ... 6 |
| †ERIC G. BENNETT ... 3 | WALTER BARRETT ... 7 |
| NOLAN GOLDEN ... 4 | FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* Fiftieth peal for the association. † First Surprise peal.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 12, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| HAROLD KENT ... Treble | EDWARD E. ROBBINS ... 5 |
| THOMAS RILEY ... 2 | LESLIE W. BACON ... 6 |
| JESSE J. MOSS ... 3 | ERNEST WAGSTAFF ... 7 |
| STANLEY SLANEY ... 4 | JOHN FLINT ... Tenor |

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

EDMONTON.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 12, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

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| WALTER J. BOWDEN ... Treble | EDWARD H. KING ... 5 |
| *HARRY SMALE ... 2 | JOHN THOMAS ... 6 |
| ALICK CUTLER ... 3 | JAMES PARKER ... 7 |
| MRS. E. K. FLETCHER ... 4 | GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... Tenor |

Composed by JAMES PARKER. Conducted by MRS. E. K. FLETCHER.
* First peal in the method. Rung as a thanksgiving peal for the recovery of the Vicar, the Rev. R. C. Evill, from a serious illness.

MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 12, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

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| RALPH TAYLOR ... Treble | †FRED WALKER ... 5 |
| HAROLD TAYLOR ... 2 | FRANK WELHAM ... 6 |
| HAROLD JACKSON ... 3 | ERNEST GARSIDE ... 7 |
| *JOHN CLAYTON ... 4 | W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... Tenor |

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by W. W. WOLSTENCROFT

* First peal on eight. † First peal.

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CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 12, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

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| EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble | GEORGE R. PYE 5 |
| EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 2 | JOHN T. KENTISH 6 |
| JAMES BENNETT 3 | THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7 |
| JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4 | WILLIAM PYE Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 12, 1930, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Olave, Hart Street, E.C.,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6152 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

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| HORACE BELCHER ... Treble | EDWIN F. PIKE 5 |
| WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 2 | CECIL W. PIPE 6 |
| CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 3 | ERNEST BRETT 7 |
| RICHARD F. DEAL 4 | REUBEN SANDERS Tenor |

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM H. HEWETT

First peal on the bells since their augmentation to an octave. Also a birthday compliment to the Vicar, Rev. T. Wellard. This composition is now rung for the first time. Thanks are due to Mr. Wilson, the towerkeeper, for the arrangements and his hospitality.

NEWBURY, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NEWBURY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 12, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in D.

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| *HENRY T. E. CURTIS ... Treble | CYRIL PEARCE 5 |
| †CHARLES POOLE, 2 | ERNEST W. SMITH 6 |
| MISS ESTHER MATHEWS ... 3 | HENRY W. CURTIS 7 |
| MISS STELLA DAVIS 4 | EDWARD CROCKER Tenor |

Conducted by HENRY W. CURTIS.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples on an inside bell. First peal of Triples as conductor. Ringers of 3 and 4 are from Bucklebury tower, the remainder are local ringers. Rung as a welcome to the Rector (the Rev. W. L. Cooper), who was inducted to the living of Newbury on Wednesday, April 2nd, also to the curate, the Rev. J. M. Benufort. This was the first locally conducted peal on Newbury bells for 41 years.

HADLOW, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 12, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in A flat.

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| CHARLES H. SONE ... Treble | HARRY BAKER 5 |
| MRS. H. BAKER 2 | *GEORGE DAWSON 6 |
| THOMAS E. SONE 3 | BERTRAM LUCK 7 |
| FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON 4 | ALBERT RELFE Tenor |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (354). Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal of Oxford and first in the method on the bells. Specially arranged for Messrs. F. W. Richardson and G. Dawson, of Leytonstone, the latter being elected a non-resident life member of the above association previous to starting for the peal. The conductor has now called 50 different compositions (by 26 composers), 30 of which have been different one-parts.

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HALLATON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 29, 1930, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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| PERCY AMOS ... Treble | GEORFFREY GEARY 4 |
| ERNEST MARSH 2 | RONALD RUSSELL 5 |
| FREDERICK WALLINGTON ... 3 | ARTHUR C. MANNING Tenor |

Conducted by ARTHUR C. MANNING.

Thanks are due to Ernest Marsh for standing in at the last minute. It had been intended to ring Kent and Oxford. R. Russell's 50th peal on tower bells.

HILPERTON, NEAR TROWBRIDGE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 7, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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| 2,640 Plain Bob and 2,400 Grandsire. | Tenor 7½ cwt. in B flat. |
| MRS. W. C. WEST ... Treble | ROBERT H. LEGG 4 |
| JESSE FRANCIS 2 | WILLIAM C. WEST 5 |
| ARTHUR J. WEST 3 | WALTER S. BORSIDGE Tenor |

Conducted by Wm. C. West.

Arranged as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. S. Burbidge, also to enable him to score a peal at his native village. Both he and Mr. J. Francis served in this church as choirboys.

WONERSH, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 12, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt.

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| WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... Treble | *C. ERNEST SMITH 4 |
| *GEORGE E. CLODE 2 | WILLIAM T. BEESON 5 |
| GEORGE WILSON 3 | ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor |

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal on six bells.

DROITWICH, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 12, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six scores, ten different callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

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| WILFRED A. SHARPE ... Treble | THOMAS W. LEWIS 4 |
| FREDERICK SUMMERTON ... 2 | ALLEN MORGAN 5 |
| WALTER H. RAXTER 3 | *ERIC CRUMP Tenor |

Conducted by W. H. RAXTER.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

STOCKPORT.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 10, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At 23, GREEK STREET,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor size 20 in E.

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

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

Umpire: ERNEST BENNETT.

First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal on handbells in the county and by the Guild. Rung on the 43rd anniversary of Mr. A. Barnes' first peal, and as a birthday compliment to Mrs. H. Chapman, of Keyston, Hunts.

CANON COLERIDGE'S ILLNESS.

We are delighted to state that Canon Coleridge is making very satisfactory progress. He is now allowed to sit up, although he has not yet left his room.

ENFIELD.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD

On Friday, April 11, 1930, in Two Hours and Four Minutes,

At ADVERSANE, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 1-2 | MRS. E. K. FLETCHER ... 5-6
JOHN THOMAS ... 3-4 | WALTER J. BOWDEN ... 7-8

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* A DISAPPOINTING EXPERIENCE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Collins complains of discourteous treatment when he visited Newark recently. In contrast, I would like to give my experience when I visited this tower about two years ago. I was treated with every courtesy and kindness, and was asked to call a touch of Stedman. I think it is only fair to our Newark friends to state this. Probably the fact that Mr. Collins arrived in the belfry after the ringing had commenced had something to do with his failure to obtain a pull. Moral—be early!—Yours faithfully,

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD.

Allenton, Derby.

A CORDIAL WELCOME.

Dear Sir,—I was amazed to see a letter in this week's issue of 'The Ringing World' from Mr. Frederick E. Collins under 'A disappointing experience.' Who for? Mr. Collins or the Newark ringers?

I was living at Brigg, Lincs, for 12 months, and often used to go over to Newark at week-ends, and my experience at Newark Parish Church was totally opposite to that of Mr. Collins. I had a most cordial welcome from the first Sunday I visited the belfry, but I took my usual precaution (which surely Mr. Collins with 14 years' experience should take) of finding out what time Sunday service ringing started. Surely no ringer who values Sunday service ringing should expect to go into a strange belfry where service ringing is only for approximately 20 minutes and expect bells to be stopped, and started again just for him. I feel certain that had Mr. Collins arrived early he would have no cause for complaint.

I have rung both morning and evening (ringers should note that morning service ringing at Newark begins at 9 o'clock), and was often told if I was in Newark on a practice night, to be sure and go, and I am far from what a good ringer and striker should be. The Newark conductor on my first visit asked me to call a touch, but I told him I was only a learner and had not progressed so far. I remember one Sunday evening when there were five visitors in the belfry, and the local ringers most willingly gave way to them. They all came from different parts of the country, but they were all there early. Two of us only had rung at Newark before. The other three were on their first visit. I just point this out, as Mr. Collins might think it was because he was a stranger and was not known. Sometimes in life we are refused because we are known, sometimes because we are not known. But this does not apply to Newark or any other belfry, either in England or Ireland, where I have been. Providing ringers do not expect to do away with local customs, a feeling of fellowship and comradeship has always been my experience of 25 years, during which time I have had the pleasure of ringing in over 360 towers. I believe the Newark people (not the ringers) as soon as they hear the bells stop all make for church, and I expect the Newark ringers would sooner risk disappointing Mr. Collins than fooling the people of Newark. I hope ringers will not take Mr. Collins' advice and keep away from Newark, but go when they can and as often as they can, but go early and they will be happy.—Yours faithfully,

HARRY E. WILLS.

17, Midhurst Avenue, Croydon.

VISITING RINGERS.

Dear Sir,—We was very sorry down in Eresfuthshire to see as 'ow that there mon Collins, from Lundun town, didna get a pull on them bells at Newark-on-Trent, but I 'ave been thinking as 'ow maybe it was his own fault.

You see, Sur, there be all sorts of ringing blokes as gets about. Sometimes there is a mon wot cums and sort of ses: 'That was some poor striking of yours; yo ought to cut yourn backstrokes down; your bells are a poor lot, and ought to be melted down,' etsetra. 'I am a big mon, and likes good striking. I have rung a lot of peels. I am sekretary of Flapdoodle, and I have been to the Sentral Kowncel meetings for years and years.' Well, after he have flapt his wings like this, and put his thumbs into his waistik holes, and blowd his chest out, them there ringers do weigh him up, and with a scale and waits of their own, and when he do have a tuch with them, he do sort of upset the kumpus of the ringing, and when he be gone, what they do say about that mon would fill a good big pamphlet.

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

A very successful meeting of the South-Eastern Division was held at Boreham on Saturday last, when 34 members were present from Braintree, Broomfield, Boreham, Chelmsford, Feering, Galleywood, Great Baddow, Great Bentley, Kelvedon, Maldon, Trumington and Witham, including Mr. W. J. Nevard, District Master of the North-Eastern Division, and six lady ringers. After two hours' ringing in the afternoon, a short service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. A. E. Hall) and Rev. D. G. Douglas (Vicar of Great Baddow), the lesson being read by Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the association. Rev. A. E. Hall gave a most helpful address.

An excellent tea was served at the Queen's Head, presided over by the Rev. D. G. Douglas, supported by Rev. A. E. Hall and Mr. C. H. Howard. The District Master took the chair at the business meeting, at which it was arranged to hold the meeting at Southminster, Burnham-on-Crouch and Tillingham on Saturday, June 28th, instead of June 21st; and also to hold a meeting at Writtle on Saturday, September 6th.

One new ringing member was elected.

Mr. C. H. Howard proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells.—The Vicar, in reply, said he was pleased to welcome the ringers, and was always willing to help the association.—Hand-bell ringing followed, while other members returned to the tower, the bells being kept going until 9 p.m. in Plain and Surprise methods.

ENJOYABLE MEETING AT MALDON.

The ringers of St. Mary's Church, Burnham-on-Crouch, paid a visit on Saturday week to St. Mary's Church, Maldon. There was a company of 18 ringers in the belfry and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Several touches were rung, including 720 Bob Minor (42 singles): A. H. Stebbings 1, T. C. Ringrose 2, S. Bignmore 3, W. G. Gridley 4, H. S. Barker (conductor) 5, H. Stebbings 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob: T. C. Ringrose 1, J. H. Waldoock 2, J. D. Buckingham (conductor) 3, F. P. Lewis 4, H. S. Barker 5, H. Stebbings 6; and a very fine touch of Cambridge by a Maldon and Goldhanger band.

Through 'The Ringing World' the Burnham band would like to tender their heartiest thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to Mr. J. H. Waldoock, Mr. Chalk, Mr. Mansfield, Mr. J. D. Buckingham, Mr. Lewis and all the other ringers who attended and gave them such a warm welcome.

A 12-PART PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.

BY J. J. PARKER.

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| 341652 | — | — | — | — | — | 512463 | — | — | — | — | — |
| 261345 | — | — | — | — | — | 342516 | — | — | — | — | — |
| 531264 | — | — | — | — | — | 416523 | — | — | — | — | — |
| 421536 | — | — | — | — | — | 123564 | — | — | — | — | — |

The first course in the five following parts must be called H, L, Q, with an extra Q in the 12th and 27th courses.

The first course in the last five parts must be called S, H, omitting H in the 45th and 60th courses.

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And sometimes a mon do come and inquire of church folks or the clerk mon about the ringing, and he do cum upstairs and ask for the kapten, and do say as 'ow the ringing was very good, and as tha was a nice peal of bells, and 'ow as he would like some pulling on 'em. And the fellas do all take to that bloke, and tha do all want to stand out for him, and what a job our forman have got to get enough to stand in to ring a tuch. And when this mon goes, they all do cross arms and tread toes in their eksitement, saying good-bye to him.

And in sum towns and cities so many visitors do go up the towers for vews and to see the ringers pulling, that, wen a shy and scared bloke dunna say as 'ow he be cum for a pull, he sorts of gets missed by not 'nowing he was a ringing mon. You see, Sur, when Stedman is about you must not always be in the Slow, but must be in the Hasty a bit sumtimes.

And we did have a bloke at our place once who did sit down while we was ringing sum armonious chaynges, and most all the time did clap his hands, and holla out, 'Good boys,' 'Well done, boys,' 'Go it, boys,' and when we had finished he did say as 'ow it were a drop of good ringing, and where was the nearest pub, and would all the boys come and have a drink?

No, he wunna a ringer mon, and we didna go to the pub with him. This 'ere sort of a visitor mon be very rare.

Well, Mr. Hediter, we be very busy getting the ground ready for the wurzels, so 'oping this will find you all well, as it leaves us at preasant, I be goin' to stop.—Yours respektfully,

KUNTRYMON.

THE KENT ASSOCIATION'S JUBILEE.

FORMATION AT CANTERBURY IN 1880.

The Kent County Association, which celebrates its jubilee on Monday, was formed at a meeting held in the Chapter House of Canterbury Cathedral on Whit Tuesday, 1880, and made an auspicious start, there being over a hundred ringers present from various parts of the county.

The first hon. secretary was the Rev. R. Knatchbull-Hugessen, of Mersham, Ashford, and the Committee subsequently admitted about a dozen bands to the Society.

By the time the first district meeting was held, five months later at Maidstone, there had been marked progress, there being 159 practising and no fewer than 100 honorary members.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has always been president, and during the history of the association there have been few secretarial changes, for the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, who was elected to the office in 1891, continued to discharge the duties until 1929—a period of 38 years, equalled, we believe, by no other ringing association secretary.

The first peal by the association was rung at St. Mary's, Frittenden, a peal of Bob Major on October 31st, 1881, the conductor being Thomas Daynes. Progress in method ringing was not as fast in those days as now. It was not until 1889 that the association's first peal of Stedman Triples was rung and not until 1893 that the first Surprise Peal was achieved. Since that time a great variety of 'firsts' for the association have been rung and some well known names appear among the conductors of these 'pioneer' performances, among them F. G. Newman, Gabriel Lindoff, William Pye, John H. Cheesman, Frank Bennett and, last, but by no means least, Edwin Barnett, sen., whose name as conductor of first peals for the Association appears nearly 30 times between the years 1890 and the present time.

The Archbishop of Canterbury will preach at next Monday's festival service in the Cathedral, and afterwards preside at the luncheon and business meeting.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

PEAK DISTRICT.

A pleasant meeting of the Peak District was held at the pretty Peakland village of Great Longstone on Saturday. Ringers were present from Bakewell, Darley Dale, Dore, Great Longstone and Hope, and the bells, a nice ring of six, were kept going in the various standard methods from 3.30 p.m. onwards.

A short business meeting was held in the tower during the afternoon, Mr. A. G. Wallace (Bakewell) presiding, in the absence of the Rev. W. P. Wright.

One new member, Mr. G. Buggins, the local schoolmaster, was elected and was welcomed into the fold.

The usual votes of thanks were passed, and it was decided, if possible, to have the next meeting at Youlgreave on May 10th. This is another beautiful Peakland village, and with its fine church and heavy peal of eight (tenor about 27 cwt.), should be an attraction to ringers outside the district. A good meeting, therefore, is expected.

An adjournment to the White Lion and a substantial tea was followed by more ringing till well on in the evening.

LEICESTER DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting was held at Anstey on Saturday last. Tea was held at a house near to the church, at which a party of 18 (including the Rector) were present. At the business meeting it was decided to hold the next meeting at Kibworth (8) on Saturday, May 17th, and the next quarterly meeting at Hallaton (6) on Saturday, June 21st.

It was hoped that, subject to their approval, a combined meeting with the Hinckley District would be held at South Wigston and Wigston Magna during the latter part of July.

During the afternoon and evening, the bells were kept going to Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, and London Surprise Major, a full course of this method being successfully accomplished.

RINGERS' EFFORT AT TOTTERNHOE.

NEW TREBLE GIVEN TO THE PARISH CHURCH.

The bells of St. Giles' Church, Totternhoe, a small village, at the foot of the Chilterns, two miles west of Dunstable, have just been augmented to six by the addition of a new treble by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The dedication took place on Wednesday, April 9th, and was performed by Bishop Lander in the presence of a large congregation. At the same time Bishop Lander dedicated new lighting and heating arrangements, electric light having been installed in place of the old oil lamps. The new bell has been given to the parish entirely through the ringers, and is a striking example of what can be done by persistent effort in even a small parish. The whole sum (£94 12s.) has been collected in 15 months.

The old bells were rehung and quarter turned in 1924 by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and shortly afterward a young band was formed, who soon made good progress under the tutelage of Mr. G. Heley, of the Prior Church band, Dunstable. The need for another bell was quickly felt, and Wednesday night's service was the sequel.

The new bell is a perfect splice, and the bells are now a very fine ring of six, as follows:—

Treble.—Gloria in Excelsis Deo. Erected by the ringers, 1930.

Mears and Stainbank, founders.

2.—Chandler made me, 1655.

3.—Recast by Warner and Sons, 1855.

4.—Chandler made me, 1654.

5.—Chandler made me, 1654.

Tenor.—Chandler made me, 1654. Recast by Warner 1892.

The weight of the tenor is approximately 10½ cwt.

The ringers are to be congratulated upon what they have done, and with the wider scope will soon have a flourishing band.

Ringing took place after the dedication, touches of Kent Treble Bob, Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles being rung, local men standing in each of the touches, assisted by visitors from Luton, Dunstable and Linslade.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PROPOSED ANNUAL DINNER.

AXBRIDGE DEANERY BRANCH TAKES FIRST STEP.

An important quarterly meeting of the Axbridge Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held at Kewstoke on Saturday. The Vicar (the Rev. Doorbar) was at the church to extend a hearty welcome to everyone as they arrived. The bells were kept going from 2.30 till 4.30, when choral service was conducted by the Vicar. The main responsibility of the secretary (Mr. L. G. Tanner) in arranging tea was relieved by the lady church-workers, whose efforts could in no way have been improved upon. Unfortunately, the president (the Rev. Powys David, of Bleadon) lost his way, but arrived in time for tea, and presided at the business meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting, which were confirmed, showed that the branch had a balance of £13 16s. 2d. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Shipham on Saturday, June 28th.

Mr. Tanner then launched a scheme for an annual dinner, remarking that if one association could hold successful annual dinners, why could not the Bath and Wells Association do so? (applause). Though some had tried to damp his enterprise, he was going to push it and, furthermore, make it a success. Some members had remarked that they saw no object in it as an aid to the art of change ringing, but he, as secretary, differed from that view.

Mr. Coles, jun., of Taunton, congratulated the secretary on his enterprise, and said he fully appreciated it would be a keen end to a later established wedge, and might be turned from an Axbridge Deanery dinner to a Bath and Wells Association dinner, and he would promise his support (applause).

The Chairman then asked for replies to the letters Mr. Tanner had written to each tower. This resulted in over 70 promises to attend. With such a prospect, a committee was formed, consisting of Rev. Powys David, Mr. L. G. Tanner (secretary, 51, Locking Road, Weston-super-Mare), Mr. C. R. Lilley (Congresbury) and Mr. F. Hey (Hunts-pill). The date fixed for the first dinner and concert was November 15th, 1930, and it was decided that it be held at Weston-super-Mare, the committee being given power to choose place. The Rev. Doorbar, who had previously been chosen as one of the committee, said he must 'put the bar up' to that, whereon Mr. Tanner retorted, amid laughter, 'Well, gentlemen, that's decided; the Rev. Doorbar will look after the bar.'

Mr. Tanner asked that it be made clear that any friends, ladies or gentlemen, in or outside of the association, might be asked to attend.

The Rev. Doorbar remarked that he thought the idea was great, and though, no doubt, they would find a few who saw no object in such a gathering, he had not the slightest doubt that on the night itself even those would come along and go home wondering why they had ever opposed the idea.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar, who had been the means of giving everyone such an enjoyable time; and to the president, who, since taking office, had shown a keen interest in furthering the art of campanology. The suitable responses of these gentlemen terminated the meeting, and the ringers again enjoyed touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Minor and Oxford till the bells were lowered in peal at 8.30 p.m.

LATE NOTICES

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Robin Hood's Bay on Easter Monday, April 21st. Bells (8, tenor 10 cwt.) will be available for ringing all day. Dinner will be provided at the Victoria Hotel at 1 p.m., members 2s., non-members 3s. It is hoped that members and friends will make a special effort to attend this meeting.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hambledon on Saturday, April 26th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Will those intending to be present please notify me by Tuesday, April 22nd. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

MONKS KIRBY, WARWICKSHIRE.—Daffodil Sunday.—The grounds of Newnham Paddocks will be open to the public on Saturday and Sunday, April 26th and 27th. Tea provided in the grounds at moderate charges. The proceeds will go to local hospitals. The fine peal of bells (8, tenor 24½ cwt.) will be available from 3 p.m. on Saturday, and from 5 to 7 p.m. on Sunday evening. Buses from all parts.—F. Harrison, Ringing Master.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Aldford on Saturday, April 26th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Members requiring tea are requested to notify me at least three days beforehand.—J. W. Clarke, Hawarden, Chester.

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**SLIGHT DECLINE IN MEMBERSHIP.**

In his annual report to the members of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, the Master (Mr. F. Wilford) says the Guild is making progress in a small way, as far as knowledge of the art goes, and also in repairs and additions to bells, but with the making of members progress is very slow. Restoration work has been completed at Kislbury, Braden and Thornby, and work is either in hand or reports are being made out at Spratton, Irchester, Hazlebeach and Bugbrooke.

The hon. secretary's report records that 50 peals were rung during the year, an increase of seven. Four peals were rung on ten bells, 23 on eight bells, 15 on six bells and eight on five bells. These were rung in 32 different churches, under 24 different conductors, four of whom called their first peal. One hundred and twenty-six ringers took part in these peals, eleven members ringing their first peal and being awarded certificates. Fifty branch meetings were held, and in most branches the attendance was up to the average, but in others an increase in this respect would be appreciated by those responsible for arranging them. There are now 97 towers in union with the Guild—a decrease of one; 81 hon. members, an increase of nine; 595 ringing members (of whom 15 are free life members), a decrease of 29; and 169 non-resident life members, an increase of 7. These together make a grand total of 845, a decrease of 13 on the year, although 62 new members were elected. This, the report adds, is far from satisfactory, and is the first time in the Guild's history that a decreased membership had been recorded. Ten members had been lost by death.

The collections at services for the Belfry Repairs Fund amounted to £18 4s. 3d., including £1 1s. 2d. forwarded from the Northamptonshire Branch of the Ladies' Guild. The balance in this fund is £110 4s. 4d.; an increase on the year of £8 18s. 11d. On the general account the receipts were £43 8s. 6d., and the expenses £41 19s. 7d., leaving a credit balance for the year of £1 8s. 11d.

A LOST LONG PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your issue of the 11th inst., and column Belfry Gossip, respecting the longest peal attempt that had been lost, I would point out that it was not at Romford on March 26th, 1894, after eight hours 18 min. ringing, that a rope broke. This took place at Brentwood on that particular date. The peal was afterwards rung at Romford on April 18th, 1894.—Yours truly,

E. BUTLER.

[We thank Mr. Butler for his letter. The facts were known to us, and in our paragraph 'Romford' was a slip of the pen.—Ed. 'R.W.']

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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.

Will conductors of peals rung on Monday kindly post their reports the same night?

In addition to the bells at the Abbey and various churches in St. Albans, the ring of ten at Hatfield will be open during the morning on Easter Monday in connection with the annual meeting of the Hertford County Association.

A tablet commemorating the record peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus is to be unveiled at Ashton-under-Lyne on Easter Day, after evensong. The whole of the band who took part in that memorable performance hope to be present, and on the following day will attempt peals at Oldham and Macclesfield.

To-day is the anniversary of the 17,824 Oxford Treble Bob Major, rung at Heptonstall, Yorks, in 1927. Three of the band took part in the long peal of Cambridge Maximus.

The greatest number of changes and the longest time ever rung in a peal by one set of men was in the 21,363 Stedman Caters at Appleton. This was on April 22nd, 1922, and occupied 12 hrs. 25 mins. Only one other peal has lasted the clock round (if we exclude the 40,320 at Leeds, Kent, rung by 14 men), and that was the one at Loughborough referred to last week.

On St. George's Day, 1778, a peal of 10,080 Bob Major was rung at Braughing, Herts. On April 24th, 1896, a 10,400 Kent Treble Bob was rung at Shipley, Yorks.

The cheap tickets which will be issued by the railway companies from any station to London, in connection with the Central Council meeting at Whitsun will be available between Saturday and Wednesday on any day.

The balance sheet of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild reveals that in the branch 3 life members, 15 hon. members, and 213 ringing members paid their subscription for 1929, and in addition 23 ringing members paid also for 1928. The balance in hand has been increased from £14 8s. 7½d. to £14 19s. 11d., but on the expenditure side is £11 2s. (half subscriptions) remitted to the general treasurer.

The ringer of the 6th in the peal of Double Norwich at Milnrow, Lancs, on March 29th, was George Staff, and not Walter, as erroneously sent in the report.

Here is a new query for the experts to argue over. A peal of 'New Cambridge Surprise Maximus' was rung at Ipswich on Saturday, the length being 5,040 changes, instead of the customary 5,280, and it was produced by bringing up the 'Wrong' at the first lead-out. If, as we surmise, this was done by omitting 2nd's place, was it all New Cambridge, or was there a lead of 'New Primrose' spliced in?

The question might well be asked, 'Where are our youngsters?' for in a party that met at Thatcham, Berks, last Saturday (and they are not men who are peal ringing every week) it was found that these were the ages of the band: 27, 43, 59, 62, 65, 67, 68, 69, and right well did they accomplish their task. 'Mine host,' the treble man, very kindly entertained the band to tea at his home after the peal. It will only be fair to say that out of a rough old six bells at this tower, which have been tuned and two trebles added, and hung in a steel frame, the firm of Taylor and Co. have again brought credit to their name.

THE LIGHTEST RING OF TWELVE.

QUEX PARK TOWER AND BELLS.

The lightest ring of twelve bells in England, the tenor being only 15½ cwt., is to be found in the Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, Kent, and these bells have the further distinction of being the only peal of this number hung for ringing in a private building—the twelve at Christ Church, Oxford,



WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,
showing the elegant skeleton spire.

[Photo by F. E. Dawe.]

are hung in an unconsecrated tower, but they are associated with the College of the Cathedral.

The tower at Quex Park is set among sylvan surroundings and was built by Mr. John P. Powell, the owner of the extensive demesne. According to report, he had the bells cast and hung by Messrs. Mears, of Whitechapel, in order that he might use them for his own amusement. In any

case he must have been very much interested in bells, for the 'public opening' was made a great event in 1819, and both the College Youths and the Royal Cumberlands were invited to take part.

The two peals rung there recently are a reminder that from time to time the bells are still an attraction to ringers, and are available for peal ringing. There is no record, as far as we are aware, of all the peals that have been rung on them, but details of the first performance have been preserved.

The following is the report of the 'Grand Opening of a New Peal of Twelve Bells, at Quex House, Thanet, Kent: the seat of John P. Powell, Esq.' :—

'Wednesday, the 4 inst. (August, 1819), was the day announced for the Public Opening of the Bells, which were cast and hung by Messrs. Mears, of Whitechapel, London, and as might be fairly expected from the novelty of the ring, attracted a considerable concourse of fashionables (it being in the vicinity of Margate) and the interest of the scene was considerably enhanced by its having no parallel, that of a gentlemen erecting in his park a tower, with spire, in front of his noble mansion, and placing therein a peal of twelve bells solely for his amusement and to attain the art of change-ringing, having an eminent tutor for the purpose, who, in patronizing this manly art, has evinced a considerable ability in this very abstruse science.

'Two Societies of twelve bell ringers of London (the Cumberland and College Youths) were invited to this festive scene, where booths were erected and the park and pleasure grounds were opened to the assembled auditors.

'The onset commenced by each company giving a specimen in a touch of 900 Cinqs, after which the Cumberland Society rang a fine peal comprising 5,213 Grandsire Cinqs, in three hours and 19 minutes, this was the opening peal. The other Society did not attempt a peal, but contributed alternately to give touches of about an hour's performance on that and the following day, which closed the never-to-be-forgotten treat to the amateurs of the manly art of ringing.

The following persons were the performers and their stations in the peal :—

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| Mr. George Gross ... <i>Treble</i> | Mr. Thomas Freeth... 7 |
| „ James Nash ... 2 | „ Thomas Ovenden 8 |
| „ Wm. Shipway ... 3 | „ James Stitchbury 9 |
| „ John Hints ... 4 | „ Joseph Riley ... 10 |
| „ Peter Jones ... 5 | „ Thomas Grainger 11 |
| „ James Blacklock 6 | „ Francis Mathew <i>Tenor</i> |

Mr. George Gross, conductor.'

It would be extremely interesting if we could have had some further particulars of this 'never-to-be-forgotten treat,' to have learned who formed the company of College Youths: how they journeyed from London—and returned; and how they were feasted and feted, for on such an occasion we may be sure they were royally feasted and feted.

The eminent tutor referred to, who assisted Squire Powell to attain the art of change ringing, was, we believe, no less a person than the great William Shipway himself, who three years earlier had completed and published his 'Campanologia.'

The present owner of the estate and the tower is Major Powell-Cotton, one of the world's most renowned big game hunters, whose museum of trophies of the hunt forms one of the largest and finest private collections in the world. It stands in the grounds of Quex Park and many ringing visitors have had the privilege of inspecting it,

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT'S INNOVATION.

There was an interesting innovation at the meeting of the Southern District of the Surrey Association at Mersham, on Saturday, when a 'talk' on conducting was given. About 30 ringers were present from Burstow, Buckland, Charlwood, Croydon, Godstone, Horley, Kingswood, Mersham, Mitcham, Redhill, Reigate and Woking, in the county, and visitors from Crawley, Shoreham and Turner's Hill. St. Katherine's Church stands in a picturesque setting on a hillside, with a churchyard that slopes steeply away from the walls. The tower, capped by a spire, contains a mixed peal of six bells, the number having been increased from five in 1901. The oldest bell is the 3rd, which dates from pre-Reformation times, and is inscribed in block letter, 'Sancta Katerina ora pro nobis.' The founder of this bell is unknown, but Stahlschmidt, in his 'Church Bells of Surrey,' connects it with a group whose founder was not impossibly William Burford, of London, 1371-1392.

The fourth bell was cast by Robert Not in 1597. Two other bells came from the Chertsey Foundry, the tenor in 1640, and the second in 1657. The former bears the inscription, 'Bryan Eldridge made mee,' and the latter, 'Bryanns Eldridge me fecit.' The possibility is that the second was cast by the son of the founder of the tenor, for Bryan the elder died in 1640. The fifth was recast in 1774 by Pack and Chapman.

The service was conducted by the Rector (Bishop Eyre Chatterton), who gave an address on the words, 'Labourers together with God.' He spoke of the service which ringers rendered to the Church, and emphasised the importance of faithfulness to the duties which they undertook. Tea was served in the Parish Room, the ringers being the guests of the Master. The Bishop was present, together with the Master (Mr. Kenneth Birt), Capt. H. Manley, R.N., and Capt. J. D. Manley, of Turner's Hill, and Mr. A. J. Bull, the district secretary.

After tea, the Master explained that he and the secretary had invited Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, editor of 'The Ringing World,' to come that day and give them a talk on 'conducting.' They felt that talks of that kind would be a useful innovation, and would be interesting and instructive to the members.

A TALK ON CONDUCTING.

Mr. Goldsmith devoted about ten minutes to explaining some of the elementary points which would enable the 'bob caller' eventually to become a 'conductor.' There were no insuperable difficulties, he said, and he emphasised the importance of study at home, with practical application in the belfry; the advisability of not attempting too much at a time, which only led to confusion of mind in actual ringing; and the necessity of being able to follow the coursing order of the bells. It was not necessary, he said, to be able to memorise long strings of course ends, which only occurred at intervals, and were not always of practical use to the beginner, except for checking the accuracy of what had been done. Coursing order, on the other hand, helped them all the time. He recommended the beginner to take one method at a time; analyse its coursing order, and then go into the tower and watch the coursing order in operation while ringing was in progress. There were also many simple points which could be picked up by the study of a method, and by gradually storing them in the mind they would eventually become observations that were almost second nature to the conductor. Even if a ringer was not doing the conducting, a knowledge of conducting should make him a better ringer, and enable him to become of assistance when mistakes were made in ringing. A trip by one ringer often became a trap for others, and it was, therefore, necessary to correct a miss before it became a mess. It was the conductor's job to keep the bells right, as well as call the bobs, but many a peal had been saved by a timely word from one of the other ringers.

The Master thanked Mr. Goldsmith for his address, which he was sure would be an encouragement to many of them to go more into the sphere of conducting.

AN APPEAL.

The business meeting of the district followed, the Master presiding.

The Master asked the members to stand in silence for a few moments to mark their regret at the death of the Rev. R. Hoare, of Godstone, who had presided at the last meeting of the district.—Mr. J. Cripps (Shoreham) was elected a non-resident life member, and Capt. J. D. Manley and Capt. H. Manley ringing members.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Horley in June, and to attempt the quarterly peal either at Horley or Redhill, the method to be Grandsire Triples, and the conductor Mr. Clayton.

The Hon. Secretary reported that three peals had been rung since the last quarterly meeting, and the Assistant Secretary said that during the same period 17 720's and three quarter-peals had been rung.

The Master said he had received a letter from Mr. C. F. Johnston stating that information had reached him that Mrs. Ewens (widow of the late Mr. Ewens, the first secretary of the district) and her daughter were in very straitened circumstances, and asking if anything could be done to assist them.

It was stated that Mrs. Ewens had been an invalid for many years, and that the daughter had remained at home to look after her. It was resolved that the committee should investigate the matter and see how best the association could help.

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CENTRAL DIVISION.

About fifty members of the Central Division of the Sussex County Association held their annual meeting at Cuckfield on April 5th. The visitors included Mr. J. Thoruton Rickman (Master and hon. treasurer of the association), Mr. A. D. Stone (hon. secretary of the association and of the Central Division) and several ladies. The towers represented were Balcombe, Bolney, Burgess Hill, Brighton (St. Peter's, St. Nicholas' and the Good Shepherd), Crawley, Cuckfield, Ditchling, East Grinstead, Hurstpierpoint, Heene, Henfield and Lindfield.

The tower of the Parish Church was opened during the afternoon, and touches of various methods, from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise Major were rung.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Canon C. W. G. Wilson (Vicar), who gave a helpful address from the text, 'Do all to the glory of God' (1 Cor. x. 31). The special lesson was read by the Rev. R. Clough, and Mrs. Arman (an honorary member of the association) was at the organ. The hymns sung were, 'Through all the changing scenes of life,' 'Soldiers of Christ, arise,' and 'Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven.'

Tea was served in the Parish Room, where Canon Wilson presided, supported by the Rev. H. J. Scott (Ardingly), Mr. J. T. Rickman, Mr. A. D. Stone and Mr. G. Apps (captain of the local band).

The annual meeting was opened by the chairman extending a hearty welcome to the members of the association. The Vicar said that the last time he welcomed them to Cuckfield was in 1926, and it was a real pleasure to him personally, and to Mr. F. R. Hounsell, the hon. secretary, Mr. G. Apps, the captain, and other members of the local band to see so many present that day. It was a great regret to him that he had never been able to ring, but he did try once in the tower of Hurst Church, and he bore the marks on his fingers for many days (laughter). Nevertheless he appreciated ringing very much, and he realised that ringers played a very useful part in the life of the community and church life. For that reason he was pleased to give them a hearty welcome to Cuckfield (applause).

New members were elected from Burgess Hill (two), the Good Shepherd, Brighton (two), Henfield, Lindfield and Twineham (one each), and Canon H. D. Burton, O.B.E. (Vicar of Burgess Hill), was elected an honorary member of the association. The meeting also confirmed the election of three non-resident members.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

On the motion of Mr. G. Walder (Bolney), seconded by Mr. J. Q. Edwards (the Good Shepherd, Brighton), Mr. A. D. Stone was unanimously re-elected divisional hon. secretary. Messrs. James A. Hart (Uckfield), J. Wren (East Grinstead) and G. Apps (Cuckfield) were reappointed representatives on the committee of the association, and Messrs. Keith Hart (St. Peter's, Brighton), F. Bennett (St. Nicholas', Brighton) and C. Tyler (Henfield) were re-elected the Hon. Committee of Advice.

The question as to whether the October quarterly meeting should be held on a Wednesday was discussed, and the meeting decided in favour. The remaining three quarterly meetings during the ensuing year will be held on Saturdays at Lower Beeding in July by invitation, at Lindfield in January and at Lewes in April, the last mentioned being the annual meeting.

Mr. A. D. Stone, in giving details of the finance during the past year, said the income reached its highest point, a sum of £30 15s. 4d. having been received. The expenditure had been heavy owing to extra railway fares, but after all expenses had been met a sum of £22 10s. 8d. was handed to the treasurer of the association (applause). Mr. Stone called attention to the annual meeting of the association, which would be held in Brighton on Saturday, May 3rd. The towers of St. Peter's, St. Nicholas' and the Good Shepherd would be open for ringing, and the service would be held at St. Nicholas' Church, and it was almost certain that the Bishop of Lewes would give the address. Tea would be served at the Pavilion Creamery.

The Master proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Canon Wilson for allowing the members the use of the bells, for arranging the service and for his helpful address.

The Vicar, in reply, said it had given him great pleasure to do what little he could to make the day one the visitors would not regret and one they could look back on with pleasant memories. It had also given pleasure to his daughter, Mrs. Arman, to play the organ, as although she was not now an active ringer she was during the war, when she filled a gap caused by the absence of men in the Forces. The Chairman concluded by thanking Mr. Rickman for his kind remarks.

The company were then entertained to a course of Grandsire Caters, rung on the handbells by Mr. and Mrs. F. Hairs, Mr. F. Bennett and Mr. F. N. Smeaton (St. Nicholas', Brighton) and Mr. Keith Hart (St. Peter's, Brighton). Several further touches were rung on the Parish Church bells.

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On the motion of the hon. secretary, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Master for his kind hospitality, and to Miss Birt, who was responsible for the tea.

This concluded the business and the members then returned to the tower, where, during the day, the ringing ranged from rounds to London Surprise Minor.

ASSOCIATION GUIDE.

SECRETARIES' NAMES AND ADDRESSES.

The following are the names and addresses of the secretaries of the principal associations of ringers. The list will be useful in many ways, but its publication is chiefly in order to facilitate the scheme for keeping ringers, who remove from one area to another, in touch with ringing and bringing them into contact with the tower nearest to their new place of residence. When a ringer goes to live in the area of another association, the local secretary should forward his new address to his general secretary, who will pass it on to the secretary of the association to which the member has gone, and, through him, the ringers in the town to which the member has removed will be able to hunt up the new comer—if he needs it.

Any corrections to the subjoined list should be forwarded for publication:—

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Barnsley and District Society: Mr. A. Panther, 15, Coronation Road, Wath, Rotherham.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association: Mr. J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton, Bath.

Bedfordshire Association: Mr. A. E. Sharman, 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

Chester Diocesan Guild: Mr. J. C. E. Simpson, 27, Seabank Road, Wallasey.

Cleveland and North Yorks Association: Mr. T. Metcalfe, 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

Cumberland Association: Mr. W. T. Holmes, 31, Wordsworth Terrace, Cockermouth, Cumberland.

Devon Guild: Mr. T. Laver, 21, Cross Park, Heavitree, Exeter.

Doncaster and District Society: Mr. P. Gledstone, 34, Silverwood View, Conisborough.

Dudley and District Guild: Mr. Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association: Mr. G. S. Taylor, 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

East Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Association: Mr. H. G. Fretwell, 14, High Street, Swanwick, Derbyshire.

Elv Diocesan Association: Rev. R. Copeman, End House, Owlestone Road, Cambridge.

Essex Association: Mr. F. J. Pitstow, 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association: Mr. E. Guise, 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

Guildford Diocesan Guild: Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, Southover, Hockerling Gardens, Woking.

Halifax and District Association: Mr. L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

Hereford Diocesan Guild: Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, St. Nicholas' Rectory, Hereford.

Hertford County Association: Mr. G. W. Cartmel, Duffield, St. Albans.

Irish Association: Mr. G. Lindoff, 90, Elford Road, S.C.R., Dublin.

Kent County Association: Mr. F. M. Mitchell, 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

Ladies' Guild: Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

Lancashire Association: Mr. W. H. Shuker, 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester.

Leeds and District Society: Mr. H. Lofthouse, 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild: Mr. F. W. Stokes, Blankney, Lincoln.

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London County Association: Mr. S. C. Moore, 14, Great Bland Street, S.E.1.

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Sheffield District Society: Mr. H. Thorpe, 104, Petre Street, Sheffield.

Shropshire Association: Mr. E. V. Rodenhurst, Kenstone, Hodnett, Salop.

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THE DEVON GUILD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—'Decay' is right, and I will give you a few facts. During the past five years we have lost eleven bands, namely: Alphington, Whitestone, Aylesbeare, Woodbury, Exminster, Bradninch, Dartmouth, Littlehempstone, Holberton, Tavistock, Lifton. One writer says: 'Progress, if slowly.' (I doubt it.) In addition, the Exeter District has lost 13 hon. members.

Quarterly meetings were held at country towers in order to get them to join, but this last two years it is made a practice ground for Minor methods, and the banging and clashing is a disgrace to the Guild. Hence no towers join up, and the village is disgusted with the noise.

With regard to the Cathedral, something ought to be done to improve matters. It is true the ringing is of a very low order and not becoming to a city like Exeter.

As to diocesan work, the sec. of Exeter district sent a circular to all incumbents of churches with bells inviting bands to join. I do not think any returns have been made up to now.

The burning question of to-day seems to be, Is the Devon Guild to remain as it is, a churchman's Guild, with no competitions, or is it to be a sporting Guild with competitions on bells dedicated to the glory of God? I, as a churchman, cannot see any instruments in the church used in competition; true, I am only one. I must say, however, that I do not agree with it. Let all the members take the advice of the Rev. Canon Coleridge, given at the Cathedral at our jubilee meeting, 'Handle your rope properly, and strike your bell.'

—Yours faithfully,
EDWIN SHEPHERD.

14, Edgerton Park Road, Exeter.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

A meeting of the Central District of the Ladies' Guild was held at Stanmore on Saturday, March 29th. About 14 members attended, and with the help of the gentlemen visitors methods from Grandsire Triples to Bristol Surprise Major were rung, as well as rounds for the beginners. The short service was conducted by the Rector, who gave the Guild a hearty welcome to Stanmore. After a substantial tea in the Parish Hall, the meeting was held, with Mrs. R. F. Deal, the district vice-president, in the chair. Six new members were elected from Harrow, Weald, Hendon and Stanmore. It was decided to hold the annual district meeting at St. Clement Danes, Strand, in June, as well as a joint meeting with the Middlesex Association at Enfield in May.

Mr. G. A. Hughes, of Stanmore, made all arrangements for the meeting, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to both the Rector and Mr. Hughes for their kindness.

WEDDING BELLS AT SUNDERLAND.

An interesting wedding took place at St. Ignatius' Church, Sunderland, on Saturday last, when Miss Madge Parker, youngest daughter of that well-known ringer, Mr. J. W. Parker, was married to Mr. Fred Smith, director of physical culture, Manchester.

Mr. Parker's fellow-ringers attempted a peal of Double Norwich to celebrate the event, but unfortunately a hitch occurred after 2 hrs. 50 mins. ringing, and 'rounds' had to be called.

The ringers were afterwards entertained at Mr. Parker's residence, when the health of 'The bride and bridegroom' was proposed by Mr. R. L. Patterson, and received with enthusiasm, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL RINGER'S DEATH.

On Saturday, at Chichester Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 50 mins. with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to the late Mr. A. Tugwell, who was for many years a member of the Cathedral Society: F. Arthur 1, W. Falconer 2, T. H. Doick 3, H. J. Tucker (composer and conductor) 4, G. Marshall 5, W. E. Ticehurst 6, J. H. Blake 7, C. Smithers 8.

(Continued from previous column.)

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths: Mr. J. Sparrow, 5, Bandon Rise, Wallington.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford: Mr. H. Knight, 15, Rugby Road, Wolverhampton.

Society of Sherwood Youths: Mr. F. Blood, 71, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

Suffolk Guild: Rev. H. Drake, Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

Surrey Association: Mr. C. H. Kippin, Winchester, Guy Road, Beddington.

Sussex County Association: Mr. A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

Swansea and Brecon Guild: Mr. W. R. Howells, N.P. Bank Chambers, Neath.

Truro Diocesan Guild: Rev. W. H. R. Trewella, St. Paul's Vicarage, Truro.

Warwickshire Guild: Miss D. E. Lewis, Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild: Mr. F. W. Rogers, 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth (pro. tem.).

Worcestershire Association: Mr. J. R. Newman, Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Wores.

Yorkshire Association: Mr. P. J. Johnson, 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 24th, *the Coffee Pot, on the 29th (at 7.30 p.m.). *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—Dedication of peal tablet, Easter Saturday, April 19th. Service 4.30. All ringers welcome.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next meeting will be held at Houghton-le-Spring on Saturday, April 19th (not 12th). Bells of St. Michael's available 2.30 to 9 p.m. Will ringers please drop that postcard to Mr. R. Parkinson, 1, North View Terrace, Colliery Row, Fencehouses, to help him arrange tea, which is at 5 p.m.? Don't 'dodge,' go 'straight in' to St. Michael's, and make the meeting a success. All ringers welcome.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Water Street, West Hartlepool.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held North Collingham on Easter Monday, April 21st. The bells (6) have recently been rehung on ball bearings, and will be open for ringing at 10 a.m. The tea will be served at 4 p.m., price 1s. 6d. per head, for those who notify Mr. J. H. Clayton, Grange Farm, North Collingham, Newark. All ringers welcome. Cheap railway tickets will be issued from all stations. Good bus service from all directions. Good attendance requested.—H. Revill and R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Secs.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard on Easter Monday, April 21st. The bells of All Saints' (10) will be available from 11 a.m. Linslade St. Barnabas' (8) will also be available. Luncheon will be at 1 p.m., to be followed by the annual business meeting. Names for luncheon to Mr. J. Nicholls, 20, Grove Road, Leighton Buzzard, a few days before, please.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street, N., Dunstable.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Easter Monday, April 21st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., tea and meeting following at the Institute.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Association will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, April 21st. Various towers open for ringing at 2 p.m. Hatfield (10 bells) will be open from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Service in Choir of Cathedral, with short address for ringers by the Lord Bishop of St. Albans, 4.30. Tea at the Ver Residential Hotel, at the bottom of Holywell Hill, followed by the annual business meeting, 5.30. The pleasure of your company is greatly desired at both the service and meeting. If able to attend the latter, notification of acceptance would be helpful in making seating arrangements.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, Russell Avenue, St. Albans.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The annual general meeting of the Association will be held at Norwich on Easter Monday, April 21st. By kind permission of the incumbents, the bells of St. Peter Mancroft, St. John-de-Sepulchre, St. Michael-at-Coslany and All Saints' will be at the disposal of the members from 10 o'clock a.m. Divine Service will be held at St. Peter Mancroft Church, at 12.30 p.m., conducted by the Reverend the Ven. G. M. MacDermott, when the address will be given by the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake. The luncheon will take place at The Bell Hotel, Orford Hill, at 1.30 p.m. The President, The Archdeacon of Norwich, in the chair. Tickets, 2/6 per head. The annual business meeting for the election of officers, committee, representatives to the Central Council, and new members, will follow immediately after the luncheon. Committee meeting will be held in the choir vestry in St. Peter Mancroft Church, at 11.30 a.m.—Arthur L. Coleman, Gen. Sec. & Treas., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Cambridge on Easter Monday, April 21st. Service at St. Andrew's the Great at 4 p.m. Address by Rev. J. Duffell, Vicar of Bourn. Meeting 4.30. Ringing at the following towers: Great St. Mary's (12), St. Andrew's (8), Old Chesterton (6), and in morning and early afternoon R.C. Church (8). Tea and business meeting, 4.30 p.m., at the Corner House Cafe, Petty Cury.—Rev. R. Copeman, Hon. Sec., Owlestone Road, Cambridge.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The forty-third annual festival will be held at Northwich on Easter Monday, April 21st. A service will be held in the Parish Church at noon, followed by lunch at 1 p.m. (2/6 per head) and meeting at 2 p.m. The bells of the Parish Church (8) will be available.—J. C. E. Simpson, Hon. Sec., 27, Seabank Road, Wallasey.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual meeting on Easter Monday at Bury St. Edmunds. The Cathedral bells (10) and St. Mary's (8) available all day in alternate hours. 3.30: Service in Cathedral. 4.0: Tea at the Abbey House, free to all sending word. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Burton-on-Trent on Easter Monday. Bells of St. Paul's (10), St. Modwen (8), Rolleston (8), Winshill (6) available throughout the day. Committee meet at 3 p.m. Tea, followed by general meeting, at 5 o'clock, in St. Paul's Institute.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester. N.B.—Reports for 1929 ready, price 6d., per post 7½d. A few back numbers are still available.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The 50th annual general meeting will be held at Canterbury (where the Association was instituted) on Easter Monday, April 21st. Committee meeting in the Cathedral Library at 11.15. Special service in the Cathedral at 12 noon. Address by His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury. Luncheon in the County Hall at 1.30, presided over by His Grace the Archbishop, followed by business meeting. Towers open for ringing: Cathedral (12), St. Stephen's (8), St. Alphege (6), outlying districts if desired. Luncheon tickets free to practising members only; non-members 3/6. Railway vouchers for the day for return journey at single fare from any station in Kent, Surrey, Sussex and London, can be had on applying, enclosing stamped addressed envelope,

to the undersigned. Mr. Morton W. Pierce has kindly offered to conduct ringers and friends round this historic Cathedral at 4 p.m.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held on Easter Monday, April 21st, at Rotherham and Eastwood. Bells available from 10.30. Tea at 5 p.m. (1/6); please notify Mr. C. Ryder, 16, Godstone Road, Rotherham. Visitors heartily welcome.—H. Thorpe, Hon. Sec., 104, Petre Street, Sheffield.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Hedon, near Hull, on Easter Monday, April 21st. The fine new ring of eight (tenor 17½ cwt.) will be available for ringing throughout the day. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1/6 per head. Buses run every quarter-of-an-hour from Paragon Square, Hull. Members are reminded that the annual subscription of 2/- is now due, and should be paid to the respective district secretaries without delay.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Axminster, on Easter Monday, April 21st. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, members free. Meeting 5.30. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 21st. Business meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 2.15 prompt. Chairman: The Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., President. Service with address by the Rev. Canon Chesshire, D.D., in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 12.30 to 2, All Saints' (10), St. Helen's (8) and St. John-in-Bedwardine (8). 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.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A ringing meeting of the above Guild will be held at Lindfield on Saturday, April 26th. Tower open 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea let me know not later than April 23rd? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Earls Colne on Saturday, April 26th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 followed by tea. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than April 22nd as this is most important.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

DEVON GUILD.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Oakford on Saturday, April 26th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Committee meeting 4.15. Service 4.30. Tea (tickets 1/-) 5.0. Visitors requiring tea please notify me by April 19th.—A. G. Selley, Hon. Sec., The Square, Silvertown.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Worsley on Saturday, April 26th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 at 1s. per head. Names to be sent to Mr. P. H. Derbyshire, Beesley Green, Worsley, not later than the 24th. Subscriptions due. Reports to hand. Hoping to have a good attendance.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Sacred Heart R.C. Church, Blackpool (8 bells), on Saturday, April 26th. Ringing 4 to 6 p.m. only.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 118, Dickson Road, Blackpool.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Helmsore, on Saturday, April 26th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting 6.30. Expecting a good attendance of members; also visiting members. Reports, etc., to hand.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Middleton on Saturday, April 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at All Saints', Fulham, on Saturday, April 26th. Service at 5 p.m., when the preacher will be the Rev. W. P. Cole Sheane, Vicar of Twickenham (President-elect). Tea at 5.45 in the Parish Hall, at a charge of 1s. each member. The usual business meeting will follow. Ringing arrangements: Fulham (10) from 3 p.m., Putney (8) from 3.15 to 4.45 p.m., Hammersmith (8) from 7 to 9 p.m., All Saints', Wandsworth, 3 to 4.30. Trams 26, 28, 30, to all churches. All day ticket 1s. All who require tea must advise Mr. W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, Chiswick, W.4, not later than Wednesday, April 23rd.—C. T. Coles, W. H. Hollier, joint Hon. Secs.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Milton Ernest on Saturday, April 26th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Come and make the meeting a success.—Percy C. Bonnett, Stagsden.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The arrangements for the quarterly meeting at Evercreech on April 26th are: bells 2.30, evensong 4, tea and business meeting 5 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Chesterfield District will be held at Norton on Saturday, April 26th. Will all those requiring tea notify Mr. W. Biggin, 13, Abbey Lane, Woodseats Norton? Let us have a good meeting to welcome the new Rector.—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Isham (6) on Saturday, April 26th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by Tuesday, April 22nd?—H. Baxter, Bredon, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting will be held at West Kirby on Saturday, April 26th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 6, tea and meeting after. Ringers intending to be present please let the Hon. Sec. know: Harry S. Brocklebank, 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bowden and Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Poynton on Saturday, April 26th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Service 3. Tea 5.15. Please note altered time of service. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. G. Turner, 69, Park Lane, Poynton, nr. Stockport, by April 23rd.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held at Fishlake on Saturday, April 26th. Bells (6) ready early. For tea please write, H. Cooper, The Bank, Fishlake, nr. Doncaster, not later than Wednesday, the 23rd. Will members make a special effort for this meeting? Subscriptions are now due.—Percy Gledstone, Hon. Sec. 34, Silverwood View, Conisborough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The Spring meeting of the above branch will be held at Thatcham on Saturday, April 26th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, at 1/-. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify Mr. H. Smith, 22, High Street, Thatcham, nr. Newbury, not later than Wednesday, April 23rd, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at Lincoln, Saturday, April 26th. Evensong in the Ringers' Chapel at the Cathedral at 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at 4.15, at 1/9 per head, followed by business meeting. Ringing at the Cathedral from 1.45, and at St. Peter-at-Gowts' and St. Botolph's from 2. All who require tea should send their names to Mr. G. Chester, 16, Carline Road, Lincoln, not later than Wednesday, April 23rd.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Secretary.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting at St. Mary Bourne, Saturday, April 26th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All requiring tea please notify by 23rd inst.—Rev. F. C. Sear, St. Mary Bourne Vicarage, Andover.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD. — The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 26th, at the Parish Church, Llanelli, Breconshire. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec., Belle Vue, Brecon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Sat., April 26th, at Farnham Royal. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Guild service 4.30. Tea 5.15, at 1/- per head to all those who notify me not later than April 22nd. Business meeting 6.15.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treas., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Thrapston Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Sudborough on Saturday, April 26th. Service 4.15 p.m., Preacher, Rev. A. H. Adey, Vicar of Brigstock. Tea 5, meeting to follow.—J. Nickerson, Branch Sec., Halford St., Thrapston.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting at Cannock on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells (8) from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.45, with an address by the Vicar, Rev. J. F. Foster. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. Please send word by Tuesday, April 29th.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting at Brighton, Saturday, May 3rd. Towers open: St. Peter's and St. Nicholas', 2-3.30 p.m. and after meeting, The Good Shepherd, 7.30. Special service in St. Nicholas' Church, 4 p.m., address by the Lord Bishop of Lewes. Meat tea at Morley's, Pavilion Buildings, 5, 2/6 (1/3 to members). Half rail fare (max. 2/6). Those intending to be present should notify the General Secretary not later than Tuesday, April 29th.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting Sherfield May 3rd. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service with address by the Rev. R. E. Leigh, M.A. at 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., business meeting following. At tea the Guild will be the guests of the Rev. R. E. Leigh, who hopes that all who can will accept his offer of hospitality.—D. L. Board, Dis. Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Warwick on Saturday, May 3rd. The bells of St. Mary's (10) will be available during the afternoon and evening. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. Service in Church, 4.30. Tea at 5 at the Dale Hotel (1/9 per head). Business meeting to follow.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whalley on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Reports to hand. Subscriptions now due.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

WINDSOR.—The Parish Church bells have been rehung and retuned by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank and will be reopened for ringing on Saturday, May 3rd, at 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30, address by the Right Rev. the Bishop of Buckingham. Tea (4.30) will be provided to a limited number who apply before Monday, April 28th.—L. Stilwell, Hon. Sec., 40, Frances Road, Windsor.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A combined meeting of the above will be held at New Romney on Saturday, May 3rd. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 5. All ringers cordially invited to attend.—Secretaries: A. C. Kay, K.C.A., A. J. Batten, R.M.G., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Newton St. Loe on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Numbers for tea by April 30th.—Theo. Grant, Hon. Sec., Swainswick, Bath, Somerset.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, May 10th. Bells ready at 12 noon. Service at 5. Tea after. Will those intending being present kindly send names in to Mr. J. Ridyard, 7, Railway Terrace, Southport, before May 7th?—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The monthly meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, April 26th at Warmley. Bells (6) open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Short meeting to follow. All ringing visitors welcome. Kindly notify me by 22nd inst. for tea.—Harry Bennett, Hon. Sec., Highfield, Brunswick Road, Brislington.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, April 26th, at Ashton Parish Church. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. All ringers welcome.—S. Thompson, Hon. Sec.

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It was an event of more than passing significance that the Archbishop of Canterbury should, on Monday, have preached in his Cathedral at the Jubilee Meeting of the Kent County Association, and afterwards taken a part in the other proceedings which marked a memorable day. It is true the gathering was held in Canterbury and that the Archbishop is President of the Association, but the demands upon the time and energies of the Primate are so enormous that he has little of either to spare for engagements which do not go necessarily with his official duties and position. His presence at Canterbury, therefore, was a signal honour not only to the Association, but indirectly to the Exercise at large. All who heard his address must have been convinced of His Grace's conviction of what the bells of our English Churches mean to this country and of the importance which he attaches to the ringer's office and art. It was this which doubtless induced the Archbishop to come so willingly among the members of his own association to offer them a message of goodwill and inspiration upon an auspicious occasion.

In addition, however, the Archbishop's presence was also, we imagine, partly prompted by the little ceremony which he undertook to perform of making a presentation to the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, the precentor of the Cathedral, who last year retired from the secretaryship of the Association after 38 years of untiring and successful work. And not only did this play an important part in bringing the Archbishop among the ringers; it was by no means the least of the attractions which drew so large a gathering to the venerable city. Among the members of the Kent County Association there is a deep and abiding love and esteem for the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, not merely for the service he rendered during the 38 years he held the secretarial office, but for the never-failing personal qualities of kindness, gentleness and sincerity which he has displayed. Mr. Helmore can never have had any doubt about the affection in which he is held by the ringers of Kent, but if he had, they were completely dispelled on Monday by the great gathering which assembled to do him honour and the warm expressions of gratitude which were heard on all sides for the lifetime of labour he had given in the cause of ringing in the county of Kent.

The whole of the day's proceedings were signally successful and probably constituted a record for any association meeting, and the ringers who were present will carry away with them lasting memories, not the least of which will be those of the hearty service in the glorious choir of the Cathedral and the sermon of the Archbishop,

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who, in eloquent phrases, put into proper perspective not only the position of the bells themselves in relation to the services to the church and the life of the people, but of the ringers in relation to their task in the belfry. To all who heard it, the sermon was a great inspiration, and to those still amongst us who can remember the relationship between ringers and the church before the days of the county associations and diocesan guilds, it must have conjured up thoughts of the striking differences between then and now — between the time when few of the clergy considered the ringers as in any sense part of the church organisation, and the belfry was hardly recognised by those who used it as part of God's House, and to-day, when in the mother church of English Christendom the Archbishop of Canterbury publicly acknowledges the importance of the ministry of the bellringer and pronounces his benediction upon their art and their work.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
AND ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, April 19, 1930, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

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| JOSEPH MELLOR 1 Treble | WILLIAM BRAMMER 7 |
| DONALD BROWN 2 | ARTHUR RIDYARD 8 |
| SIDNEY MARSHALL 3 | WM. H. SHUKER 9 |
| JAMES CARTER 4 | ALBERT ADAMS 10 |
| SAMUEL HOLT 5 | FRED R. WILLIAMS 11 |
| HERBERT BARLOW 6 | BENJAMIN THORP Tenor |

Composed by S. WOOD.

Conducted by B. THORP.

Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Mellor and the anniversary of the 1911 record peal of 12,240 changes of Treble Bob Maximus. This is the first peal of Treble Bob Maximus for the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 8th, 9th and 11th ringers.

TEN BELL PEALS.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 12, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

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| JOHN C. DICKEN Treble | GEORGE MAYERS 6 |
| JOHN G. W. HARWOOD 2 | CHARLES F. SAYER 7 |
| *ALFRED J. MOY 3 | WILLIAM J. LEE 8 |
| †ARTHUR G. KING 4 | WILLIAM E. BASON 9 |
| GEORGE BAILEY 5 | HERBERT JERMY Tenor |

Composed by WM. HUDSON.

Conducted by WM. E. BASON.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. ‡ First peal on ten bells. Rung as a farewell peal to W. E. Bason, who is leaving Great Yarmouth to reside at Norwich.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 21, 1930, in Three Hours & Twenty-Three Minutes

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5009 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

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| *WILLIAM G. COLLETT ... Treble | HARRY SEAR 6 |
| CAPT. J. H. R. FREEBORN ... 2 | WALTER F. JUDGE 7 |
| HARRY MILES 3 | RICHARD G. RICE 8 |
| MAURICE SMITH 4 | RICHARD WHITE 9 |
| *RICHARD POST 5 | *THOMAS IMPEY Tenor |

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 21, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

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| KEITH HART... .. | ...Treble | ARTHUR T. VERRELLS ... | 6 |
| ALBERT H. WARD ... | 2 | ALFRED J. TURNER ... | 7 |
| HENRY J. TUCKER ... | 3 | NELSON ELLIOTT... .. | 8 |
| ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... | 4 | FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... | 9 |
| WILLIAM R. DRAGE ... | 5 | ALFRED H. PULLING ... | Tenor |

Composed by JAMES GEORGE.

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 5, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

In the KILLAMARSH VARIATION.

Tenor 12 cwt.

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| FREDERICK CARDWELL ... | ...Treble | MISS NOEL CAWTHORNE ... | 5 |
| *MISS DORICE TURNER ... | 2 | *JOHN C. TAYLOR ... | 6 |
| *MISS GRACE BURCHNALL... .. | 3 | *ARTHUR FIRTH ... | 7 |
| *MISS K. BURCHNALL... .. | 4 | FRED WATKINSON ... | Tenor |

Composed by CHAS. SEVERN.

Conducted by F. WATKINSON.

* First peal of Spliced Treble Bob Major.

BACUP, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 12, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

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| WILLIAM ROBINSON ... | ...Treble | FRED BENTLEY ... | 5 |
| THOMAS REDMAN ... | 2 | RICHARD BALDERSTONE ... | 6 |
| JAMES SMITH, SEN. ... | 3 | JAMES SMITH, JUN. ... | 7 |
| WALTER STEPHENSON... .. | 4 | WILLIAM H. HUNTER... .. | Tenor |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM H. HUNTER.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

On Monday, April 14, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 20 cwt.

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| JAMES E. DAVIS ... | ...Treble | RONALD BULLEN ... | 5 |
| EDWIN F. PIKE ... | 2 | WILFRED WILLIAMS ... | 6 |
| ERNEST BRETT ... | 3 | CECIL W. PIPE ... | 7 |
| CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... | 4 | JOHN T. KENTISE... .. | Tenor |

Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. J. C. F. Bayley, towerkeeper of St. Giles', Cripplegate, who was well known and respected by all the band.

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 19, 1930, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 28 cwt.

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| HAROLD E. SYMONDS ... | ...Treble | LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... | 5 |
| GEORGE A. FLEMING ... | 2 | GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... | 6 |
| CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... | 3 | WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... | 7 |
| WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... | 4 | CECIL W. PIPE ... | Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

GRAVESEND, KENT.—At Tunstall, Woodfield Avenue, Gravesend, on April 14th, in 36 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples on handbells: E. H. Spice 1-2, S. Sandford 3-4, E. J. Beer (conductor) 5-6, R. Smith 7-8. Witnesses, Mrs. E. H. Spice and the Misses I. Jones and K. Beer. First quarter-peal on handbells by all.

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 19, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| THOMAS K. DRIVER ... | ...Treble | JAMES W. GROUNDS ... | 5 |
| WILLIAM HORAN ... | 2 | JOHN POTTER ... | 6 |
| JOHN BOOTH ... | 3 | LAWRENCE J. WILLIAMS ... | 7 |
| *RICHARD BOLDERSTONE ... | 4 | HERBERT DAVENPORT... .. | Tenor |

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

* First peal in the method.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 19, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

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

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

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| FREDERICK BORRETT ... | ...Treble | GEORGE GOWER ... | 5 |
| ERNEST WHITING ... | 2 | CHARLES CUTTING ... | 6 |
| CHARLES BAKER ... | 3 | RUSSELL RICHES ... | 7 |
| FREDERICK ROOPE ... | 4 | CHARLES ROOPE ... | Tenor |

Composed by G. WILLIAMS.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 21, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

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| CHARLES SAMPSON ... | ...Treble | ERNEST S. BAILEY ... | 5 |
| ALFRED KEEBLE ... | 2 | RONALD H. BULLEN ... | 6 |
| JAMES G. RUMSEY ... | 3 | JAMES M. BAILEY ... | 7 |
| ERNEST G. GARRARD ... | 4 | CHARLES F. BAILEY ... | Tenor |

Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

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THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, April 13, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Elli,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 13 cwt.

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| *HARRY JOHNSON... .. | ...Treble | G. ROBERT JONES ... | 4 |
| SYDNEY T. RACKHAM ... | 2 | GEORGE POPNELL ... | 5 |
| WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... | 3 | ALEC A. RACKHAM ... | Tenor |

Conducted by ALEC A. RACKHAM.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Popnell, William Short (Clent), and Robert G. Knowles (Madresfield).

BANHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different compositions. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

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| GEORGE W. CHAPMAN ... | ...Treble | ERIC G. BENNETT ... | 4 |
| G. E. REX CHAPMAN ... | 2 | WILFRED G. SAUNDERS ... | 5 |
| NOLAN GOLDEN ... | 3 | CHARLES F. GOODMAN ... | Tenor |

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On Saturday, April 19, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

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| SISTER K. JUTSON, C.A. ... Treble | WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... 4 |
| FRANK ROWLINSON ... 2 | WILLIAM ROSE ... 5 |
| JOHN J. JUTSON ... 3 | HORACE M. DAY ... Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

Arranged for Sister K. Jutson, who was spending a short holiday at home, before commencing her duties in St. Aidan's, Leeds, to which parish she has been recently appointed.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 19, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven different extents, viz., one 720 of Double Court, and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

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| GEORGE FARNISH ... Treble | JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... 4 |
| GEORGE PRYKE ... 2 | GEORGE BENNETT ... 5 |
| ALPHAEUS J. BERRY ... 3 | GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor |

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

WHITNEY-ON-WYF, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Master Sunday, April 20, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eleven 240's of Pitman's, five of Morris' and five of Grandsire.

Tenor 9 cwt.

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| EDMUND MORRIS ... Treble | REGINALD MORRIS ... 3 |
| * DENNIS SHARPLES ... 2 | JAMES P. HYETT ... 4 |
| G. JAMES R. PRICE ... Tenor | |

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal 'inside.' The conductor has now called a peal from each bell in the tower. Rung in honour of Easter Day.

HANDBELL PEALS.

STOCKPORT.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 17, 1930, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT 23, GREEK STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 8120 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

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| HAROLD JACKSON ... 1-2 | ALLEN F. BAILEY ... 5-5 |
| FREDERICK PAGE ... 3-4 | * ERNEST BENNETT ... 7-8 |

Composed by G. R. NEWTON. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

Umpire: PETER LAFLIN.

* First attempt for a handbell peal.

LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(LUDLOW AND CHURCH STRETTON DISTRICT.)

On Friday, April 18th, 1930, in One Hour and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT 8, NEW ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

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| RICHARD BALDWIN ... Treble | WILLIAM J. BENIAMS ... 3-4 |
| HUBERT JONES ... 2 | ARTHUR C. NASON ... 5-6 |

Conducted by W. J. BENIAMS.

Witness: L. E. A. DAVIES.

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Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

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| * LEONARD E. A. DAVIES ... Treble | WILLIAM J. BENIAMS ... 3-4 |
| HUBERT JONES ... 2 | ARTHUR C. NASON ... 5-6 |

Conducted by W. J. BENIAMS.

Witness: R. BALDWIN.

* First peal.

LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE.
HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(LUDLOW AND CHURCH STRETTON DISTRICT.)

On Sunday, April 20, 1930, in Two Hours and Three Minutes,

AT 8, NEW ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

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| ARTHUR C. NASON ... Treble | WILLIAM J. BENIAMS ... 3-4 |
| JOHN J. PRICE ... 2 | HUBERT JONES ... 5-6 |

Conducted by W. J. BENIAMS.

Witness: L. E. A. DAVIES.

LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE.
HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(LUDLOW AND CHURCH STRETTON DISTRICT.)

On Monday, April 21, 1930, in One Hour and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT 8, NEW ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

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| HUBERT JONES ... Treble | WILLIAM J. BENIAMS ... 3-4 |
| JOHN J. PRICE ... 2 | ARTHUR C. NASON ... 5-6 |

Conducted by W. J. BENIAMS.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

EALING.—At St. Mary's, on April 9th, for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: B. Gilbert 1, J. A. Trollope 2, J. E. Churchill 3, A. M. Stacey 4, H. Belcher 5, J. H. Hunnisett (conductor) 6, A. Harding 7, H. A. Harding 8.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Tuesday, April 8th, at Holy Trinity Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): F. J. Lewis, sen., 1, A. Parsons (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 2, H. L. Cook 3, H. C. Bond 4, F. J. Lewis, jun., 5, H. Lewis 6, W. H. Hayward (first quarter-peal in the method as conductor) 7, F. Edwards 8.

LITTLEBOURNE, KENT.—At the Church of St. Vincent, on Saturday, April 5th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 24 mins.: H. Stringer 1, P. J. Cobbold 2, Percy W. Smith 3, W. Savage 4, H. Bramble 5, A. Johnson (conductor) 6. Rung after the wedding of Mr. Gordon Noel Manley (son of the Rev. C. A. Manley, Vicar of Littlebourne) to Miss Dorothy Elliott.

EXETER, DEVON.—On Thursday, April 3rd, for Confirmation service at St. Thomas' Church, 1,064 Grandsire Triples: J. Hosgood 1, E. W. Biffin (conductor) 2, P. Walford (longest length inside) 3, E. Shepherd 4, W. Howe 5, C. Routley 6, A. Goad 7, W. Wills 8.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Thursday, April 3rd, for an evening Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: C. E. G. Moody (first quarter in method) 1, W. H. Ball 2, W. Malins 3, C. W. Otley (first quarter Double Norwich inside) 4, Robert Bullen (first quarter in method) 5, E. Cassell 6, W. T. Elson (conductor) 7, J. Herbert 8. All Sunday service ringers.

EASTWOOD, NOTTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Wednesday, April 2nd, for a special service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: J. Stirland 1, W. Pollard 2, T. Jennison 3, J. Johnson 4, W. Stirland 5, T. Wheat 6, J. E. Hobbs (conductor) 7, P. Welch 8.

GREAT TEY, ESSEX.—On Tuesday, April 1st, 720 of Bob Minor: E. Percival 1, H. Webb 2, T. Evans 3, G. Evans 4, S. Piper 5, J. Dyer (conductor) 6. First 720 rung by the local band, who are all beginners. The ringer of the treble is only 12 years old.

WICKEN.—On Tuesday, April 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. A. Green 1, S. Smith 2, A. J. Green 3, G. Froddy (first quarter-peal inside) 4, H. Ridgway 5, T. Roberts 6, F. Case 7, W. Jackson 8.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.—On Tuesday, March 25th, at St. Nicholas' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): W. Harwood 1, W. Leo 2, J. C. Dicken 3, G. H. Hammonds 4, A. King 5, E. Kett (conductor) 6, W. Bason 7, H. Jarmy 8. First quarter-peal as conductor. Also on 1st April, 672 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: W. Harwood 1, J. C. Dicken 2, A. King 3, Clayton Parnell 4, H. Wright 5, W. Bason 6, W. Lee 7, E. Kett (conductor) 8.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**A BENEVOLENT SCHEME ADOPTED.**

The annual meeting of the Hertford County Association was held, as is customary, at St. Albans on Easter Monday, when the bells of the Abbey and other city churches were utilised during the day by visiting ringers, many of whom in the morning had also the opportunity of ringing on the peal of ten at Hatfield. In the afternoon they attended evensong in the choir of the Abbey, and were addressed by the Bishop of St. Albans. They afterwards went to Ver House Hotel for tea and the annual meeting of the association.

In his address, the Bishop said he was grateful to have the opportunity of publicly saying 'Thank you' for the services which the ringers were rendering to the Church, the community and the diocese. The science and art of bellringing was typically English, but it would not go on unless they inspired the younger generation to follow in their footsteps. That was not only true of bellringing but of every other good thing in the life of our nation to-day. It was abundantly true of the Christian faith and of the Christian Church from which bellringing took its origin, and from which all that was best in the life and character of the nation and its history was due, directly or indirectly.

At the annual meeting, Mr. H. W. Golding, of Hemel Hempstead, the retiring president, welcomed the gathering of nearly eighty members, and expressed his pleasure at seeing so many younger members present.

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The hon. secretary's report was again a full and interesting review of the year. He said that throughout the year in the city, towns and villages of the county the members had rung the bells for Sunday divine services and on other special occasions. While this service ringing had emphasised one aspect of their craft, the ringing of peals showed the scientific advancement in another direction. This year they had cause for congratulation, 36 peals having been rung on tower bells and one on handbells in a variety of methods. He mentioned in particular the Spliced Surprise Major at North Mimms and the Double Norwich Royal at Hertford, both records for the association. The peals had been distributed throughout every district, and had been rung in 23 towers with 20 different conductors. They had certainly progressed, and typical instances might be mentioned of the Northern District, where five rang their first in a peal at Hinxworth and six their first peal on eight at Bennington.

A pleasing feature of the year had been the holding of joint meetings with other associations. Herts and Beds met at Dunstable and also at Biggleswade; Herts and Middlesex at Monken Hadley; and Essex, Herts and Middlesex at Hertford. The president had shown the enthusiasm of a young man in attending most of these meetings, arrayed in his chain of office. The Hon. Secretary added that his experience of these gatherings was that they made for progress and sociability, and ringers got to know others who were carrying on the same good work in the neighbouring counties. Bell founders had been fairly busy in the county, he continued. Two trebles had been added to the Hatfield peal, in memory of the late Rupert Edward Gascoigne Cecil, son of the Bishop of Exeter, and the county now possessed four rings of ten. The bells at Graveley and King's Walden had been rehung, and the peal at St. Mary's, Hemel Hempstead, had been quarter turned and rehung, and the chiming put into repair after a silence of twenty-five years; other repairs had also been done. Advice on the condition of various peals of bells in the county had been readily given by members when approached.

In a recent issue of "The Ringing World," the report proceeded, 'the Editor dealt in a trenchant manner with the problem of lapsed ringers, men who after a few years' service became lukewarm or indifferent, or, having conjured up a fancied grievance with their Vicar or ringers, gave up. It is a many-sided problem. Personally, I think the greatest pull will come through the spirit of brotherhood and service. This is assuredly the greatest factor in our associations to-day, and one of its happiest features, and in the exercise of which I venture to suggest we owe much of the success that has been achieved. If our bellringing is regarded as a duty to the Church, and is also undertaken in a spirit of true fellowship with one another, we shall rejoice in the slogan, "Once a ringer, always a ringer." When age or infirmity debars us from actual ringing, we shall consider it a privilege to belong to the association or guild, because we regard it as a lifelong pact. Whilst the task of winning back lukewarm members in any appreciable numbers is great, yet perhaps some may be recovered by a "personal contact campaign," and the ranks of all associations further strengthened.'

A BENEFIT FUND.

Having referred to the losses sustained by the association through death, the Hon. Secretary called attention to the following matters arising out of the committee meeting:—

(1) Peal booking fees. The charge for booking peals, according to rules, is 1d. per head, and the attention of conductors of all peals is directed to this rule.

(2) Necessitous sick benefit fund. This was discussed at some length, and a resolution adopted approving the same. In the discussion it was apparent that an expression of opinion from members attending the various district meetings before Easter would be help-

ful in any decision that might be made by the general meeting. At some meetings this has been done, and I believe the consensus of opinion is favourable to the idea. The crux of the question is whether it should be voluntary or the funds raised by the imposition of a higher rate of subscription and grants made as occasion arose from the general or a separate fund. By the adoption of a fund on a voluntary basis, it could start from to-day, but the alteration of subscription would require previous notice, and could not be started until a year hence. Personally, I believe the voluntary basis preferable, and that a scheme could be worked by a committee comprising the officers of the association, which would be representative of each district.

(3) Attendance at district meetings. It was felt by the committee that an improvement in the attendance of resident members would be encouraging to those responsible for arranging the meetings, but since our meeting three of our district secretaries report good gatherings.

During the year, a form of service for district meetings, the report adds, has been adopted with the approval of the Bishop of the Diocese, and has been found most helpful. A new certificate of membership has also been approved by your committee, for which I trust there will be a ready sale to all new members, at one shilling each. It has been specially drawn, and is represented by a sketch of a church in each district, and the Abbey, under whose shadow the association was formed.

Thanks were extended to Mr. W. Mercer, chartered accountant, for his gratuitous services in auditing the treasurer's accounts, and also to Mr. Gilbert Debenham for undertaking the services of librarian.

The district secretaries had arranged a full complement of meetings during the year, and cordial thanks were extended to them.

In conclusion, the Hon. Secretary on behalf of the committee, acknowledged the assistance which had been given during the past year by the various incumbents, churchwardens and others, in granting facilities for ringing, arranging services, and in many cases generous hospitality; to the honorary members, for their monetary assistance and interest; and to the members in general for all they had done for the advancement of the association.

FELLOWSHIP NEEDED.

The Dean of St. Albans (the Very Rev. E. L. Henderson), in moving the adoption of the secretary's report, impressed the need 'of the belfry in every town and village being a place of real fellowship. Fellowship was what was needed more and more in this country, and particularly in the Church. 'I cannot tell you how I admire you all as ringers,' he added. 'For bellringing a very high level of intelligence and concentration is required, and my admiration goes out to anyone who is a really tried and passed ringer.'

Mr. E. P. Debenham seconded the adoption of the report, which was approved. On the proposition of Mr. Debenham, seconded by Mr. W. Buckingham, the following resolution was carried unanimously: 'That the Hertford County Association of Change Ringers approves in general the idea of the formation of a benevolent fund in connection with the association, and requests the committee to work out details and forward them to the various towers through the district secretaries.'

The hon. treasurer (Mr. E. P. Debenham) presented the financial statement, which showed a balance in hand of £23 8s. 6d., as against £25 19s. 9d. at the beginning of the year, and a reserve fund of £24 15s.

The following were elected ringing members: Messrs. F. W. Allen (St. Albans Cathedral), R. Bedford and A. Ewer (St. Stephen's, St. Albans), G. W. Marlborough and J. E. Roots (St. Peter's, Bushey Heath), and H. Aldridge (Graveley).

Mr. W. Nash, of North Mimms, was unanimously elected president, and received the silver badge of office presented last year by Mr. G. W. Cartmel, who was then the retiring president. Other officers elected were: Hon. treasurer, Mr. E. P. Debenham; hon. secretary, Mr. G. W. Cartmel; representative on the Central Council, Mr. W. Ayre; 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 J. Pulett (Western).

Thanks were accorded to the Dean, the Vicars of St. Peter's, St. Stephen's and St. Michael's, St. Albans, and the Rector of Hatfield for the use of the bells, and the steeplekeepers for their services.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting was held at South Kirkby on Saturday, April 12th, when members attended from Ackworth, Cawthorne, Darfield, Darton, Felkirk, Pontefract, Royston, Sandal, Shelley, Wath and the local company. The fine peal of six bells was kept going during the afternoon, and the business meeting was held after tea in the Parish Hall, the Vicar (Rev. A. L. Brightman) presiding. Wentworth and South Kirkby were put to the vote as the venue for the shield contest, and Wentworth was selected, the meeting to be held in July. Felkirk was chosen for the next meeting.

After the usual vote of thanks the tower was visited, and touches were brought round in Plain, Treble Bob, Delight and Surprise methods, good striking being the general order of the day.

THE TWELVE BELL RECORD.

A reunion of the band that rang the record twelve-bell peal at Ashton-under-Lyne last August Bank Holiday took place during Easter. A tablet commemorating the peal was unveiled on Sunday evening, and on Monday peals of Cambridge Surprise Maximus were rung at Oldham and Macclesfield.

When the record peal was rung circumstances did not permit of the company being photographed, but this meeting of the twelve men has afforded an opportunity, and the picture will, we hope, be reproduced in 'The Ringing World' next week.

At the time of going to press we have had no official intimation with regard to the result of the attempt at Painswick on Monday to ring a longer peal than the one at Ashton-under-Lyne. We understand, however, that the attempt failed after 7 hrs. 52 mins.!

'DECAY' IN DEVONSHIRE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The state of affairs you mention in your leading article of April 4th, is, I much regret to say, very much the position in which we, as members of the Devon Guild, are placed. The menace to the Devon Guild is serious, and likely to become more so, if the flow of the tide is not stemmed, and that as early as possible. But it is of no use to cry over spilt milk. Our chief concern emphatically and immediately should be to see that no more is spilt, and also make every possible endeavour to try and recover some that has been lost. Surely our stout hearts of glorious Devon have not lost the pluck and enthusiasm which they used to possess some thirty or forty years ago, when (so I have been proudly informed) members of our Devon Guild have tramped or cycled over hill and dale in all winds and weathers a considerable distance to ring perhaps just a touch or touches, and perhaps a peal. Some of these men are with us to-day, with probably the addition of grey hairs; others with hair, perhaps, not quite so thick as it used to be; others have passed beyond recall. It is to these few remaining pioneers of our Guild we should naturally turn for some possible remedy, which (yes, I know, wear out the old ones first!) I sincerely think could be found, provided we and they work wholeheartedly in co-operation with each other for the common cause, and for the benefit of all.

May I be allowed to put forward a suggestion which may be the means of adding a few more sheep to our fold: That we have four informal meetings a year in addition to and alternately with our quarterly meetings. Such informal meetings could be arranged at a quarterly meeting, prior to which the secretary should write to various towers, or to such towers where ringers are thought to be interested in change ringing, and acquaint them with the fact that the Guild would be willing to send men there to give an exhibition of the art of change ringing; help them to practise it, and give them all the necessary details they may desire to assist them. Upon the receiving of an invitation from such tower, a qualified number of members, who can rise and fall, and ring 'half pull' well, should be selected (at the quarterly meeting) to visit such tower and give the local band such assistance, and put them on the way that leads to change ringing. The expenses incurred by such visits should be borne by the Guild. Possibly a quarterly meeting could afterwards be held there, or another informal meeting. Surely we could give this a trial?

I may add that at our tower we are doing our little bit for the Guild in bringing on seven keen young men (average age about 16 years) in the art of change ringing. All of them can ring Grand-sire Doubles, and some of them Triples. The question of the noble ring of twelve at our Cathedral has been raised. Like many others I should welcome, and do look forward to, the time when the powers that be will give this matter their keenest attention, and so come to some definite arrangements whereby we may again (and soon) hear the full twelve ringing merrily, and in the method which we love.—Yours, etc.,

E. W. BIFFIN.

St. Thomas', Exeter.

'A LOT TO LEARN.'

Sir,—Your remarks are to a certain extent true, but I think half-pull ringers have a lot to learn, as regards striking, from the much abused call-change ringers. A lot of our so-called 'experts' do not know how to handle or strike their bells. So long as they can 'scramble' through London, Bristol or Cambridge, that is all they want; striking is a matter of little consideration. The majority want to 'run before they can walk,' to use an old saying. I spend about a month annually in Devon or Cornwall, and there is nothing I enjoy more than a pull with these 'stone' ringers, and have always met with a very hearty welcome and a request to come again. I was at Hatherleigh last September, and sampled the new peal, and the way these bells were raised and lowered was a real treat. The same remark applies to all the Devon and Cornwall towers I have visited. Two years ago I was staying at another village where a visiting band of half-pull men came along. A day or two afterwards a friend of mine asked the local men what they thought of the ringing. The reply was, 'They can't learn us nothing.'

J. A. D.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHANGE IN SECRETARYSHIP.

The annual meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association was held at Cambridge on Easter Monday. Ringing took place at Great St. Mary's, the R.C. Church of St. Mary, and St. Andrew's the Great, also at Old Chesterton.

A short service was held in St. Andrew's at 4 p.m., conducted by the general secretary (Rev. R. Copeman), at which about thirty members were present. An interesting address was given by the Rev. J. Duffil, Vicar of Bourn, in which he pointed out that etymologically the word 'belfry' was not derived from 'bells' but was derived from two words meaning 'guard of peace.' He went on to point out that especially at Easter and Christmas the message which the season gave was associated with 'peace.'

The members then assembled for tea at the Dorothy Cafe. This was followed by the business meeting, Mr. Duffil being voted to the chair.

The general secretary read his report, which was adopted.—The treasurer, Mr. T. R. Dennis, produced a statement of the accounts, which showed a balance in hand of £16 ls. 11d. It was decided to postpone the printing of the annual report, and to print one for the two years.

The officers for the year were then elected: General secretary and treasurer, Mr. T. R. Dennis; auditor, Mr. A. E. Austin; representatives on Central Committee, Mr. T. R. Dennis and the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake; district secretaries, Mr. F. Warrington (Archdeaconry of Ely), Miss D. Clarke (Archdeaconry of Hunts), Mr. H. W. Giddings (Archdeaconry of Wisbech), and Mr. W. G. Cross (Marshland District). For the general committee, in addition to the above, Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, Messrs. H. Fields, E. G. Hibbens, A. G. Rivers and J. Taylor.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting on Easter Monday at Cambridge, and to arrange definite times for ringing at the different churches.

Mr. Dennis proposed, and Mr. Rivers seconded, a vote of thanks to the Rev. J. Duffil for his address, to the incumbents for the use of the bells, and to Mr. H. J. Hazell for accompanying the hymn at the service, also to the district secretaries for their support, and especially to Miss C. Fields for her work in the Archdeaconry of Hunts.

This brought the business to a conclusion, and members returned to the towers for further touches in standard methods.

CLEVELAND ASSOCIATION MOURNS EX-PRESIDENT.

DEATH OF REV. ALBERT SIMPSON.

The Cleveland Association has lost one of its most popular vice-presidents by the death of the Rev. Albert Simpson, M.A., Vicar of Evenwood, County Durham, which occurred on April 13th. Mr. Simpson joined the Cleveland Association in 1907, and was president from 1922-1928. He was always most popular with the members, who felt that in him they had a president who was in the unique position of being able to see both the ringers' and the clerical points of view. His peal list was not large (44 in all for the Cleveland Association), but his ready help and counsel were of great service to the association during the troublesome times of reconstruction after the war.

Mr. Simpson was educated at University College and Wycliffe College, Toronto. He was ordained in 1917, and his first charge was the curacy of St. Peter's, St. Toronto. He remained in Canada until 1919, when he came to Stockton-on-Tees, and was curate of Holy Trinity Church there. He became Vicar of Evenwood in 1929, and during the short time he was there he had endeared himself to all his parishioners. He leaves a widow and one son.

His memory will live with the members of the association for a long time, and the gap left by 'Albert's' death will be very, very hard to fill.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The meeting of the Chertsey District at Hersham on Saturday week was a disappointment to the officers, especially to the Ringing Master (Mr. H. J. Chaffey), who, on account of the illness of the hon. secretary, had been responsible for the arrangements. The attendance was very small. Only five members residing in the district attended, together with visitors from Woking, Hillingdon and Cambridge. Even the members of the local band were conspicuous by their absence. It is said they all went to the boat race, but even that was over by one o'clock. The officers of the Chertsey District have an uphill task, and the members do not exhibit the loyalty to the Guild in supporting the meetings arranged for them which those who are responsible are entitled to expect.

The Vicar (Rev. E. R. Brittain) conducted service and afterwards presided over the short business meeting, at which the Vicar was elected an hon. member of the Guild.

The ringing during the afternoon and evening included Grand-sire and Bob Doubles, Stedman and Grand-sire Triples.

TWO COMPOSITIONS.

5,040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL.
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First rung at St. Mary's, Beddington, on January 18th, 1930, conducted by W. H. Hewett.

5,040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL.
BY C. W. ROBERTS.
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First rung at St. Magnus-the-Martyr, London Bridge, on October 19th, 1929, conducted by W. H. Hewett.

A DATE TOUCH.

At Brathay, Westmorland, on Saturday, April 12th, in 1 hr. 10 mins., a date touch of Bob Minor (1,930 changes), comprising two 720's and one 490, each called differently: J. Tebay 1, H. Richardson 2, H. Woodburn 3, G. Sutton 4, T. Jefferson (conductor) 5, F. Wilson 6. All are Sunday service ringers at Windermere Parish Church.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

The first quarterly meeting of the year was held on Saturday, April 5th, at Northfield Parish Church, near Birmingham. Very little remains of the original building, which dates back to the Norman period. There is, however, still to be seen the leper's window and a fine example of Norman door and arch. The church is wonderfully rich in stained-glass windows, but, strange to say, is extremely poor from a musical point of view. It has no organ; all it can boast of to lead the singing is a small harmonium. The tower contains a nice modern peal of eight by Taylor and Co., and these were kept going on the occasion of the visit in various methods from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise. Tea was partaken of at 5.30, and this was followed by the business meeting presided over by Mr. Vice-President James George in the absence of the Presiding Ringing Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett.

Several new members were made, including Miss Muriel Sanders, of Moseley, as a full ringing member. The tower elections of Messrs. A. W. Coles and John Armstrong as life members were also duly ratified.

The secretary having referred to Alderman Pritchett's unique record in completing 50 years as a member of the Masonic Craft, and the high position he held in the Order, Mr. George proposed, and it was unanimously decided, that a letter of congratulation should be sent him.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Sutton Coldfield on Saturday, July 5th.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and school-room and to the vergers for arranging the tea brought the meeting to a close.

ASSOCIATION GUIDE.**A CORRECTION.**

Shropshire Association.—Clerical hon. secretary, the Rev. F. Tennyson, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury; lay hon. secretary, Mr. A. Pritchard, Brooklands Cottage, Admaston Road, Wellington.

BURFORD, OXON.—On Easter Sunday, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: E. Aldridge 1, E. Pearson 2, A. Bishop 3, T. Midwinter 4, R. Hudson 5, W. Dixon 6, F. Soden (conductor) 7, T. Timms 8. All regular service ringers at Burford.

HORNSEY.—On Easter Day, at St. Mary's Church, for evensong, 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.

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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 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.

It is quick work to begin to handle a bell at the end of January and to ring a peal by the middle of April, yet this is what George and Rex Chapman have accomplished at Banham, Norfolk. What these young men have done in from two to three months has taken many ringers from two to three years.

The number of changes in the peal of Superlative at Redenhall, published in the last issue, was erroneously sent as 5,088. It should have been 5,312.

Two hundred and twenty-five years ago to-morrow the first peal of Bob Major was rung. This was at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, and was accomplished by the College Youths.

The anniversary of two other memorable peals by the Ancient Society occurs on Sunday, one the 8,580 Stedman Cinques at Cornhill in 1861, and the other the 15,840 Kent Treble Bob Major at Bethnal Green.

Forty years ago next Monday the Cambridge University Guild rang their first peal.

The record length of Cambridge Surprise Major (12,896) was rung at Stoney Stanton on April 28th, 1923.

The Royal Cumberland Youths rang a peal of 10,112 Oxford Treble Bob Major at Edmonton, on April 28th, 1800.

We have recently had reference in our columns to long lengths rung in unsuccessful peal attempts. The 'Annual Register,' under date of April 28th, 1800, recorded that in an attempt for a peal of 15,136 Oxford Treble Bob at Edmonton a short time since, 'the ringing had entered the ninth hour when Mr. George Gross, the composer of the peal, made an attempt to slacken his knee buckle, and his leg became entangled in the rope. He was elevated to a considerable height, and, falling on his head, he broke his collar bone.'

Miss Kathleen Jutson, of Peterborough, after passing through a course of training at the Church Army College, has been appointed to St. Aidan's, Leeds. She will carry with her in her new sphere of work the good wishes of her many ringing friends.

Mr. Frank Warrington, district secretary of the Ely Diocesan Association, wishes to thank the several bands of ringers for their kind reception and allowing him to have a pull in Kent during his stay at 'The Bay.'

The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, who was honoured by his fellow-members of the Kent County Association on Monday, is approaching his 80th birthday. Nevertheless on Sunday he climbed to the Cathedral belfry to take part in the ringing for both services.

London ringers, and College Youths in particular, will regret to learn of the death of Mr. J. C. F. Bayley, the genial steeplekeeper of St. Giles' Church, Cripplegate.

St. Andrew's Church, Rugby, is almost unique in the possession of two towers. In one is a ringing peal of eight, in the other is a ring of five. These latter have now been restored by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and Messrs. J. Smith and Sons, of Derby, have installed a new clock.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Shurtleff, of Boston, U.S.A., will celebrate their silver wedding on Sunday next. Mrs. Shurtleff, who is a daughter of the late Dr. A. H. Nichols, of Boston, is a member of the Boston Guild of Ringers, and on her occasional visits to this country has taken part in ringing with the College Youths, with whom she rang her first peal.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION'S JUBILEE.

ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY'S VISIT.

PRESENTATION TO THE REV. F. J. O. HELMORE.

The Archbishop of Canterbury spent four hours among the members of the Kent County Association, of which he is president, on the occasion of their jubilee celebration on Monday at Canterbury, where in 1880 the association was formed. The Primate not only preached at the festival service in the Cathedral, but presided at the lunch and the subsequent proceedings. The interesting gathering brought together one of the largest assemblies of ringers ever seen at a meeting of this kind, and there must have been well over four hundred seated in the vast choir of the Cathedral when the service began at noon. Earlier in the morning there had been ringing on the Cathedral bells, St. Stephen's, Hackington (eight) and St. Alphege (six).

The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Precentor, who for 38 years was hon. secretary of the association, officiated, and the lesson was read by the Archdeacon of Canterbury. The order of service was printed in a 'souvenir' programme, and was followed with great heartiness, which particularly manifested itself in the singing of the hymns, 'Alleluia, Alleluia,' 'Unchanging God' and 'Christ is made the sure Foundation,' and the 'Te Deum.' The Rev. G. C. E. Ryley, Mus.Bac., was at the organ.

A WONDERFUL POWER.

The Archbishop gave a most inspiring address. As Archbishop of the Diocese and Province, and as president of the Kent County Association, it was a great pleasure to him to come there to give them a message, as they celebrated this jubilee year of their association, of congratulation, of gratitude for the service they rendered, and of benediction on their art and their work. 'I want this morning, if I can,' he continued, 'to help you to magnify your office and to realise its special place in the life of the Church and of the people. Let me base what I have to say to you on the words of St. Paul (Romans xii. 6-7): "Having, then, gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us . . . or ministry, let us wait on our ministering." I want you to realise that you have a special vocation and ministry in the Church of Christ. In another Epistle, St. Paul says "there are many kinds of voices in the world and none of them is without signification." The voice of the church bells is among the many voices of the world full of a very special signification and meaning. The ringing of bells is peculiarly a characteristic of England of the English Church. There are, indeed, other countries where the church bell has a great place, but it is very often only a single bell, deep mouthed and solemn, but change ringing appears to be the peculiar possession of the English race and the English Church. The bells express, as no other voice can, the joys and sorrows of the people. What would the commemoration of great events in our nation's life and history mean without the sound of the bells? And as the bells speak out in the life of the whole people, so also they speak out in the lives of the very humblest. It is to the sound of the bells in the village that the young man and woman at their wedding advance to the adventure of their new life, and it is to the sound of the muffled bell or the passing knell that the humblest villager is laid to rest. Again, as you must often have noticed, there is no voice in the world more capable than the voice of the bells in retaining and reminding us of the most sacred associations. I do not think any sound in the same wonderful way opens the doors of memory and brings out its greatest treasures. Only last week I was spending some days in the place for ever sacred to me as the scene of my first prayers and resolutions in preparing for the sacred ministry, and I never hear the familiar sound of the church bells in that quiet village without being at once and constantly reminded of all the associations of that holy time. Whenever I hear the bells of the churches or the cathedrals with which in my life I have been associated, memories of the hopes and the desires of the time spent there come rushing back. Truly you who ring the bells wield a most wonderful power. Some of the deepest associations of human life, most of all, of course, the message of the Church, the voice of the bells speaks out. There are other voices within the Church, of teaching, of worship, and of praise, but the bells always seem to me to be the voice of the Church itself, when the buildings, so many of them old and venerable, try to speak for themselves. The bells, therefore, give their witness of what the churches themselves stand for through all the changes and chances of the generations that have passed, of things that are unseen and eternal. Sunday by Sunday the sounding of the bells reminds the people of God's claim upon their lives. You who wield those bells call to a world that is increasingly indifferent. The bells you make to speak are saying, "O come, let us worship and fall down and kneel before the Lord our Maker."

A GREAT MINISTRY.

'And in the midst of all the many questions and doubts and perplexities there is always to me something joyful and rather assuring in the sound of the bells. They speak of the faith that endures and of the everlasting gospel of the love of God. To make the voice of the bells heard is truly to fulfil a great ministry in the Church of

God. Then, secondly, St. Paul says we must wait upon our ministering, we are to give ourselves to it with care and with zeal, and I would ask you to wait upon this ministry of yours. First of all be eager to be perfect in your art of bellringing. It is a great art, and it belongs to your honour to see that you make it as worthy as you can possibly make it of the high office. Other arts, such as music, of architecture, of painting, have a great place in the life of the Church. When you meet to-day in this choir, almost exactly 750 years after it was built, repaired from the waste of a great fire, when you look round upon it, its pillars and arches and windows, you realise what a place art has in the expression of human worship and devotion and all the revelation of God in beauty. And in its own way your change ringing has its place among the arts that are meant for the glory of God. Therefore, I say, it belongs to your honour that you make it as an art as perfect as you can. You rejoice, I know, in your change ringing and your practice. You get bodily exercise, you get good fellowship, but always remember that the main motive with which you conduct these practices is that you are striving to wait upon your ministry, to make your art a true and worthy offering to God. I rejoice in the immense improvement in the spirit and tone of the belfry chambers, and I trust you will always be zealous when you are there to remember that you are on holy ground, and most of all know you will try yourselves to obey the summons of your bells. There is something extraordinarily unreal if you make the bells speak out a summons to worship and you yourselves are heedless of it in your own lives; something strange if you yourselves do not steadfastly and loyally obey it, if the voice of the bells does not find a sure answer in your hearts and lives. So I congratulate you, and most of all I congratulate your venerable late secretary, to whom presently I hope to present a token of gratitude for his service of 38 years. I wish well to your ministry, and I pray that God's blessing may rest upon it. In these days so full of perplexities and indifference, let me ask you to ring out with gladness and pride the joyful tidings of the unchanged faith in the everlasting love of God. Let your bells Sunday after Sunday proclaim the joyful Easter message, "The Lord is risen and He is in the midst of us." In fulfilling your great calling, wait upon your ministry with pride and thankfulness, and with the deep desire to make it worthy of the glory of God.'

The offertory on behalf of the Cathedral Reparation Fund amounted to £5 4s. 7d.

THE LUNCHEON.

Afterwards the big party were photographed in a group outside the Cathedral, and then proceeded to the County Hall, where they sat down to luncheon. The Archbishop presided, and was supported by the Mayor of Canterbury (Rev. S. Gordon Wilson), the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, the Archdeacon of Canterbury, the Rev. G. C. E. Ryley and other clergy, Mr. F. M. Mitchell (hon. secretary), Mr. G. A. Young (hon. secretary of the Central Council), officials of the Kent Association, and visitors from other ringing organisations. Altogether a company of 350 sat down.

The loyal toast having been honoured, Mr. F. White proposed 'His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishops and the clergy of the county of Kent.' He said it had been the custom in connection with that toast to thank the clergyman who had conducted the service and given the address at their annual meeting. Custom was not to be lightly trifled with. Their association was formed fifty years ago by a meeting of clergy and laity held in that city of Canterbury, and the special object of the association was the cultivation of change ringing and belfry reform. He ventured to think the association had thoroughly justified its existence (hear, hear). Not the least of its achievements had been to bring into closer touch the clergy and ringers, so that ringers were now recognised as having a definite status as churchworkers. Their services and the skill and practice which those services demanded of them were fully recognised by the incumbents throughout the county. They received from them great kindness and encouragement in their work. Many of the clergy were themselves change ringers, notably their dear past secretary, Canon Helmore (applause). They were indebted to the clergy for the opportunities given them for peal ringing and holding meetings, and for the helpful addresses they gave to them at those meetings, as well as for the hospitality that was often extended to the members. For all those kindnesses they accorded them their most hearty thanks (applause). They were specially honoured on that occasion by having the Archbishop with them (applause). The Archbishop was not a visitor; he was their president; he was one of them; he came to them of a right, and they said to him, 'Welcome, sir; here is your place at our head' (applause). They felt that the Archbishop had done them and the association a signal honour in laying aside for a short while the onerous duties of his high office and coming to give them so helpful an address, sharing their meal with them and performing the important

duty which would shortly fall upon him. Never before in the history of any ringing association had a meeting been presided over by an Archbishop of Canterbury, and it would always be a proud boast and a happy memory that the honour was first conferred upon the Kent County Association in the city of Canterbury (applause). In the Kent County Association of Change Ringers the Archbishop and clergy had a body of men who had done, were doing, and would continue to do, their best to carry out the purposes for which the association was formed. They welcomed the Archbishop among them, and assured him of their loyalty and thanked him for all he had done for them (applause).

The toast was drunk with musical honours.

THE REV. F. J. O. HELMORE'S 'DAY.'

The Archbishop, in replying, said the members had attended that day in large numbers because it was the jubilee of their association. Fifty years was a long time, and it invested them with a certain stability and respectability, but happily it did not make them old, and he hoped they would never allow themselves to grow stale, and having been allowed to reach 50 years they would become, as future years passed, younger in their enthusiasm, their unity and their devotion to their work. There had been a remarkable increase in their numbers from something like 150 to about 1,000 practising members in the county of Kent, and he liked to think of that great body united in fulfilling what he had elsewhere called their ministry in the Church and in the life of the people. He had, he continued, no right to speak about their art. He knew nothing about it. He once or twice tried to make a beginning, but as he found on the first occasion, and again on the second, and again on the third, that his arms were nearly wrenched from his body, he desisted in any further efforts, but he was told that these were only the frolics by which they were disciplined before they were able properly to manage a bell (laughter). He had often noticed how difficult the act of ringing a bell could be when an incumbent, inducted to the care of a living, tried to ring a bell as a token to the parishioners that he had arrived and taken possession. In order not to give away the secrets of his profession he would not reveal what he had often seen happening in that connection (laughter). Sometimes the new incumbent was apparently being carried up into the heavens instead of being inducted to more earthly things (laughter). He admired what the ringers could do, although he must admit there had been times when he had not spoken so favourably about them as he then was. There had been moments when long peals had been rung in towers under which he had been living, when he could have wished the change ringers and all their works in Jericho or anywhere else (laughter). He was not sure that his feeling about them would not be somewhat different about half-past six that evening than they were just at that moment (laughter), but at that moment he had nothing except praise and gratitude for them.

Another reason, continued the Archbishop, why they were there was that it was Mr. Helmore's 'Day' (applause). He confessed he was glad he was not in Mr. Helmore's shoes—it would be difficult to rise to the height of that great occasion. He could only hope Mr. Helmore would remember for the rest of his days the entire sincerity of the thanks to him which he knew was in all their hearts. It was a remarkable thing for one man as secretary to have guided their work for all those 38 years. He became their secretary the very year in which he (the Archbishop) was ordained in the Church of God, and all that time Mr. Helmore had given himself to their service. They could have had no one more fitted to be their secretary, for he had been for fifty years connected with the Mother Church, not only of Kent but of the whole of English Christendom, and no one could be a more fitting link between the art of music and the art of bellringing and worship than their secretary for these 38 years. Mr. Helmore knew what his (the speaker's) gratitude was to him for the work he had done in the Cathedral, and, that day, for all the work he had done for the association. He knew that he would feel in that company of grateful and affectionate friends that he had received an ample reward for all the labour he had given to this cause, but he (the Archbishop) was permitted in their name to give him some more visible and tangible expression of their gratitude, and he felt it to be a very great honour to be allowed to do so. In the first place, he had to ask Mr. Helmore to accept what in these days, after the recent Budget, was always a very joyful and pleasant thing to receive—a cheque (applause). It was a cheque which went in its amount even beyond the number of years which he had served in the Cathedral or as secretary of that association (applause), and he hoped in the name of those who asked him to receive it that he would make use of it in a thoroughly selfish manner (applause), that he would not attempt to use it to make gifts to the belfry repairs fund or the benevolent fund, but use it to do something to ensure that the comfort and happiness of the years that remained to him might be promoted by the gift (applause). There was another gift which he would ask Mr. Helmore to accept, and in this respect hope passed more into the region of certainty, for he was to ask him to receive a supplementary gift of a case of pipes. If Mr. Helmore would continue to use these opportunities of solace, he would ensure comfort and happiness for a long time to come. Lastly, he had to present to him an address, illuminated suitably and thoughtfully, and, he thought, beautifully, and he must ask Mr. Helmore to conceal

his blushes while he read the words (laughter). The Archbishop then read the address, which was worded as follows:—

'Presented to the Rev. Frederick John Ottley Helmore, M.A., by the members of the Kent County Association of Change Ringers, who desire to place on record their warm appreciation of his services as hon. secretary for 38 years, and of the high standard of efficiency attained by the association due to his loving care and devotion. In asking his acceptance of this testimonial, the members of the association express the hope that he may continue to enjoy good health and happiness, and assure him of their very cordial goodwill and affectionate remembrances.'

Turning to Mr. Helmore, the Archbishop added that he had been proud to sign that address, as Mr. White had said, as their head. It was signed also by other most suitable persons, including his revered predecessor, whom they all wished to remember that day, Lord Davidson. It was also signed by Mr. Ryley, the trustees, the secretary and the six district secretaries. He had very great pleasure in presenting this address to Mr. Helmore with every good wish (applause).

MANY TOWERS STILL UNAFFILIATED.

The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, who was received with tremendous enthusiasm, said he did not know what to say about their gifts, except that he did not expect anything of the sort. He wished to appear as thankful as he could to them for what they had done in this way, and for the expression of feeling towards him. At the same time he would like to say that he considered it unnecessary, because the older members of the association at all events would remember that in the year 1907, at the annual meeting at Rochester, Dean Erle Lane presented him on their behalf with a most charming and most useful gift in the shape of a desk. That had been a great help to him in his secretarial work, so, bearing that in mind, he really thought for one secretary that was quite enough. Mr. Helmore paid a great tribute to the work done by the six district secretaries of the association, whose efforts had greatly lightened his duties, and one of them, his old friend Mr. Fred Mitchell, had taken his (the speaker's) place. Judging from the experience of this year, he felt sure Mr. Mitchell would be able to carry on the work of the association to the satisfaction of them all. In an article which appeared in a recent issue of 'The Ringing World' it was stated that there were about 25,000 ringers outside their associations and guilds. It was for them in Kent to try and bring in some of them, and he hoped the members would combine with the district secretaries to induce outside ringers to come in and form bands in the towns and villages. They wanted to extend the influence of their association. They had 106 towers in union, but there were 215 altogether in the county. That meant they had not got half, and even some of these ought not really to count as being affiliated to the association, because only one or two ringers in the tower were members. They wanted to improve upon that, and he felt sure that Mr. Mitchell and the district secretaries would be able to do something, but the members must not leave it all to the secretaries. They should all put their minds to it so as to influence others to come in and help in the work which they had been trying to do for the last fifty years. 'I thank you all from the bottom of my heart,' concluded Mr. Helmore, amid applause.

Rising again, Mr. Helmore proposed the toast of 'The Right Worshipful Mayor of Canterbury,' and referred to the fact that the Mayor was a beneficed clergyman, and that the three bells in the tower of his church had been recently rebung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and that there had been some talk of adding to them. As they respected their Mayor, said Mr. Helmore, so they, as ringers, expected something from him in this matter, and they hoped they would not be disappointed.

MAYOR SUGGESTS A BADGE.

The Mayor of Canterbury, in the course of his reply, said he did not see the possibility at present of getting any more bells for his church. The three bells had been hung in ball bearings, and, said the Mayor, they look something like a magnificent new motor car in the belfry (laughter). Whether eventually they would be able to get a full peal he did not know. Proceeding, the Mayor submitted the toast of 'The Kent County Association of Change Ringers.' On behalf of Canterbury he welcomed them to the city, and congratulated them upon their jubilee. He hoped the work which they had done during the last fifty years would be continued as successfully during the next half century, and that the silent bells in many steeples of Kent would be restored by the efforts of Kentish clergymen (applause). Campanologists, said the Mayor, seemed to be shy people. He rather wished his Grace would found a badge to be given to ringers after so many years' service. He thought a great many more ringers would roll into the association if they could get a badge for, say, a shilling, and he would be very pleased to design them a badge and present them with the first 300 (applause). On behalf of the citizens of Canterbury, concluded the Mayor, he welcomed them as brethren of the Noble Order of Campanologists.

The Hon. Secretary replied to the toast, and said that he believed their gathering that day was one of the largest association meetings ever held by a single association. There were about 350 present, and among them were four foundation members (applause)—Mr. Philip Hodgkin, of Headcorn, Mr. E. S. Ruck, Willesborough, Mr. Slingsby, of Aldingham, who was 93 years of age, and Mr. J. W. Leonard, of

West Malling. Mr. Joseph Waghorn, sen., of West Ham, who had been a life member of 45 years, was also with them. Looking through the records of their progress, said Mr. Mitchell, he found that in 1880 they had 156 practising members and 100 honorary members. In 1890 they had 456 practising and 142 honorary. They had to-day 970 practising and 80 honorary members. He wondered whether the falling off in hon. members indicated a falling off in the interest in their work by those outside, and he hoped the various bands would try and get more honorary members. They welcomed among them that day, said Mr. Mitchell, representatives of other ringing organisations, including Mr. E. A. Young, the hon. secretary of the Central Council, Mr. A. A. Hughes, of the College Youths, visitors from various county associations, and the Editor of 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. Mitchell then read the report for 1929, which showed that the number of towers in union and the number of members remained about the same, and there were the following balances in the various funds: General fund £68 5s. 4d., belfry repairs £123 15s. 3d., benevolent £142 13s. 8d.

Before the business meeting began, the Archbishop and the Mayor took their departure, and the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore presided.

The report and balance sheet were adopted and the officers re-elected. A ballot took place for the election of four Central Council representatives. The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore retired, and the vacancy was filled by the election of Mr. F. Mitchell, the hon. secretary. The other three representatives, Messrs. E. Barnett, sen., J. H. Cheesman and T. Groombridge, sen., were elected, the unsuccessful nominees being Messrs. W. Haigh and T. E. Stone.

Mr. E. A. Young said that outside the walls of one association there was only one body which could speak for the whole Exercise on such an occasion as that, and that was the Central Council of Church Bellringers. It was the mouthpiece for the ringers of the country. Canon Coleridge, the president, had, as they all knew, recently been seriously ill, otherwise he would have been present to convey the good wishes of the Council and the Exercise to the Kent County Association upon its jubilee. In his absence, therefore, he (Mr. Young) desired, on his behalf and of the church bellringers throughout the country to offer the association felicitous greetings, to wish them 'God-speed' in their work, with the hope that they would go on for another fifty years.

A vote of thanks to the organist and to the hon. secretary terminated the proceedings.

In the evening further ringing at the Cathedral and other churches brought to a close a memorable day, upon which all those responsible for its organisation, and especially the hon. secretary, are to be heartily congratulated.

THE GROWTH OF THE ASSOCIATION.

In the fifty years of its history the Kent County Association has had only four general secretaries. The Rev. R. Knatchbull-Hugessen was elected when the association was formed on Whit Monday, May 18th, 1880. He remained in office until 1889, when, having accepted a living in Sussex, he resigned and was succeeded by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, during whose secretaryship the area of the association was divided into districts. Mr. Carpenter gave up in 1891, and the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore was elected. His tenure of office lasted until 1929, when advancing years led him, much to the regret of the members, to resign, and his work was taken up by Mr. F. M. Mitchell.

One hundred and fifty ringers were present at the inaugural meeting, and the membership has steadily grown until there are now 1,350 life, honorary, practising and non-resident members.

Financially the association is probably better off than any other ringing organisation. Its invested funds have reached £547, and this, together with the balances in various funds, amount to over £880, the interest being mainly devoted to the belfry repairs and benevolent funds. Extremely useful work has been done with these latter funds. The Belfry Repairs Fund was started in 1895, and since then 48 grants, amounting to £163 2s., have been made to churches for the repair of belfries or the addition of new bells. The fund still has a balance in hand of £123. The benevolent fund, to assist aged and disabled members and members' widows, was instituted in 1913. Since that date 31 grants, totalling £113 19s., have been made, and there is a present balance of £142 13s. 8d. to meet deserving cases. This strong and satisfactory financial position is in itself a testimony to the admirable management of the association, which is in the hands of a representative committee and the hon. secretary.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

FULHAM.—At the Church of All Saints, on Sunday, April 13th, for evening service, 1,260 changes of Stedman Triples: H. Page 1, J. W. Driver 2, W. H. Hollier 3, H. Cook 4, H. Rivers 5, A. Harding 6, F. Skovington (conductor) 7, W. E. Butler 8.

BELBROUGHTON.—On Sunday, April 6th, a quarter-peal of Doubles, 44 six-scores of Bob Doubles, and 10 of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, on the 86th birthday of Mr. H. Martin, a ringer for 65 years, and conductor for 60 years at the Parish Church: W. Davis 1, G. Parton 2, E. Calcutt (conductor) 3, W. Saunders 4, R. Parton 5, W. Stride 6. First quarter-peal for ringers of the treble and tenor.

THE REV. F. J. O. HELMORE.

The almost accidental circumstances under which the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore became a ringer are interesting. In the year 1882 a company of amateurs applied to Dean Payne Smith for permission to learn to ring on the Cathedral bells. This the Dean declined to grant unless they could induce one of the Cathedral clergy to superintend their practices, and he recommended them to apply to the junior minor canon. It was not until it had been clearly pointed out that their chance of pulling the Cathedral bells depended entirely upon his consent to join them that Mr. Helmore was prevailed upon to touch a bell rope. For months these amateurs attended a weekly practice, but made very little progress, and by the spring of 1884 Mr. Helmore was so heartily sick of scrambling through a plain course of Grandsire Doubles that he was preparing to give up all idea of becoming a change ringer. Fortunately, however, the then conductor of the Cathedral ringers (Mr. G. Stancombe) interested himself in one or two of the party, and by inducing them to practise with some of the Cathedral men, soon had them ringing Grandsire Triples.

Mr. Helmore rang his first peal at Faversham on November 10th, 1884. He scored his first peal of Stedman Triples with the College Youths (at Bishopsgate, conducted by James Pettit) in 1887. His first peals of Stedman Caters, Double Norwich and Superlative were rung with the Oxford Diocesan Guild, in conjunction with the Rev. E. E. Robinson and James Washbrook. The majority of the Rev.



[Photo: Fisk-Moore, Canterbury.]

THE REV. F. J. O. HELMORE, at the desk presented to him by the Kent County Association in 1907.

F. J. O. Helmore's 200 and odd peals have been rung for the Kent County Association, and he has conducted a considerable number in the Grandsire and Stedman methods.

Mr. Helmore was elected president of the Cathedral company in 1885, and he still occupies the position. In July, 1891, he succeeded the Rev. E. W. Carpenter as general hon. secretary of the Kent County Association, and discharged the duties of the office with the utmost efficiency and success until, in 1929, after 38 years' service, advancing age compelled him to relinquish the work. In 1907 the members presented him with a handsome roll-top desk, with a silver bell in the centre internal panel, in recognition of his labours for 25 years in the interests of the association.

Born in London on December 2nd, 1851, the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore celebrated his jubilee in the ministry of the Church in 1925. He was ordained deacon at Hereford in 1875, and priest in 1876, being at the time an assistant Vicar-choral in the Cathedral. After being curate and precentor of Holy Trinity (Shakespeare's Church), Stratford-on-Avon, 1877-78, he was appointed minor Canon of Canterbury Cathedral, and became precentor of the Cathedral in 1883. He has taken part in the enthronement of four Archbishops—Benson, Temple, Davidson, and Lang—and since 1912 he has held the incumbency of Stedmarsh.

EASTER BELLS.

EXETER, DEVON.—On Easter Sunday, at the Church of St. Thomas, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins.: H. H. Thomas 1, E. W. Biffin (conductor) 2, F. Wreford 3, R. J. Davey 4, J. Hosgood 5, H. J. Corry 6, C. Routley 7, W. Willis 8. First quarter for F. Wreford inside.

WORCESTER.—At All Saints' Church, on Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Calers (1,263 changes): W. Page 1, T. W. Lewis 2, G. Popnell 3, S. T. Holt (conductor) 4, F. Lawrence 5, W. Williams 6, W. Ranford 7, W. C. Jones 8, C. Camm 9, F. West 10.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.—On Easter Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: H. Huntley 1, F. Longley 2, C. Aylward 3, I. Cruwys 4, A. Longley 5, A. Wiles 6, E. H. Everest (conductor) 7, L. Everest 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: A. Longley 1, F. Longley 2, I. Cruwys 3, A. Wiles 4, E. H. Everest (conductor) 5, C. Aylward 6, H. Huntley 7, L. Everest 8. First quarter-peals on the bells since the rehanging of the two tenors by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. These bells have been put in ball bearings and cast-iron headstocks, and the 'go' is all that can be desired.

OVER, CAMBS.—At the Parish Church, for 7 a.m. Communion service, a 720 Kent Treble Bob: M. Ginn 1, D. Adams 2, W. Bayin 3, R. Thoday 4, A. J. Ginn (conductor) 5, F. Warrington 6. For evensong, a 720 Norwich Surprise: E. J. King (Peckham) 1, C. Robinson 2, F. C. Ginn 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, A. J. Ginn (conductor) 5, F. Warrington 6. After service, a 720 Kent: G. Whybrow 1, M. Ginn (first inside) 2, F. Warrington 3, F. C. Ginn 4, F. G. Gleaves (conductor) 5, A. J. Ginn 6.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—On Easter Sunday, at St. Mary's Church, the following 720's were rung: Before 7 a.m. choral Eucharist, 720 Cambridge Surprise and 720 London Scholars' Pleasure; before matins, 720 Annable's London Surprise and 720 New London Pleasure; before evensong, 720 Southwell Surprise and 720 Kent Treble Bob. Ringers: L. Camp, H. Wright, G. Camp, C. Harrington, E. Stich, A. Bradley (conductor).

TIVERTON, DEVON.—At St. Peter's Church, on Easter Sunday, two quarter-peals of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins., for morning service: W. Bowden 1, Mrs. C. Knowles 2, C. Knowles 3, F. Viney 4, W. Cockram 5, S. Ridgeway 6, F. Newcombe (conductor) 7, H. Ware 8. For evening service: H. J. Coombes (Dorset) 1, Mrs. C. Knowles 2, W. Cockram 3, F. Viney 4, S. Ridgeway 5, C. Knowles 6, F. Newcombe 7, W. Bowden (Bampton) 8.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Easter Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: T. Marshall 1, H. Wright 2, H. T. Hughes 3, E. H. Kynaston 4, W. B. Kynaston (conductor) 5, G. Williams 6, R. Kynaston 7, G. Benton 8.

BOURNEMOUTH.—At St. John's Church, on Easter Sunday, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: Miss F. M. Child (first attempt for a quarter-peal) 1, H. R. Bennett 2, Miss M. White 3, A. G. Bennett 4, H. G. Frampton 5, F. Frampton 6, C. Turner (conductor) 7, F. Longman 8.

KIDDERMINSTER.—On Easter Sunday, for morning service, at the Parish Church, in 47 mins., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): T. J. Salter 1, G. Davies 2, K. Salter 3, J. Davies 4, C. H. Woodberry (conductor) 5, J. Woodberry 6, J. Smith 7, G. Bennett 8.

WILLENHALL, STAFFS.—On Easter Sunday, at St. Giles' Church, for festal evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins.: C. Law 1, E. Trubshaw 2, L. Trubshaw 3, S. H. Coley 4, J. T. Davies 5, B. H. Pountney 6, C. Wallater (conductor) 7, A. E. Read 8. First quarter-peal in the method for all except ringers of 7 and 8.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

HOPE, FLINTSHIRE.—On Sunday, April 13th, at the Parish Church, on the occasion of a visit of the Bishop Macnan, for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 43 mins.: J. H. Fuller (conductor) 1, Geo. Moss 2, W. Hesketh 3, W. H. Lewis 4, S. J. Lewis 5, T. M. Illington 6. First quarter-peal by the local ringers.

COBHAM, SURREY.—At St. Andrew's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, April 13th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 23 mins.: A. Roberts 1, E. Matthews 2, W. Holden 3, I. Mills 4, W. W. Thorne 5, W. James (conductor) 6. First 720 of Kent by all with the exception of W. W. Thorne.

WATFORD.—At the Parish Church, for evensong, on Sunday, April 13th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 52 mins.: E. Jones 1, E. Palmer 2, H. Milton 3, H. Long 4, S. Hoare 5, F. Edwards 6, S. Edwards (conductor) 7, W. Norris 8. It is the first quarter called by the conductor, and was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect for Mrs. Broad, Mayor of Watford, who died early on Sunday morning.

PRESTWICH, LANCs.—On Palm Sunday, April 13th, at the Parish Church, for evensong, a peal of Bob Minor with the 6 and 8 covering: A. V. Bellerby 1, Miss A. Foster 2, F. Maude 3, W. Sadgewick (conductor) 4, W. Bullough 5, R. H. Bent 6. Covering bells, W. Foster and H. Simpson.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at the Coffee Pot on the 29th (at 7.30 p.m.). Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A ringing meeting of the above Guild will be held at Lindfield on Saturday, April 26th. Tower open 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Earls Colne on Saturday, April 26th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 followed by tea.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

DEVON GUILD.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Oakford on Saturday, April 26th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Committee meeting 4.15. Service 4.30. Tea (tickets 1/-) 5.0.—A. G. Selley, Hon. Sec., The Square, Silvertown.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Worsley on Saturday, April 26th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 at 1s. per head. Subscriptions due. Reports to hand. Hoping to have a good attendance.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Sacred Heart R.C. Church, Blackpool (8 bells), on Saturday, April 26th. Ringing 4 to 6 p.m. only.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 118, Dickson Road, Blackpool.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Helmshore, on Saturday, April 26th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting 6.30. Expecting a good attendance of members; also visiting members. Reports, etc., to hand.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Middleton on Saturday, April 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Green-hirst Hey, Todmorden.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at All Saints', Fulham, on Saturday, April 26th. Service at 5 p.m., when the preacher will be the Rev. W. P. Cole Sheane, Vicar of Twickenham (President-elect). Tea at 5.45 in the Parish Hall, at a charge of 1s. each member. The usual business meeting will follow. Ringing arrangements: Fulham (10) from 3 p.m., Putney (8) from 3.15 to 4.45 p.m., Hammersmith (8) from 7 to 9 p.m., All Saints', Wandsworth, 3 to 4.30. Trams 26, 28, 30, to all churches. All day ticket 1s.—C. T. Coles, W. H. Hollier, Joint Hon. Secs.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Milton Ernest on Saturday, April 26th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Come and make the meeting a success.—Percy C. Bonnett, Stagsden.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The arrangements for the quarterly meeting at Evercreech on April 26th are: bells 2.30, evensong 4, tea and business meeting 5 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Chesterfield District will be held at Norton on Saturday, April 26th. Will all those requiring tea notify Mr. W. Biggin, 13, Abbey Lane, Woodseats Norton? Let us have a good meeting to welcome the new Rector.—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The Spring meeting of the above branch will be held at Thatcham on Saturday, April 26th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, at 1/-. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at Lincoln, Saturday, April 26th. Evensong in the Ringers' Chapel at the Cathedral at 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at 4.15, at 1/9 per head, followed by business meeting. Ringing at the Cathedral from 1.45, and at St. Peter-at-Gowts' and St. Botolph's from 2.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Secretary.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 26th, at the Parish Church, Llanelly, Breconshire. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec., Belle Vue, Brecon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Sat., April 26th, at Farnham Royal. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Guild service 4.30. Tea 5.15, at 1/- per head. Business meeting 6.15.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treas., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—General Meeting.—The annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, April 26th, at Leeds Parish Church. Bells available from 5.30 p.m. Business meeting in the tower 7.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at Sonning-on-Thames on Saturday, April 26th, 6 till 9 p.m. All welcome.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Giles' on Saturday, April 26th, from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 in Parish Hall. Service at 6. Address by Rector, Rev. E. J. Janson Smith.—A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hambledon on Saturday, April 26th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Aldford on Saturday, April 26th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30.—J. W. Clarke, Hawarden, Chester.

MONKS KIRBY, WARWICKSHIRE.—Daffodil Sunday.—The grounds of Newnham Paddocks will be open to the public on Saturday and Sunday, April 26th and 27th. Tea provided in the grounds at moderate charges. The proceeds will go to local hospitals. The fine peal of bells (8, tenor 24½ cwt.) will be available from 3 p.m. on Saturday, and from 5 to 7 p.m. on Sunday evening. Buses from all parts.—F. Harrison, Ringing Master.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, April 26th, at Ashton Parish Church. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. All ringers welcome.—S. Thompson, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The monthly meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, April 26th at Warmley. Bells (6) open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Short meeting to follow. All ringing visitors welcome.—Harry Bennett, Hon. Sec., Highfield, Brunswick Road, Brislington.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Afternoon Guild.—A meeting will be held at St. Hilda's, South Shields, on Wednesday, April 30th. In the evening at Christ Church, North Shields. Tea at 5 p.m. All invited.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting at Cannock on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells (8) from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.45, with an address by the Vicar, Rev. J. F. Foster. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. Please send word by Tuesday, April 29th.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Brighton, Saturday, May 3rd. Towers open: St. Peter's and St. Nicholas', 2-3.30 p.m. and after meeting, The Good Shepherd, 7.30. Special service in St. Nicholas' Church, 4 p.m., address by the Lord Bishop of Lewes. Meat tea at Morley's, Pavilion Buildings, 5, 2/6 (1/3 to members). Half rail fare (max. 2/6). Those intending to be present should notify the General Secretary not later than Tuesday, April 29th.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Warwick on Saturday, May 3rd. The bells of St. Mary's (10) will be available during the afternoon and evening. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. Service in Church, 4.30. Tea at 5 at the Dale Hotel (1/9 per head). Business meeting to follow.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whalley on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Reports to hand. Subscriptions now due.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

WINDSOR.—The Parish Church bells have been rehung and retuned by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank and will be reopened for ringing on Saturday, May 3rd, at 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30, address by the Right Rev. the Bishop of Buckingham. Tea (4.30) will be provided to a limited number who apply before Monday, April 28th.—L. Stilwell, Hon. Sec., 40, Frances Road, Windsor.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—A meeting will be held at Somersham on Saturday, May 3rd. Will all who require tea please advise Mr. E. Wakeling, Somersham, Hunts, by Wednesday, April 30th?—C. Fields, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A combined meeting of the above will be held at New Romney on Saturday, May 3rd. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 5. All ringers cordially invited to attend.—Secretaries: A. C. Kay, K.C.A., A. J. Batten, R.M.G., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Newton St. Loe on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Numbers for tea by April 30th.—Theo. Grant, Hon. Sec., Swainswick, Bath, Somerset.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting Sherfield May 3rd. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service with address by the Rev. R. E. Leigh, M.A. at 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., business meeting following. At tea the Guild will be the guests of the Rev. R. E. Leigh, who hopes that all who can will accept his offer of hospitality.—D. L. Board, Dis. Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Colwall on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 5.0. Tea at 5.30. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, April 30th.—Richard Thomas, Hon. Sec., Coddington, near Ledbury.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Polebrooke on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Preacher, Bishop of Peterborough. Meat tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Those requiring tea kindly let me know as soon as possible.—L. S. Clark, Polebrooke Rectory, Peterborough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Aylesford on Saturday, May 3rd. Tower open for ringing 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45, followed by tea (free) and business meeting. Please notify me not later than Wednesday, April 30th.—C. H. Sone, Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Bolton, on Saturday, May 3rd, instead of April 26th. Bells from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Rd., Bolton, Lancs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Dartford on Saturday, May 3rd. Further particulars next week.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Sutton Bonington, on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Those requiring tea please notify Secretary by May 1st.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Alresford on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells available at 2.30. Also at Bishop's Sutton. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock at Swan Hotel. Those requiring tea please notify by April 30th.—C. C. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., King's Somborne.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Southwold on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—E. Grindell, Hon. Dis. Sec.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Leek (10 bells) on Saturday, May 3rd. Tea will be provided for all who notify Mr. E. A. Ridgway, 11, Shirley Street, Leek, before April 30th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—A meeting will be held at Bassingham on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service at 4. Tea at 4.30. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, April 30th? Gentlemen cordially invited.—Mrs. R. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wrington on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4.30. Tea at 5, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Everdon (6) on Saturday, May 3rd. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me?—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Heytesbury on Saturday, May 3rd. 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.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Old Duston on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Will all who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, April 29th?—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Shapwick on Saturday, May 3rd. Number for tea to reach me not later than Tuesday. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5. All ringers welcome.—C. Evans, Hon. Sec., 14, Redgate Street, Bridgwater.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Yorktown on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in Parish Room. Those requiring tea please notify by Wednesday, April 30th.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Bingham on May 3rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. All ringers welcome. Will members who have not paid their subscription kindly do so at this meeting or send them. Members can have reports; please let me know how many are required.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Middleton Stoney (6 bells) on Saturday, May 3rd. Service 3 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting.—E. A. Clifton, 79, Sheep Street, Bicester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Sittingbourne on Saturday, May 10th.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, May 10th. Bells ready at 12 noon. Service at 5. Tea after. Will those intending being present kindly send names in to Mr. J. Ridyard, 7, Railway Terrace, Southport, before May 7th?—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. A. G. Hill, Hon. Sec. of the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association, has removed to 24, Stanmore Rd., Belvedere, Kent.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.—For evensong, on Sunday, April 13th, in 48 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): W. Warwick 1, R. Warwick 2, H. J. Balcombe 3, W. Hibbert 4, C. J. Hibbert 5, E. Eneller 6, R. Rice (conductor) 7, K. Burt 8.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, April 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,278 changes) in 54 mins.: T. Gunning 1, F. Nipper 2, T. Ferris 3, J. Gait 4, H. Vowles 5, A. Ferris 6, C. Levett 7, T. Brice 8, H. Knight (conductor) 9, A. Bond 10.

RUSLIP, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday evening, April 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: R. Snelling 1, H. Ive 2, P. Thrift 3, E. H. Kilby 4, G. M. Kilby 5, T. Collins 6, H. Kilby (conductor) 7, A. Hunter 8. First quarter-peal away from the tenor by the ringer of the treble.

SALISBURY.—At St. Martin's Church, on Palm Sunday, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins.: Miss M. E. Romaine 1, C. F. Smith 2, A. Fry (first quarter-peal inside) 3, L. Harris 4, F. Precey 5, A. Bennett 6, F. W. Romaine (conductor) 7, W. A. Chaik 8. Rung to mark the occasion of the jubilee of the opening of St. Mary Magdalene Mission Church, which belongs to the parish.

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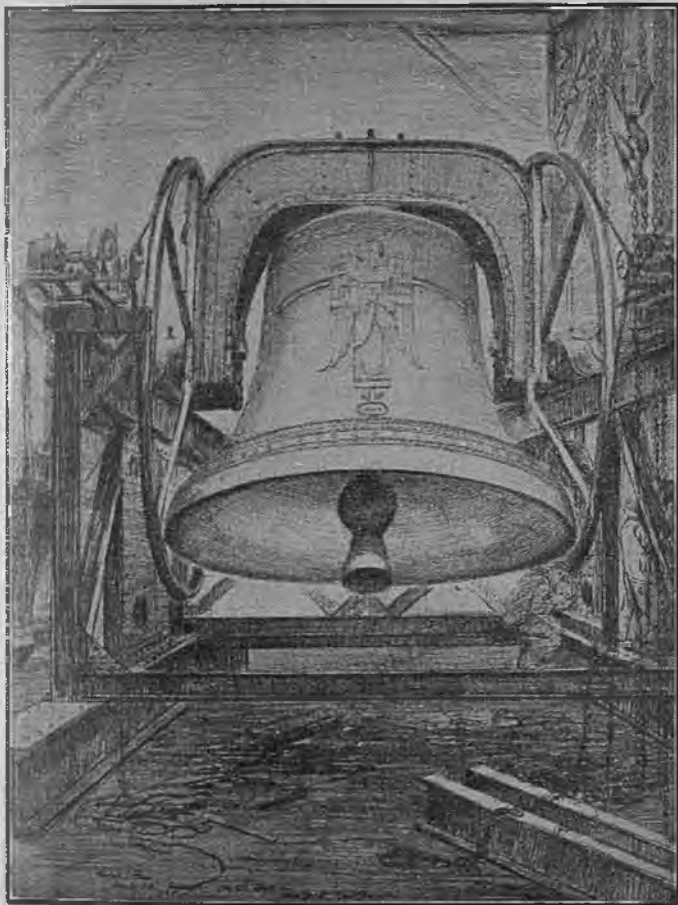
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BELLS AND PUBLIC OPINION.

'The Church Bell Nuisance' is not infrequently in the public eye in these days, through complaints ventilated in the press, and a handful of vocal objectors can give a seeming importance to a view which, in reality, is held by a very small minority of people. The 'other side,' the people who find no annoyance, or who like to hear the bells rung, are seldom heard, unless it is to correct gross misrepresentation, which protesters seem curiously inclined to make when writing about these things. It is distinctly refreshing, therefore, to find a spirited protest against the banning of church bells being made, not in the press this time, but in the public arena of the council chamber. Salisbury Town Council decided to sell to the Bishop of Salisbury, for the purposes of a church, a site on one of their building estates, and a few of the members endeavoured to insert a condition that there should be no bell ringing in connection with the church. The opposition developed mainly against the use of a single bell, one of the objectors remarking that he would not mind if the church had a peal of bells. Other speakers, however, ridiculed the suggested restriction, and Alderman Wort delivered a slashing attack upon the imposition of any condition with regard to bells. 'Considering the way some people now spent Sunday,' he said, 'they would not know it was Sunday at all but for the bells. It would be a bad day, not only for Salisbury, but for the world if they did away with bells.' The motion, even to debar the use of a single bell, was lost.

To those who are lovers of bells and who have an interest in the art of ringing, this debate and decision of Salisbury Town Council has a wider significance than the mere attempt to prevent the use of a bell in a church on a Salisbury building estate. It is an indication of the spirit in which the people of this land regard their church bells. A few objectors may complain of their use and cynics may sneer, but the vast majority of English men and women would not lightly permit the bells of this country to be silenced, and, as at Salisbury, would be quick and emphatic in quashing any such proposal if the question were raised in a way which gave them the opportunity of expressing an opinion. The real danger to the ringing of bells lies in the 'back door' methods which might at any time be opened for their suppression, through, for instance, a general and innocuous looking clause of an Act of Parliament, which gave power to some departmental chief to make any addition to a schedule of prohibited acts, by which bell ringing might be included (at the instigation of some crank or other), and become debarred by law before its inclusion

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was realised and there was time for legal objection to be made. The Central Council is fully alive to this risk and its Legal Committee has been kept in being largely to watch this matter. There is no risk of any law-made interference with bell ringing if it is left to the decision of the public, who, at heart, love to hear bells properly rung; but under the present system, by which a great deal of legislation is carried out by delegated authority, the views of an active minority can very easily become the law of the land, unless there is unceasing vigilance.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.

(On Easter Monday, April 21, 1930, in Eight Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 12221 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

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| THOMAS PRICE Treble | JAMES GEORGE 7 |
| THOMAS BALDWIN 2 | WILLIAM STAITT 8 |
| WILLIAM IRELAND 3 | ALFRED HANNIS 9 |
| ARTHUR PRINCE 4 | J. D. G. HARRIS 10 |
| LESLIE BARRY 5 | JOHN J. BALLINGER 11 |
| ALBERT WRIGHT 6 | URIAH W. BRAVEN Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

(On Easter Monday, April 21, 1930, in Three Hours & Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb.

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| CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble | JOHN H. B. HESSE 7 |
| WILLIAM HIBBERT 2 | WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD 8 |
| WILSON RUSHTON 3 | CHARLES S. BURDEN 9 |
| HENRY R. NEWTON 4 | REV. C. W. O. JENKYN 10 |
| HERBERT LANGDON 5 | RICHARD T. HIBBERT 11 |
| JOSEPH S. HAWKINS 6 | GEOFFREY C. RICE Tenor |

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT

The first twelve-bell peal in Berkshire.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(On Easter Monday, April 21, 1930, in Four Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 35 cwt.

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| CHARLES W. ROBERTS Treble | JAMES BENNETT 7 |
| EDWARD JENKINS 2 | GABRIEL LINDOFF 8 |
| ALFRED E. REEVES 3 | JOSEPH T. DYKE 9 |
| THOMAS B. WORSLEY 4 | JAMES H. RIDING 10 |
| GEORGE R. PYE 5 | EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 11 |
| CHARLES T. COLES 6 | WILLIAM PYE Tenor |

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First Surprise peal on the bells, also the first peal of Maximus on the bells since their restoration.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

(On Easter Monday, April 21, 1930, in Four Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

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| CHARLES T. COLES Treble | JOSEPH T. DYKE 7 |
| ALFRED E. REEVES 2 | GABRIEL LINDOFF 8 |
| CHARLES W. ROBERTS 3 | JAMES BENNETT 9 |
| THOMAS B. WORSLEY 4 | JAMES H. RIDING 10 |
| EDWARD JENKINS 5 | EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 11 |
| GEORGE R. PYE 6 | WILLIAM PYE Tenor |

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

First peal of Surprise Maximus in the county. This peal, and that at Oldham, were rung by the Ashton long-peal band, and this is the first occasion on which two peals of Surprise Maximus have been rung by the same band in one day. This is the 200th tower in which the treble ringer has rung a peal.

TEN BELL PEALS.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Easter Monday, April 21, 1930, in Three Hours & Twenty-Eight Minutes

At the Collegiate Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

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| JOHN PERRY Treble | JOHN C. ADAM 6 |
| CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 2 | HERBERT KNIGHT 7 |
| SIDNEY ELTON 3 | FRANK BROTHERTON 8 |
| *HERBERT T. PIPER 4 | *HENRY BOSWELL 9 |
| WILLIAM A. COOPER 5 | ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... Tenor |

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by JOHN PERRY.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Caters as conductor. Rung for the Easter festival, and as a birthday compliment to Frank Brotherton, and also Miss Molly Perry, daughter of the conductor.

STAFFORD.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, April 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

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| WILLIAM SAUNDERS Treble | CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 6 |
| ERNEST PICKERING 2 | *JOHN WARRILOW 7 |
| HERBERT KNIGHT 3 | JOHN PERRY 8 |
| FRANK W. PERRENS 4 | EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 9 |
| SIDNEY ELTON 5 | W. HAROLD JONES Tenor |

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS

* First peal in the method. Rung as a compliment to and immediately after the wedding of Miss Olive Eugenie Jones, of Stafford, and the Rev. Kenneth George Symcox, B.A., curate of St. Giles', Willenhall.

LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 23, 1930, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5030 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

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| KEITH HART Treble | NELSON ELLIOTT 6 |
| THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2 | ROBERT J. DAWES 7 |
| KENNETH SNELLING 3 | ALFRED J. TURNER 8 |
| ALFRED W. GROVES 4 | OLIVER SIPPETTS 9 |
| ERNEST GOWER 5 | GEORGE W. STOKES Tenor |

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 12, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt.

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| WILLIAM C. RUMSEY Treble | GEORGE A. FLEMING 5 |
| JAMES BENNETT, JUN. 2 | GEORGE BENNETT 6 |
| GEORGE PRYKE 3 | THOMAS WM. LAST 7 |
| CHARLES W. PARKER 4 | ALBERT E. WHITING Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE A. FLEMING.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 19, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

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

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

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| KENNETH SNELLING Treble | CECIL NICE 5 |
| *LEONARD A. TIDY 2 | ALFRED J. BULL 6 |
| KEITH HART 3 | GEORGE ELLIS 7 |
| REGINALD V. JOHNSON 4 | OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor |

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First touch of Cambridge Surprise Major.

NORBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 19, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

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| JOHN P. FIDLER Treble | EDWARD JENKINS 5 |
| ERNEST BENNETT 2 | WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6 |
| JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. 3 | JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 7 |
| TOM WILDE 4 | ALLEN F. BAILEY Tenor |

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

J. Fernley's 100th peal. J. C. E. Simpson's first peal of Bristol. Arranged and rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. William Fernley, eldest son of Mr. J. Fernley, sen., and Miss Lily Hayward, which took place at this church prior to the peal attempt. The band were afterwards entertained by the bride and bridegroom and took part in the wedding festivities.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 21, 1930, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Francis Xavier,

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

Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

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| GABRIEL LINDOFF, JUN. ... Treble | WILLIAM HORAN 5 |
| THOMAS HAMMOND 2 | LESTER L. GREY 6 |
| GEORGE R. NEWTON 3 | HARRY SMALE 7 |
| JOHN BROWN 4 | EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor |

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by GEO. R. NEWTON

Mr. Lindoff, jun., was elected a member prior to starting. Mr. Horan hails from Todmorden.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 21, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| PERCY GREEN Treble | LEWIS W. WIFFEN 5 |
| ARTHUR SAUNDERS 2 | WILLIAM KEEBLE 6 |
| WILLIAM LINCOLN 3 | GEORGE GREEN 7 |
| WILLIAM J. NEVARD 4 | ARTHUR HEAD Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First Surprise peal inside by George Green.

FELSTEAD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 21, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Cross,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| SAMUEL WARNE Treble | LEWIS W. WIFFEN 5 |
| WILLIAM KEEBLE 2 | HERBERT E. REASON 6 |
| PERCY GREEN 3 | WALTER ARNOLD 7 |
| WILLIAM J. NEVARD 4 | ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor |

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

First peal in the method on the bells.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Easter Monday, April 21, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Luke,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

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| *JOSEPH FLAVELL Treble | ALBERT D. COLLINS 5 |
| HAROLD L. FLAVELL 2 | THOMAS PERRY 6 |
| WILLIAM A. JONES 3 | ALFRED FALLON 7 |
| HERBERT BOOTH 4 | WILFRED FULLWOOD Tenor |

Conducted by A. FALLON.

* First peal.

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(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Easter Monday, April 21, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S,
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

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| JAMES WARD Treble | WALTER PERKINS 5 |
| JOHN R. MAIN 2 | GEORGE BASFORD 6 |
| *FREDERICK R. PALMER ... 3 | AMOS SMART 7 |
| JOHN J. MAWBY 4 | ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... Tenor |

Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.
* First peal 'inside.' Owing to illness near the church, this was the first attempt for a peal on the bells for eighteen months.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 21, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

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| *PERCY FELTON Treble | †ERNEST CLARK 5 |
| WILLIAM LINCOLN 2 | ARTHUR HEAD 6 |
| †HENRY WAIN 3 | WILLIAM BURGESS 7 |
| †HERBERT DEVENISH 4 | GEORGE GREEN Tenor |

Composed by B. FRANCIS. Conducted by GEORGE GREEN.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal of Bob Major on the bells since they were rehung. Great credit is due to the treble ringer, who is only 15 years of age.

BAMPTON, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 21, 1930, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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| BROOKS' VARIATION. | Tenor 25 cwt. |
| MRS. A. E. LOCK Treble | GORDON CAUDWELL 5 |
| THOMAS BOND 2 | ALBERT E. LOCK 6 |
| JOHN NOBES 3 | *EDWARD HUGHES 7 |
| FREDERICK MESSENGER ... 4 | FREDERICK WHITE Tenor |

Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.
* First peal in the method, first attempt.

HIGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 21, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

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| *SAMUEL QUINTON Treble | *THOMAS LOCK 5 |
| *REGINALD REX 2 | D. CECIL WILLIAMS 6 |
| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 3 | GEORGE WILLIAMS 7 |
| FRANK BENNETT 4 | JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... Tenor |

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.
* First peal of Double Norwich, also first peal in the method on the bells.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

On Easter Monday, April 21, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

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| FREDERICK MORGAN Treble | *STUART M. FRANKS 5 |
| WALTER FRANKS 2 | GEORGE KING 6 |
| GEORGE MILLS 3 | WILLIAM H. HOAD 7 |
| THOMAS HOAD 4 | *ALBERT HOAD Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM H. HOAD.
* First peal.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Easter Monday, April 21, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

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| ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble | A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... 5 |
| BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 2 | JOHN H. BROTEWELL ... 6 |
| WILLIAM A. WOOLER 3 | JOHN THORPE 7 |
| RALPH S. LONG 4 | WILLIAM BIGGIN Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (179). Conducted by JOHN THORPE

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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| TEURSTANS' FOUR-PART. | Tenor 20 cwt. |
| GEORGE R. PYE Treble | FRANK G. RINGE 5 |
| *CHARLES PRYKE 2 | ERNEST J. BUTLER 6 |
| ALBERT RAINBIRD 3 | ERNEST FORBANK 7 |
| ALFRED PRIOR 4 | ALBERT PRYKE Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD

On St. George's Day, Wednesday, April 23, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

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| Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in F. | |
| GEORGE H. DAYNES Treble | GEORGE H. CROSS 5 |
| GEORGE R. PYE 2 | GEORGE GILBERT 6 |
| GEORGE M. KILBY 3 | GEORGE W. STEERE 7 |
| GEORGE RADLEY 4 | GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... Tenor |

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

First 'name' peal to be rung in this method.

SPALDING.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOB DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, April 23, 1930, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

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| LEONARD H. WRIGHT Treble | RICHARD SMITH 5 |
| DORIS CLAY 2 | STEPHEN MADDISON 6 |
| JOHN T. BROWN 3 | JOHN G. AMES 7 |
| GEORGE W. SIMSON 4 | ARTHUR J. FARR Tenor |

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by ARTHUR J. FARR.
Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Sidney Andrew (a member of the local band) to Miss Olive Thorpe.

TODMORDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 23, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE UNITARIAN CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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| TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. | Tenor 14 cwt. |
| HARRY GREENWOOD Treble | FRANK FIELDEN 5 |
| *JOSEPH SHAWFORTH 2 | HERBERT DAVENPORT ... 6 |
| JAMES INGHAM 3 | WILLIAM HORAN 7 |
| JOHN NASH 4 | *FRANK NUTTALL Tenor |

Conducted by HERBERT DAVENPORT.
* First peal. First peal in the method as conductor.

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COLERNE, WILTSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.*On Thursday, April 24, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,*

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**BY COMPANIONS OF THE HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF JERUSALEM**

HOLT'S TEN-PART (REVES' VARIATION REVERSED). Tenor 18 cwt.

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| ALBERT A. HUGHES, Warrant Officer's Chapter, No. 2346. ... 5 | |
| WILLIAM BOLTON, Marmaduke Tennant Chapter, No. 1992, E.D. South Wales. ... 6 | |
| JAMES H. SHEPHERD, P.Z. Wiltshire Chapter, No. 355, P.P.G.J. Wilts. ... 7 | |
| WALTER S. B. NORTHOVER, P.Z. St. Mary Chapter, No. 707, P.P.G.D.C. Dorset. ... Tenor | |

Conducted by Companion ARTHUR PRINCE.

The first peal rung by Companions of the Royal Arch Chapter.

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, April 22, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

G. CLEAL'S VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18½ cwt.

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| JOHN W. WATERS ... Treble | † HUBERT WATERS ... 5 |
| WILLIAM A. BRECKON ... 2 | † HARRY SHORT ... 6 |
| ALFRED E. OXLEY ... 3 | ALBERT V. COATES ... 7 |
| * GEORGE WHITE ... 4 | † RICHARD HANSELL ... Tenor |

Conducted by W. A. BRECKON.

* First peal away from the treble. † First peal. Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Breckon, who were married in the above church on April 22nd, 1905. All the ringers taking part are Sunday service ringers at this church.

LEYTON, ESSEX.**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, April 26, 1930, in Three Hours,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

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| EDWARD D. SMITH ... Treble | WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 5 |
| GEORGE HAYDEN ... 2 | HAROLD A. EDWARDS ... 6 |
| CHARLES A. HUGHES ... 3 | ALFRED PRIOR ... 7 |
| WILLIAM MILLER ... 4 | GEORGE DAWSON ... Tenor |

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by A. PRIOR.

First peal in the method on the bells.

PENSNETT, STAFFORDSHIRE.**THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.***On Saturday, April 26, 1930, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

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| HARRY BOSWELL ... Treble | HERBERT E. BOOTH ... 5 |
| FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 2 | ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 6 |
| HAROLD L. FLAVELL ... 3 | ALFRED FALLON ... 7 |
| ALBERT D. COLLINS ... 4 | JAMES SHAW ... Tenor |

Conducted by ALFRED FALLON.

Rung in the octave of St. Mark's Festival. Also in commemoration of the fourth anniversary of the opening of the bells, and as a birthday compliment to Miss Amelia Greenfield, second daughter of the 6th ringer, and to Mr. H. E. Booth, the ringer of the fifth.

COSGROVE, NORTHANTS.—On Saturday, April 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Meakins 1, W. Crowder 2, J. Higgins (conductor) 3, E. Hillyer 4, F. Johnson 5. First quarter on the bells by an entirely local band, and longest length by all except conductor.

SIX BELL PEALS.

EASTRINGTON, NEAR HOWDEN.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Easter Monday, April 21, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

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| J. P. POWLS ... Treble | J. W. COYGRAVE ... 4 |
| R. B. SMITH ... 2 | F. HATFIELD ... 5 |
| H. S. MORLEY ... 3 | W. A. HUDSON ... Tenor |

Conducted by Wm. A. HUDSON.

Rung for the golden wedding of the Vicar, the Rev. H. P. Hains and Mrs. Hains. It is also fifty years since the Rev. H. P. Hains was ordained. It was the 7th anniversary of the first peal on the bells, and the band was entertained by the Vicar after the peal. Treble ringer is from Eastington, 2nd and 4th from Howden, 3rd from Selby Abbey, 5th and tenor from Hemingbrough.

EAST HARPTREE, SOMERSET.**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Easter Monday, April 21, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 15 cwt.

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| ERNEST F. BROWN ... Treble | CHARLES FIELD ... 4 |
| JEFFREY TOSSELL ... 2 | HAROLD E. BLACKER ... 5 |
| ERNEST BACH ... 3 | * FREDERICK ANDREWS ... Tenor |

Conducted by H. E. BLACKER.

* First peal, and re-elected a member of the association before starting.

KING'S LYNN.**THE NORFOLK GUILD.***On Easter Monday, April 21, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 12 cwt.

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| JAMES H. RAPER ... Treble | * CHARLES W. WOODS ... 4 |
| * ERNEST A. SHIPP ... 2 | EDWARD GREENACRE ... 5 |
| * EDWARD R. GRANGE ... 3 | ROBERT E. GREENACRE ... Tenor |

Conducted by ROBERT E. GREENACRE.

* First peal. First peal of Plain as conductor.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, April 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

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| WILLIAM RANFORD ... Treble | SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 4 |
| * GEORGE POPNELL ... 2 | * WILFRED WILLIAMS ... 5 |
| * DENNIS R. MORRIS ... 3 | CYRIL TANSSELL ... Tenor |

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

GREAT WELDON, NORTHANTS.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, April 22, 1930, in Three Hours,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With ten different callings.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

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| * PERCY AMOS ... Treble | J. GEOFFREY GEARY ... 4 |
| ERNEST A. MARSH ... 2 | A. NORMAN GEARY ... 5 |
| BURLEY P. MORRIS ... 3 | RONALD RUSSELL ... Tenor |

Conducted by BURLEY P. MORRIS.

* 25th peal. Mr. Morris was elected a member previous to starting, and this was his first peal as conductor and first attempt. It is seventeen years since a peal was rung on these bells, all of which date back to 1710.

'ODDS & ENDS OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES'

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BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, April 19, 1930, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,*

At 3, CRESSING WAY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

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| GEORGE WIFFEN 1-2 | WILLIAM KEEBLE 5-6 |
| LEWIS W. WIFFEN 3-4 | ERNEST BRIGHT 7-8 |

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINGS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Easter Monday, April 21, 1930, in Two Hours & Twenty-Three Minutes.

At THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. BRAY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 11½ in F sharp.

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| 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.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. H. Bray.

STOCKPORT.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Thursday, April 24, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,*

At 23, GREEK STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor size 20 in E.

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| ALFRED BARNES 1-2 | ALLEN F. BAILEY 5-6 |
| HAROLD JACKSON 3-4 | FREDERICK PAGE 7-8 |

PETER LAFLIN 9-10

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by FREDERICK PAGE.

Umpire: ERNEST BENNETT.

The conductor's 150th peal.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

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THE PRICE WILL BE 3d., AS USUAL**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.****AMENDMENT OF RULE REGARDING PEALS.**

The annual general meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Association was held at Norwich on Easter Monday. The members began the day by ringing touches in various standard methods at the churches of St. Peter Mancroft (12), St. John de Sepulchre (8), St. Michael at Coslany (8) and All Saints' (5). The executive committee held a meeting in the choir vestry of St. Peter Mancroft at 11.30 a.m. to consider an amendment to association Rule 10, to present to the members at the general meeting in the afternoon. This rule provides that peals shall only be recorded in the annual report at the cost of the association if every ringer taking part in it has paid his or her subscription either for the current year or for the previous year.

Divine service was held in the Church of St. Peter Mancroft at 12.30 p.m., conducted by the Rev. Hugh McMullan, M.A. (Vicar). The address was given by the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, M.A., Rector of Watlington, Norfolk, who said that the fascination of ringing was the perfect combination of body, mind and soul—body, because you had got to train your muscles and everything to respond to the need of the belfry; mind, because you had got to work with the team, and had to keep your attention the whole time; and soul, because it was done for a religious purpose, to call people to church.

The luncheon was served at the Bell Hotel, Orford Hill. The president, the Archdeacon of Norwich, was in the chair, and among others present were the Rev. H. McMullan, the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, Mr. P. E. Sewell, Mr. C. E. Borrett (vice-president), Mr. A. L. Coleman (general secretary and treasurer), Mr. G. P. Burton (hon. auditor), Mr. Denison Hayward (chairman, East Norfolk Branch), Messrs. W. B. Duncan, W. J. Lee, F. Nolan Golden, and W. J. Eldred (branch secretaries), and Messrs. J. F. Duffield, W. L. Duffield, W. C. Duffield, R. W. Cooke, W. Clover, J. Taylor, H. R. Heyhoe, C. J. More, C. F. Goodman (members of the committees), besides representatives from all parts of the Diocese of Norwich and from Suffolk, making a total of 57.

The only toast was that of 'The King,' which was proposed by the president and duly honoured.

Then followed the business meeting.

The annual report and balance sheet for the year ending December 31st, 1929, were adopted on the motion of the Vicar of St. Peter Mancroft, seconded by Mr. W. B. Duncan.

GOOD WORK SINCE REORGANISATION.

Mr. A. L. Coleman (general secretary) said that he would like to refer to the splendid work that had been done since the reorganisation of the association into four branches. The scheme had only come into force this year, and they were fortunate in having good secretaries and enthusiastic chairmen. Already this year each branch had held two meetings with one exception. The attendances of members had been above the average, and so also was the ringing. Another good result of these meetings had been the election of twenty-six new members. Mr. Coleman said he felt sure the association would appreciate the good work the branch secretaries had already done in so short a time.

The President said he had been able to help them as editor of the 'Norwich Diocesan Gazette,' and had got Mr. Coleman to write an article for it about bells and belfries. All the clergy were supposed to read it, and he hoped they had noticed what Mr. Coleman had to say. The article was so important that he would be commenting on it in his charge to the Archdeaconry of Norwich. He did not know that they had always done their duty as regards the bells. The secretary thought that those who went to inspect the churches—they had inspected forty churches this year—ought to climb up into the belfry. 'Who is going to insure us,' asked the President, 'and what sort of insurance is it to be? Some of these belfries are terrible places' (laughter). 'I have climbed up a good many,' added the President, 'and have even got amongst the bells; but as I get older I don't feel inclined to climb' (laughter).

The president was re-elected with enthusiasm, the Vicar of St. Peter Mancroft, in proposing the Archdeacon, remarking that he was the only one who could possibly fill the position (applause).—The hon. secretary seconded.

The President, in acknowledging his election, said he regarded it a privilege and honour to hold this office, which he thoroughly enjoyed.—On the motion of Mr. B. S. Thompson, seconded by Mr. A. L. Coleman, the vice-presidents were re-elected with the addition of the name of the Rev. Hugh McMullan, Vicar of St. Peter Mancroft.

On the motion of Mr. G. P. Burton, seconded by Mr. F. N. Golden, Mr. Arthur L. Coleman was re-elected general secretary and treasurer, tributes being paid to his enthusiastic work.

Mr. G. P. Burton was re-elected hon. auditor. Messrs. Charles E. Borrett, Arthur L. Coleman and F. Nolan Golden were appointed representatives to the Central Council.

It was resolved that Miss Helen W. Bill, Mr. H. R. Heyhoe and Mr. James Taylor be elected to fill the vacancies on the Executive Committee, the remaining four being re-elected.

PEAL RINGERS' SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The General Secretary moved the ratification of three belfry elections and the elections of four new members. The Secretary then

presented his amendment to Rule 10, and said that it had been considered and passed by the Executive Committee at their meeting.

After a debate, in which several members took part, it was resolved to amend the rule as follows, after the word 'association': 'But no peal shall be admitted unless every ringer taking part in it has paid his or her subscription by January 7th of the year following the date on which the peal was rung, conductors or organisers of peals to be held responsible for the due observance of this condition.'

On the motion of Mr. A. L. Coleman, seconded by Mr. G. P. Burton, it was resolved that standing orders be suspended in order that the amendment may become effective from that day.

Mr. A. L. Coleman moved, and Mr. H. R. Heyhoe seconded, 'That the Branch Rules, as published in the Annual Report for 1929, on page 6, be confirmed.'—The motion was carried.

On the motion of the President, a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar of St. Peter Mancroft and to the incumbents of the churches of St. John de Sepulchre and St. Michael at Coslany and All Saints for allowing the use of their bells, and also to the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake for his address at the service.—The Rev. Hugh McMullan, in reply, said it had been a great pleasure for him to welcome them that day for the first time as the new Vicar, and he hoped it would not be the last. When they came to St. Peter Mancroft they would always receive the warm welcome they had always had. He hoped they would always look upon it as the home of ringing in Norfolk. He had no technical knowledge of bellringing, but Mancroft bells were to him a tremendous joy.

A suggestion by Mr. F. Nolan Golden, that the tablet recording that the first peal rung by the association was in Redenhall Church should be renovated, was favourably received, and referred for further consideration. The peal recorded was 5,152 changes of Superlative Surprise Major rung on Tuesday, November 6th, 1877.

Mr. G. P. Burton moved a vote of thanks to the president, to which the Archdeacon of Norwich suitably responded, and then declared the meeting closed.

The members afterwards dispersed to the various belfries for further ringing until the evening.

ESENING.—On Tuesday evening, April 22nd, to the memory of the late Lady Glanely, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,320 changes) half-muffled, in 58 mins., at St. Martin's Church: R. C. Sharpe (St. Mary's, Newmarket) 1, S. F. Bunting 2, W. Webb 3, S. Brown (conductor) 4, Ed. Jaggard 5. First quarter-peal by ringers of 2, 3, 4, 5, also first as conductor by S. Brown, and first on the bells.

TOWN COUNCIL IN FAVOUR OF CHURCH BELLS.

'A POOR CITY AND A POOR WORLD WITHOUT THEM.'

Salisbury Town Council last week decided to sell to the Bishop of Salisbury a site for a new church on land in Stratford Road. The land was originally purchased from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners on favourable terms for a housing scheme. The price to be charged is £2 per foot frontage.

An attempt was made to make it a condition of sale that there should be no bellringing in connection with the church. Mr. Lemon, who proposed this condition, said no one objected to a chime of bells, but some stipulation should be made when the land was sold that there should be no bellringing until a proper chime was provided. If they would do this he had no objection, but that a single clang should be rung for half an hour or twenty minutes before a service was an obnoxious thing.

Mr. Hudson said that, having lived near one of these bells, he wanted to have a word on the matter. The value of their property would depreciate through having a church with such a bell near. It was now a peaceable part of the city, but if they were going to have a bell rung like it was at St. Mark's, he was quite sure folks would not go to live there.—Mr. Moore also supported the motion.

Alderman Baker said that during all the 27 years he had been on the Council he had never heard such a ridiculous resolution. One of the traditions of the Church was that there should be a bell to call people together, and he did not see why there should not be one.

Mr. Moore: If they would undertake to have a peal of bells I would not mind.

Alderman Wort said that he had been nearly 21 years on the Council, and he had never heard a more ridiculous stipulation. It was a good thing for everyone that on the Sabbath day they should hear the bells ringing, because, considering the way some people now spent Sunday, they would not know it was Sunday at all but for the bells. It would be a bad day not only for Salisbury, but for the world, if they did away with bells. Mr. Hudson had said that the property would depreciate by having the bells there; he thought it would be a big advantage. Some people had some mad-brained ideas in their heads, but he had no use for agnosticism, and sooner or later they would find there was only one Pilot in this world. It was all very nice for people to talk, but if they debarred a church from being built on the site, and deprived the people of having the pleasure of hearing the bells, it would be a poor city and a poor world.

The motion to debar the use of the single bell was lost.

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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.

The men who rang the record twelve-bell peal at Ashton-under-Lyne on August Bank Holiday created another record on Easter Monday, when, meeting again, they were the first band to ring two peals of Cambridge Surprise Maximus in one day—one at Oldham and the other at Macclesfield.

The peal of Cambridge Maximus at Oldham was the first '5,000' rung in the method by Mr. G. Lindoff, although it must be admitted that he had ample practice at Ashton-under-Lyne on August Bank Holiday last!

On Saturday, Mr. G. W. Fletcher was elected one of the representatives of the Middlesex County Association on the Central Council, and with Mrs. Fletcher creates a new record by their being the first instance of a man and wife holding seats together on the Council.

Mrs. Fletcher had some years ago made another record with her father (Mr. James Parker) by their being the first father and daughter to serve together on the Council. Mrs. Fletcher represents the Ladies' Guild, and Mr. Parker is one of the representatives of the Royal Cumberland Youths.

The death has occurred at Stansted, Essex, of Mr. George Gray, who was a ringer at the church there for over 60 years.

Having left the district, Mr. H. G. Fretwell has resigned the secretaryship of the East Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Association, and Mr. J. W. England, the Common, South Normanton, has been elected to fill the vacancy.

The bells of Broughton Parish Church, near Preston, are being rehung on ball bearings and a rope guide installed by Mr. Jas. E. Groves, of Birmingham.

Next Wednesday, May 7th, is the anniversary of the 10,176 of Kent Treble Bob Major rung at Foxearth, Essex, in 1888. Only two of the band now survive, namely, Messrs. John Lee, of London, and Geo. Maxim, of Cheshunt, both natives of Foxearth.

On Easter Monday, in the year 1889, the Gloucester and Bristol Association rang a peal of 15,227 Grandsire Caters at Cheltenham, the conductor of which, Mr. W. T. Pates, is still, after 41 years, the active head of ringing affairs in Cheltenham tower. Most, if not all, of the others have passed away.

To-day is the 215th anniversary of the first peal of which there is any authentic record. It was a peal of Grandsire Bob Triples, rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on May 2nd, 1715, and the peal board is still preserved in the famous belfry.

On May 5th, 1817, a peal of 12,312 Grandsire Caters was rung at Painswick. There must have been more 'long' peals rung in this famous Gloucestershire tower than anywhere.

One hundred and fifty years ago next Wednesday the first peal (5,040 Bob Major) at Harrow was rung by the London Youths, who included John Reeves.

Many happy returns of the day to Mr. Albert Walker, Deputy ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, whose birthday is to-morrow, and to Mr. George Williams, Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, who will be 73 next Wednesday.

The peal of London Surprise, reported on page 243 of our issue of April 18th, was rung at St. Lawrence's Church at West Wycombe and not at Hugbenden as sent to us.

THE TWELVE BELL RECORD.

UNVEILING OF PEAL TABLET AT ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

A permanent record of the 15,312 Cambridge Surprise Maximus, which was rung under the auspices of the Lancashire Association by a mixed band at St. Michael's Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, on August Bank Holiday last, has been placed in the belfry at that church. The record is in the form of a handsome black marble tablet, framed in oak, with lettering in gold, the size of the tablet being 42 inches by 24 inches.

The unveiling took place on Easter Sunday after evensong, when the whole band were present, besides many members of the local society and a number of friends from the surrounding district. On behalf of the band, Mr. C. T. Coles requested the Rev. S. Lane to accept the tablet, and the latter gentleman, in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar (Canon A. W. Thompson), then dedicated and unveiled the record of the peal. Mr. E. P. Duffield thanked the Rev. S. Lane for taking the service, and once more expressed the gratitude of the band to the Vicar and churchwardens for allowing the peal to be rung.

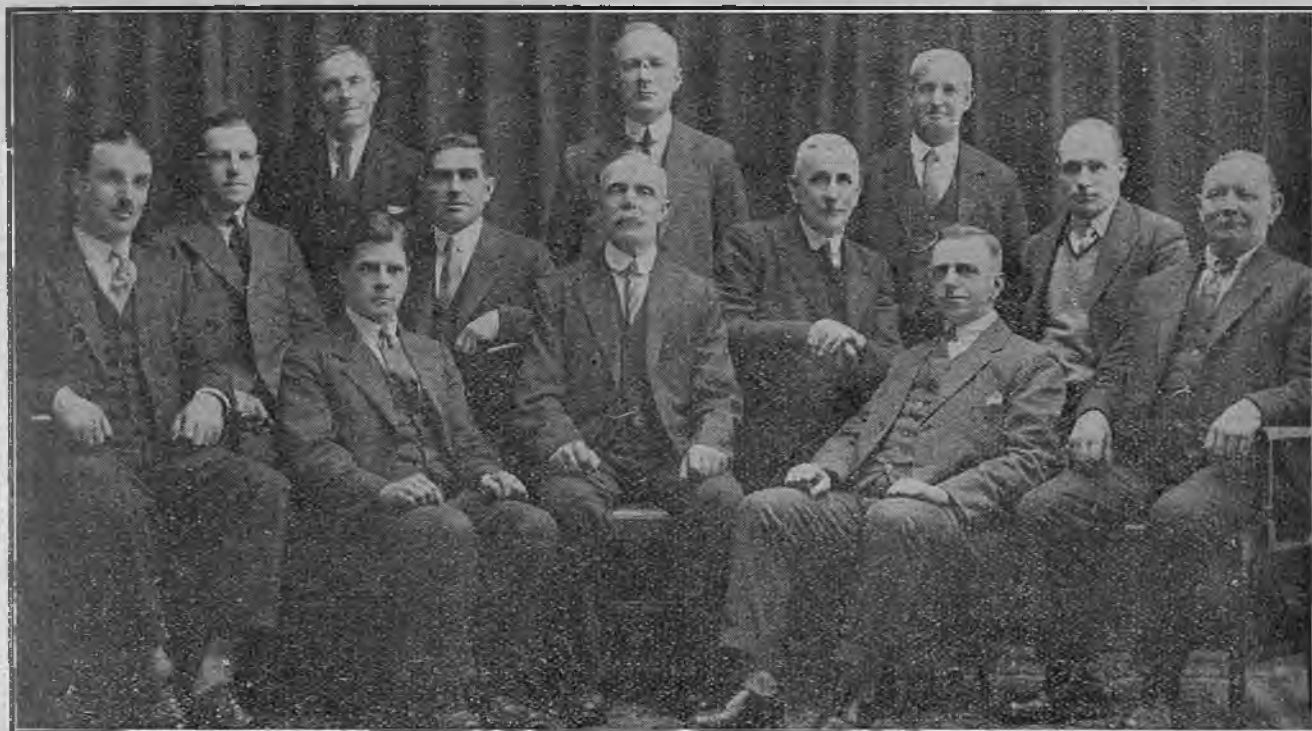
26½ cwt., recast and rehung in ball bearings in 1923. Compared with the previous task, this was easy, and an excellent peal was ably conducted by that good little man from Bradford, Ted Jenkins. The thanks of the band are especially due to Mr. V. Sykes (Oldham) and Mr. J. Norbury (Macclesfield) for having the bells and ropes ready.

Many old friends were met after the second peal, amongst them being the Rev. A. T. Beeston, J. Fernley, J. P. Fidler, W. Madgwick, etc., and a pleasant evening passed all too quickly.

Finally, the band desire to express sincere gratitude to Mr. Ben Thorp, Mr. S. Thompson, and others at Ashton for the great help rendered in many matters that required attention on the spot.

THE MEN AND THEIR RECORDS.

When the record peal was rung at Ashton-under-Lyne on August Bank Holiday, no opportunity occurred for the company to be photographed together, and within a few hours they were separated by hundreds of miles. It was, therefore, a particularly happy and fortunate event which enabled them to meet again as a complete band



THE MEN WHO RANG THE 15,312 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS. [Photo: Rowland, Oldham.]

A. E. Reeves. C. T. Coles. T. B. Worsley.
E. P. Duffield. C. W. Roberts. J. Bennett. W. Pye. G. Lindoff. J. T. Dyke. G. R. Pye.
E. Jenkins. J. H. Riding.

A short touch of 290 Cambridge Maximus was then rung by the long peal band, standing in the same order as they did in the peal.

The tablet, which was made by Mr. C. Mee, of Sproughton, is fixed over the door of the belfry, between very similar tablets recording the Treble Bob Royal and Maximus records, and these three tablets form fitting memorials of three great performances.

Needless to say, the band found it impossible to avoid peal ringing, and two peals of Cambridge Maximus were rung on Easter Monday at Oldham and Macclesfield respectively. The ringers were met at the former place by Mr. J. Mallalieu (churchwarden), who wished them success on behalf of the Vicar and his fellow-warden. The bells, which were recast and rehung in ball bearings by Taylors in 1923, are a very fine peal with a tenor of 35 cwt., but a movement in the tower does not help to make ringing an easy task, especially for the two 'heavy-enders.' However, Messrs. E. P. Duffield and W. Pye kept their bells well in hand, and after four hours' good ringing the bells ran into rounds shortly after noon. Heartly congratulations were received from a large number of friends, and Mr. William Perkins, J.P. (who was treasurer of the restoration fund in 1923), kindly provided very welcome refreshment. Before leaving Oldham, a photograph of the band was taken, and is reproduced on this page.

Macclesfield was reached at 3 p.m., where Mr. W. Walmsley received the band. Here there is one of Taylor's best peals, tenor

at Easter at the scene of their great achievement, and to be photographed. One of the remarkable features about the performance was the fact that it was not the achievement of youth—as records usually are. Only one of the twelve is under 30, and only three others under 40. One was over 60 and three others over 50, the average age being 44.

Here are brief particulars of the outstanding individual performances of the ringers:—

Edwin Jenkins (Bradford), treble, age 35, peals rung 323, conducted 122; conducted the 11,232 Superlative Surprise Major at Bolton and the 17,824 Oxford Treble Bob Major at Heptonstall.

Thomas B. Worsley (Bolton), 2nd, age 43, peals rung 206, conducted 36; rang in the 11,232 Superlative Surprise Major at Bolton and the 17,824 Oxford Treble Bob Major at Heptonstall.

George R. Pye (Chadwell Heath), 3rd, age 57, peals rung 1,229, conducted 205; rang in the 15,072 Double Norwich Major at Erith, the 14,112 London Surprise Major at King's Norton, the 11,111 Stedman Cinques at Birmingham, the 13,027 Stedman Caters at Loughborough, the 15,264 Bristol Surprise Major at Hornchurch, the 7,392 Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Bow, and the 10,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal at Walthamstow; also has taken part in peals of 4, 5, 6 and 10 Spliced Surprise Major methods.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

A NEW PRESIDENT.

Canon G. F. Coleridge, who is now recuperating in the West of England after his recent severe illness, has decided not to permit himself to be nominated for re-election as president of the Central Council.

We understand that Mr. Edwin H. Lewis, who is now living at Brasted, Kent, has been nominated as Canon Coleridge's successor.

Until business claimed his whole attention, while occupying an important post in Glasgow, Mr. Lewis did a great deal of work in connection with the Council, particularly on the Methods Committee and in research into the questions of the strains and stresses on bell towers. He is now a member of the Towers and Belfries Committee.

It is probable that Mr. E. A. Young will not now resign the secretaryship, but will again accept office, with a deputy to carry on for him while he is absent from England next autumn and winter.

THE AGENDA.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In view of the fact that I did not receive any notices of motions in time for insertion in the official agenda, which under the amendment of the old rules has to be published two months (instead of three weeks) before the meeting, I beg to call the attention of members to Rule 9, under which it is competent of the Council to discuss any subject not upon the agenda which does not affect the rules of the Council itself, and provided that a motion is passed to that effect.

I am, therefore, still open to receive notices of motions signed by two members, and an agenda will be again published three weeks before the meeting.—Yours faithfully,

E. ALEXR. YOUNG,

Hon. Secretary.

155, Rushey Green, Catford, S.E.5.

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Charles T. Coles (Walthamstow), 4th, age 47, peals rung 653, conducted 142; took part in 7,392 Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Bow, 10,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal at Walthamstow, and conducted 7,011 Stedman Caters at Walthamstow; also has taken part in peals of 4, 5, 6 and 10 Spliced Surprises Major methods.

Alfred E. Reeves (Bristol), 5th, age 50, peals rung 344, conducted 42; took part in the 17,024 Double Norwich Major at Kidlington.

Charles W. Roberts (Westminster), 6th, age 25, peals rung 304, conducted 64; rang in the 12,675 Stedman Cinques at Southwark Cathedral, and in a peal of 10,640 Double Norwich Major.

James Bennett (Lewisham), 7th, age 43, peals rung 497, conducted 32; rang over 300 peals while serving in the Royal Marines.

Gabriel Lindoff (Dublin), 8th, age 61, peals rung 262, conducted 101; took part in the 14,112 London Surprise Major at King's Norton, the 11,111 Stedman Cinques at Birmingham, the 18,027 Stedman Caters at Loughborough, 11,232 Superlative Surprise Major at Bolton, and the 17,824 Oxford Treble Bob Major at Heptonstall.

Joseph T. Dyke (Chilcompton), 9th, age 37, peals rung 580, conducted 154; rang Queen Camel tenor (37 cwt.) to a peal of Minor.

James H. Hiding (Crewe), 10th, age 40, peals rung 341, conducted 52; rang in 10,400 Kent Treble Bob Major in Wales, 11,232 Superlative Surprise Major at Bolton, and 17,280 Kent Treble Bob Major at Over, Cheshire.

Edward P. Duffield (Colchester), 11th, age 31, peals rung 173, conducted 18; rang three peals at the age of 12 years, and at the age of 20 rang Southwark Cathedral tenor (50 cwt.) to a peal of Stedman Cinques.

William Pye (Leytonstone), tenor, age 59, peals rung 1,686, conducted 1,259; rang in 11,111 Stedman Cinques at Birmingham, conducted 10,464 Kent Treble Bob Major and 15,072 Double Norwich at Erith, the 14,112 London Surprise Major at King's Norton, the 18,027 Stedman Caters at Loughborough (to which he rang the 30 cwt. tenor in 12 hrs. 18 mins.), the 15,264 Bristol Surprise Major at Hornchurch (to which he rang the 20 cwt. tenor in 9 hrs. 49 mins.), the 10,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal at Walthamstow, the 7,392 Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Bow (to which he rang the 53 cwt. tenor), and he has also conducted peals in 4, 5, 6 and 10 Spliced Surprise Major methods.

ANOTHER GREAT ATTEMPT AT PAINSWICK.

Members of the Ancient Society of Painswick Youths and Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association made another attempt on Easter Monday for the twelve-bell record length. Everything went well until nearly 12,000 changes had been rung, when the tenor man (Mr. Uriah Braven, of Bristol) gave warning that he would be unable to finish the full length of the peal, which was 16,565 changes. He was asked to 'stick it' for another 10 or 15 minutes, which he did, with the result that a peal of 12,221 changes was successfully rung in 8 hrs.

Although complete success did not attend the band's third effort to exceed the previous longest length, this was a great attempt. Particulars of the performance will be found in our peal columns.

OUR 1,000th ISSUE.

The 1,000th issue of 'The Ringing World' will appear on May 23rd, and will be a special number. There are many ringers who do not individually buy a copy of the paper. We feel sure they will want one to themselves on May 23rd, but to secure it they must order at once, either through their newsagent or direct from our office.

Our regular subscribers will be doing us a favour if they will draw the attention of non-subscribers to this announcement. We do not want anyone to be disappointed in securing a copy, but if they 'wait and see' it may be too late, as there can be no reprint.

There will be special articles, with photographs, by leading members of the Exercise, and the 1,000th number will be one that all ringers will desire to keep as marking an interesting and not unimportant event in the Exercise. The price will be 3d. from any newsagent (or 3½d. post free direct from 'The Ringing World' Office, Woking). But place your order at once.

BRISTOL, BY GEORGE!

As will be seen in our peal column, the 'Georges' were successful at St. George's Church, Southwark, on St. George's Day, in ringing George Lewis' composition of Bristol Surprise Major. General George 'Bob' E. (who had a quiet 'week-end' by spending Sunday at Ashton-under-Lyne, and ringing a couple of peals of Cambridge Maximus at Oldham and Macclesfield on Monday, and a peal of Stedman on Tuesday evening) was prevailed upon to call the peal on Wednesday. Appointed times were well kept, for at 5.15 Mr. Spinks (steepkeeper) was on the spot with everything in readiness, and at meeting time, 5.30, the whole band were present (and this on a week-night), ready for the start. The ringers came from Greenwich, Chadwell Heath, Ruislip, Broxbourne, Clapton, Maidenhead, Sutton and Enfield.

St. George's tower, which is the headquarters of the Metropolitan Police Guild (under Insp. W. Bottrill) was very kindly placed at the disposal of the 'Georges,' the Police Guild giving up their practice night in the Georges' favour. A letter to wish the band success was also received from the police 'skipper,' who was prevented by duty from personally delivering it.

After the peal the band (less one who had to scamper for his train) adjourned to the—but that is another question; it may have been the George and Flagon—where a pleasant half an hour was spent. Through the medium of 'The Ringing World' the 'Georges' wish to thank Mr. Bottrill and his Guild for their welcome to the tower, and Mr. Spinks for completing an enjoyable evening by having the bells in excellent going order, everything in readiness, and meeting them both before and after the peal.

G. G.

WEDDING BELLS AT MANCHESTER.

On Wednesday, April 23rd, at St. John-the-Evangelist's Church, Miles Platting, the wedding took place of Miss Mary Alice Shuker, the daughter of Mr. W. H. Shuker, the general secretary of the Lancashire Association, to Mr. James Tonge, brother of Mrs. R. F. Deal. The Rev. Canon Elsee, president of the association, performed the ceremony, assisted by the Rector (the Rev. H. Sheen). Mr. G. H. Shuker acted as best man, and to mark the occasion the ringers attached to the above tower rang the bells in the evening, as both bride and bridegroom have been members of the band. The ringers were Miss Edna Simpson, Miss Elsie Simpson, Mr. A. Saul, Miss Enid Gray, Miss Nellie Coleman, Mr. W. Birles, Mr. I. Simpson, Mr. J. Hall, who wish 'health and prosperity' to the happy couple.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A successful meeting of the Eastern District was held at Houghton-le-Spring on Saturday, April 19th.

Ringing commenced about 2.30 p.m. with a short touch of Kent Treble Bob Minor, and afterwards touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were brought round.

Tea was served in the Kepier School, and a short meeting was held immediately afterwards, Mr. Burrett, vice-president, being in the chair.

Mr. Storey moved a vote of thanks to the clergy for the use of the bells, and Mr. R. Parkinson, replying on behalf of the incumbent, said their Vicar always welcomed the ringers to their belfry.

Mr. J. W. Park proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies for providing tea.

Mr. J. Brown, of Chester-le-Street, was elected a member of the association.

Mr. Burnett, the vice-president, having moved out of the association's area to Kirkby Stephen, asked what steps should be taken to appoint a successor.—Mr. Parker held that he should keep the appointment until the annual meeting, the members present heartily agreeing to that course being taken.

It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Jarrow on Saturday, June 14th.

Ringing was afterwards again indulged in, and the meeting proved a great success, especially considering the inclement weather.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. ELECTION OF A NEW PRESIDENT.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild held their annual meeting at Fulham on Saturday, and between 60 and 70 members attended. There was ringing on both sides of the Thames in the afternoon, namely, at Fulham (10), Hammersmith, Putney and Wandsworth (all eight-bell towers), and the ringing covered the whole gamut of the generally practised methods. The service took place at All Saints', Fulham, the preacher being the president-elect of the association (the Rev. W. P. Cole Sheane, Vicar of Twickenham), whose practical address was much appreciated. He pointed out that in their association they were banded together in the service of the Lord Jesus Christ, and they should serve Him, not only by the skill with which they rang, but by the example of their lives. He emphasised four steps by which they should seek to achieve their objects, viz., brotherliness, regularity, discipline and charity and forgiveness.

Tea and the annual meeting took place in the Parish Hall, Mr. W. Pickworth (vice-president) being voted to the chair at the beginning of the business. He was supported by the Rev. W. P. Cole Sheane, Mr. C. T. Coles and Mr. W. H. Hollier (joint hon. secretaries), Mr. J. A. Trollope (vice-president) and Mr. W. Pye (Master).

Mr. C. T. Coles, at the outset referred to the loss which the association had sustained by the death of their president, Mr. F. A. Milne, who was one of the founders of the association in the northern part of the county, out of which the present association grew, and who was their treasurer from the formation of the county association in 1897, and president for the last six years. He did a great deal for ringing in the county, but he did it very quietly, and his death was a great loss to them.

The members stood for a few moments in silence as a last mark of respect.

Mr. Hollier then proposed the election, as president, of the Rev. W. P. Cole Sheane, Vicar of Twickenham, Rural Dean of Hampton, and a ringer, who had promised to take office for a year.

Mr. Coles seconded, and said he was sure the members would welcome their new president and make him feel at home among them, so that he would consent to carry on for a longer period.

The motion having been carried amid applause, the Rev. W. P. Cole Sheane, in reply, thanked the members, and said he agreed to take the office for one year to give the members time to look round and find someone more suitable to fill the post. He felt sure there must be a number of persons who could fill the office so much better, but he would do all he could to forward the interests of the association.

The president then nominated Mr. W. Pickworth as vice-president of the North and East District, and Mr. J. A. Trollope as vice-president of the South and West District.

NOTABLE PEALS.

The report, which was taken as read, referred to the death of Mr. Milne, and gave a sketch of his connection with the Exercise and the Middlesex Association. It reviewed the events of the past year, recording a satisfactory attendance at district meetings and successful joint meetings with neighbouring associations. 'During the year,' the report continued, 'we elected one honorary and 78 ringing members in the North and East District, and 5 honorary and 17 ringing members in the South and West District. Despite these exceptional figures, our total membership, which now stands at 839, has not greatly increased. There are, no doubt, many difficulties in the way of retaining members who lack enthusiasm, but we again urge upon local secretaries the need to keep in touch with members of their hands, especially in the case of removals, and of making every effort to keep them in the association. An entirely new band has been formed at Clerkenwell, and is receiving tuition, so far with good results. The band at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, has been considerably augmented, and is already making progress. We regret, however, that the band at St. Olave's, Hart Street, has withdrawn from membership. The peal list is of greater interest than usual. In all, 70 peals were rung, amongst them being several worthy of more than passing notice. From a purely scientific standpoint, the outstanding performance of the year was the peal of Spiced Surprise Major in ten different methods rung at Willesden on August 13th. The concentration of mental energy necessary to bring this peal to a successful issue was enormous, and it was not accomplished until several attempts had been made. This peal had been preceded on March 19th by one in six Surprise Methods, both being conducted by Mr. W. Pye, and the association can proudly point to having rung peals in four, five, six and ten Surprise methods, far surpassing anything done by any other society. First peals in various methods by the association were rung as follows: Putney Surprise Major at Broxbourne on January 26th; Rutland Surprise Major at Willesden on February 5th; and Double Norwich Court Bob Royal at Westminster on September 7th. Eight policemen rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at St. George's, Southwark, on May 25th, the conductor being Det.-Constable H. J. Poole, of Leicester. We congratulate the Force on attaining its ambition of ringing a Surprise peal. The 100th peal by the association on the Willesden bells was rung on April 16th. Of individual per-

formances, mention should be made of a peal of Bob Minor rung at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, on March 9th, by Mr. T. G. Deal, at the age of 81; and of a peal of Grandsire Triples at Pinner on July 6th, which was the first by Messrs. T. Humphreys and C. Lord, aged 67 and 72 respectively! Sixteen members rang their first peals, and 68 rang new methods to peals. In all some 178 members took part in the peals, which, with the exception of one on handbells, were rung in 36 different towers. Twenty-one members shared in the conducting. The peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus rung at Southwark Cathedral on June 15th was the 1,000th by Mr. W. Pye for the association.

BELL RESTORATION.

As far as bell restoration work is concerned, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have recast the eight bells at St. James', Clerkenwell, and have rehung them in new fittings with strengthened framework. Clapper controls have been added to the treble, second, and tenor bells. The same firm have recently rehung the whole peal at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, and have rebuilt the iron frame on new steel foundations. Messrs. John Taylor and Co. have rehung the peal of eight at St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway, with new fittings. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have refitted the eight bells at Heston in ball bearings, and have also added two trebles to the existing six at St. Olave's, Hart Street, the old bells being rehung with completely new fittings. This firm also have in hand the rehanging of the bells at St. Lawrence Jewry, E.C., and St. Dunstan's, Stepney. The fund which is being raised for the augmentation of the Isleworth bells now stands at a total of £140, and further subscriptions are earnestly solicited.

Congratulations were extended to the Rev. A. H. F. Boughay, an esteemed vice-president, on attaining his jubilee in the presidency of the Cambridge University Guild; to Mr. H. A. Barnett, of Tottenham, on reaching his 50th year as a ringer at that church; and to Mr. W. Webb, of Finchley, who in 54 years has not missed ringing in the New Year in his own tower. The failing health of Mr. T. Beadle is still a matter of concern. A practical method of showing sympathy for him in his long illness resulted in a sum of just over £20 being forwarded to him from his many friends, through the hon. secretary of the South and West District.

Sincere thanks were tendered to the many members who have acted as instructors during the past year. This work is of the utmost importance, and members able to assist the association's officers in this respect should get in touch with the hon. secretaries, who would be glad to find them something to do to help forward the progress of the association. The invaluable services rendered to the association by the joint hon. secretaries were also acknowledged. A great deal of their work was done silently and unseen. The members could best show their appreciation of their efforts by supporting them at association meetings and by prompt payment of subscriptions.

In moving the adoption of the report, Mr. Coles called attention to the excellent way in which it had been printed by 'The Ringing World.' He had been able to find only one error in the whole of the 58 pages, and that was a comma in the wrong place (laughter and applause). He also called attention to the reprint of the report of the Central Council's Committee on the law relating to church bells, ringing and ringers. It was a most valuable report, and was drawn up by three legal gentlemen—their late president, the Recorder of Lincoln, and Mr. E. W. Elwell.

The report was adopted, as was also the balance sheet of the central fund, which showed receipts amounting to £24 2s. 11d., and expenditure £23 5s. 6d., the balance of £29 3s. 8d. at the beginning of the year having been increased to £30 1s. 1d.

Mr. W. H. Seabrook, of Fulham, was elected a member, and the officers were elected as follows: Master, Mr. W. Pye; hon. treasurer, Mr. C. T. Coles; joint hon. secretaries, Messrs. C. T. Coles and W. H. Hollier; auditors, Messrs. J. E. Miller and W. Pickworth.

On the election of Central Council representatives, Mr. J. A. Trollope said the committee had gone into the question of the representation of the association. They wanted men for the position who not only had the time and were willing to serve, but men of some standing, both in the association and the Exercise. The committee, therefore, suggested the election of Messrs. C. T. Coles, W. H. Hollier, W. Pickworth and G. W. Fletcher.—This proposal was agreed to without discussion.

It was resolved that the peal books and the bound volumes of 'Bell News' belonging to the association should be transferred from Acton to St. Giles-in-the-Fields.

A MEMORIAL TO THE LATE PRESIDENT.

Mr. Coles brought forward a recommendation by the committee that a memorial to the late Mr. Milne should be placed in Barnet Church, and that it should take the form of a small brass. It could probably be erected very near to the association's memorial in the same church to the earlier president, the late Mr. A. T. King.

The suggestion was agreed to, and the carrying out of the project left to a small committee.

The next business was 'discussion of the Central Council agenda.' Mr. Coles said he did not know whether it was lack of interest or not, but there were only two motions down. That did not mean that the Council had no business to transact. The most important

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WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

MR. J. R. NEWMAN'S 25 YEARS' SERVICE.

Notwithstanding a drab and cheerless day devoid of one ray of Easter sunshine, a goodly number met in the 'Faithful City' for the annual meeting and service of the Worcestershire and Districts Association on Bank Holiday.

Bells at the Cathedral and various churches were in use, and at 2.30, instead of 2.15, the Dean (Dr. Moore Ede), as usual, occupied the chair, and the routine business was soon disposed of. President, vice-presidents, lay vice-presidents, to whom was added Mr. W. Page, Master, secretary, treasurer, auditors, Central Committee, and Messrs. R. G. Knowles, J. D. Johnson and H. G. Bird, Central Council representatives, were all elected. Mr. T. J. Salter expressed a desire to retire after 25 years' consistent and faithful service, for which he was thanked.

The report and balance sheet were also adopted. Mr. J. R. Newman then briefly reviewed the progress and work of the association during the last 25 years, as that day completed a quarter of a century of his secretaryship. He gave the following comparisons: Number of members increased from 313 to 578, towers affiliated from 30 to 65, annual report enlarged from 31 to 69 pages, and a credit balance of £8 increased to the much more satisfactory figure of £107, a total of £85 having been subscribed during the past ten years toward the cost of rehanging, etc., at various towers in the area.

Mr. Newman, with that admirable, unostentatious, magnanimous, unselfish and brotherly spirit, of which he is the very essence, thanked the officers and rank and file of the branches who had loyally and unstintingly helped to bring about such progress. One noticed how feelingly he spoke of the many friends he had made after coming among them almost a stranger 25 years ago.

Appreciative comments followed, and a suggestion which, it is hoped, will be executed later.

The sum of £10 was voted to the augmenting and rehanging of the bells of Hinton-on-the-Green—a village of 200 inhabitants situated the vale of Evesham—from the belfry repairs fund. This was generously supplemented by an offer from the Dean of the collection at the subsequent service.

At this point, with half an hour to spare, there was a surprise when the Dean, with a hope of entertaining the members, asked Mr. F. E. Dawe, of London, to give his experiences of Worcester Cathedral bells in the seventies. The Dean himself followed with a talk on the renovation of the tomb of King John.

These two last points were unfortunate, and disappointment prevailed, seeing that two most important matters, namely, the newly-constituted library by Mr. T. J. Salter and a discussion on Central Council matters, were not mentioned.

At the service which followed, the Rev. Canon Cheshire gave an address from Ezekiel ii. 5, and afterwards tea was partaken of at the Co-operative Cafe.

A. E. P.

THE BERKSHIRE TWELVE-BELL FUND.

The balance sheet of the Berkshire Twelve-bell Fund, audited by Mr. Arthur J. Wright, has been issued by the joint organisers, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn and Mr. R. T. Hibbert. The total subscriptions received amounted to £192 9s. 3d., and added to this was £1 7s. 2d. interest. The expenditure included £168 4s. on the two new bells, fittings and hanging, in St. Laurence's tower, Reading, and other incidentals amounting to £8 10s. 6d., leaving a balance of £19 1s. 11d., of which £10 will be given to the Bell Restoration Fund of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and the remainder, after deducting the cost of printing and circulating the balance sheet, to the churchwardens' special fund for the upkeep of St. Laurence's bells.

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part of its work was the discussion of the reports of the committee, but the only motions of which notice had been given was that honorary members and the fourth representative member of an association should pay 2s. 6d. per annum. At present hon. members paid nothing, and the association paid 5s. each for representative members. He hardly thought that was worth while discussing at that meeting, but that they should give their representatives a free hand.—This was agreed to.

It was resolved to hold the next annual general meeting at St. James', Clerkenwell, with St. Giles-in-the-Fields as an alternative.

Mr. W. H. Hewett made a suggestion that a joint meeting should be held, if possible, with the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Royal Cumberland Youths, and the London County Association. A discussion ensued, from which it was apparent that members were in favour of such a meeting, if it could be arranged, and it was decided to make inquiries among the other societies to ascertain their feeling in the matter.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector of Fulham, Mr. Page and his mother, who had done the catering and made practically all the arrangements at Fulham for the meeting, the incumbents, tower secretaries and towerkeepers at Hammersmith, Wandsworth and Putney, to the president, and to hon. secretaries for their invaluable services during the year. The meeting also extended a welcome to Messrs. Panther and Gill of the Barnsley Association.

THE LATE MR. J. F. C. BAYLEY.

The death of Mr. James C. F. Bayley, briefly recorded in our last issue, removes a well-known figure from London ringing circles. Mr. Bayley, who was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, was for many years steepiekeeper at St. Giles', Cripplegate, where, when the bells were not rung, he regularly chimed for the services. He was a born musician, and had a collection of over 400 hymn tunes, which he played on the twelve bells. The music of these tunes he had written out by hand, and he played them strictly in accordance with the seasons and special days of the Church. His last performance was on Passion Sunday.

Mr. Bayley was formerly a partner in the firm of Smith and Bayley, printers, of Kennington, but retired some years ago. He was a Freeman of the City, a life member of the Guild of Freeman, and a great lover of old buildings.

He was a regular altar server on week days at the Church of St. Magnus-the-Martyr, London Bridge, and made an imposing figure in his robes.

He died, after only a few days' illness, and was buried in the Roman Catholic portion of Streatham Park Cemetery on Maundy Thursday. The Rector of St. Magnus (Rev. Fynes Clinton) officiated, attended by the crossbearer, Mr. Greenwood, a grandson of Mr. Samuel Greenwood, of Stratham ringing fame. The last rites were carried out with impressive ritual, and at the close of the service a party of ringers rang three whole pulls of rounds three times, and followed with a course of Stedman Triples on handbells.

On May 5th, Vespers of the Dead will be said at St. Magnus' Church, and at noon on the following day there will be a Requiem Mass at the same church, which will be attended by the family.

EASTER BELLS.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Easter Day, April 20th, for evening service, 1,260 Stedman Triples in 42 mins.: W. H. Austin 1, H. Hoare 2, A. Slade 3, W. R. Packer 4, W. J. Dove 5, W. Sturges 6, E. Sibley (conductor) 7, J. Wilkins 8.

DUFFIELD.—For evening service, on Easter Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: M. Marshall 1, Elisabeth Foulk 2, Florence Hartle 3, P. Dudley 4, C. Draper 5, S. Dawson 6, G. Tandy (conductor) 7, C. Bradley 8.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.—On Easter Sunday, for evensong, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 25 mins.: B. Gillatt 1, A. Thornton 2, B. Gillatt, jun., 3, J. Coles 4, P. C. G. Bray (first in method) 5, J. Bray (conductor) 6.

TAUNTON.—At the Church of St. George, Wilton, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins.: S. Wyatt 1, A. W. Hayward 2, D. Sheldon (first quarter-peal on eight bells) 3, E. Causley 4, W. Coles 5, S. A. Wyatt 6, A. H. Hayward (conductor) 7, G. Coles 8. First quarter on the bells since they were augmented and restored by Mears and Stainbank. The conductor is a former member of the Wilton Guild, who was on a visit from Combe Martin, Devon.

YATELEY, HANTS.—On Easter Day, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Major J. G. Stilwell 1, W. G. Bunch 2, S. J. Riddell 3, C. Bunch 4, G. C. Ives 5, A. Goodall 6, G. Butler (conductor) 7, A. Hearmon 8. For evening service, 630 and 503 in the same method, with A. T. Hearmon, F. Watts and T. Benham taking part.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Easter Sunday, at St. Andrew's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans') in 48 mins.: J. Beagley 1, J. Read 2, F. Kemp 3, S. Meadows 4, T. Upshall 5, E. Beagley 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8. First quarter in the method by the brothers Beagley.

SEAL, CHART, KENT.—On Easter Sunday, at St. Lawrence's Church, for evensong, 1,440 changes of Bob Minor: F. Rhyall 1, P. Sinden 2, H. Woolley 3, A. Wenban 4, G. Barr 5, W. Neale (conductor) 6.

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NOTICES.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting at Cannock on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells (8) from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.45, with an address by the Vicar, Rev. J. F. Foster. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Brighton, Saturday, May 3rd. Towers open: St. Peter's and St. Nicholas', 2-3.30 p.m. and after meeting, The Good Shepherd, 7.30. Special service in St. Nicholas' Church, 4 p.m., address by the Lord Bishop of Lewes. Meat tea at Morley's, Pavilion Buildings, 5, 2/6 (1/3 to members). Half rail fare (max. 2/6).—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Warwick on Saturday, May 3rd. The bells of St. Mary's (10) will be available during the afternoon and evening. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. Service in Church, 4.30. Tea at 5 at the Dale Hotel (1/9 per head). Business meeting to follow.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Whalley on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Reports to hand. Subscriptions now due.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District. —A meeting will be held at Somersham on Saturday, May 3rd.—C. Fields, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A combined meeting of the above will be held at New Romney on Saturday, May 3rd. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 5. All ringers cordially invited to attend.—Secretaries: A. C. Kay, K.C.A., A. J. Batten, R.M.G., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting Sheffield May 3rd. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service with address by the Rev. R. E. Leigh, M.A. at 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., business meeting following. At tea the Guild will be the guests of the Rev. R. E. Leigh, who hopes that all who can will accept his offer of hospitality.—D. L. Board, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Bolton, on Saturday, May 3rd, instead of April 26th. Bells from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Rd., Bolton, Lancs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Sutton Bonington, on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells ready 3 o'clock.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Southwold on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—E. Grindell, Hon. Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Aylesford on Saturday, May 3rd. Tower open for ringing

3 o'clock. Service at 4.45, followed by tea (free) and business meeting.—C. H. Sone, Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Alresford on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells available at 2.30. Also at Bishop's Sutton. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock at Swan Hotel.—C. C. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., King's Somborne.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—A meeting will be held at Basingham on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service at 4. Tea at 4.30. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Mrs. R. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wrington on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4.30. Tea at 5, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Old Duston on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Yorktown on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in Parish Room.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Bingham on May 3rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. All ringers welcome. Will members who have not paid their subscription kindly do so at this meeting or send them. Members can have reports; please let me know how many are required.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Royston to-morrow, Saturday, May 3rd. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Please make an effort to attend in order to make the meeting a success.—D. C. Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Dartford on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea will be provided by the generosity of the Vicar.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Rd., Belvedere, Kent.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on May 8th and 22nd; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 13th; Southwark Cathedral on the 15th; °St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 27th, all at 7.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 29th, 8. *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 Bradford-Peverell on Thursday, May 8th. Bells (also Frampton and Stratton) available 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 followed by tea and meeting. Motor leaves St. Peter's, Dorchester, at 2.15.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Sittingbourne on Saturday, May 10th.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, May 10th. Bells ready at 12 noon. Service at 5. Tea after. Will those intending being present kindly send names in to Mr. J. Ridyard, 7, Railway Terrace, Southport, before May 7th?—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wollaston on Saturday, May 10th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those who hope to be present kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, May 6th?—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Stoke-Edith on Saturday, May 10th. Bells (6) available 3.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.45. Please notify me not later than May 5th.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Sittingbourne on Saturday, May 10th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service in the Church at 4. Tea will be supplied at Cremer's Cafe at 5, at 1/- each. Half rail fares will be allowed to members attending. Will those intending to be at tea please let me know not later than Wednesday, May 7th.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Milverton on Saturday, May 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, tea, etc., after. Will those wanting tea please notify me by the previous Tuesday.—P. Merson, Bishops Hull.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton District.—Quarterly meeting at Liss, Saturday, May 10th. Bells available at St. Peter's (6), Liss, from 2.30 p.m., also at Hawkley (6), 2 miles. Service at St. Peter's, Liss, at 4.30. Tea at the Spread Eagle, 5. Business meeting follows. Will those who require tea kindly notify me by Thursday, May 8th.—B. C. Taylor, Binsted Vicarage, Alton.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held jointly at Sheffield Cathedral and St. Marie's on Saturday, May 10th. Bells available early. Visitors make own arrangements for tea.—H. Thorpe, Hon. Sec., 104, Petre Street, Sheffield.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Godshill on Saturday, May 10th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at 5, at the Griffin Hotel. All ringers are welcome. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me on or before Tuesday, May 6th.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bromborough on Saturday, May 10th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service 5.30, tea and meeting afterwards. Ringers intending to be present please let the secretary know.—H. S. Brocklebank, 3, Ridley St., Birkenhead.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District.—A meeting will be held at Guilsborough (6) on Saturday, May 10th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea. All ringers welcome.—S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the branch will be held at Aldbourne on Saturday, May 10th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Visiting ringers kindly inform the secretary by Wednesday previous.—Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec., East Leaze, Baydon, Marlborough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The annual Spring meeting will be held at Chipping Norton (8 bells) on Saturday, May 10th.—J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford on Sat., May 10th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5. A good attendance is requested. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Curry Rivel on Saturday, May 10th. Service at 4 p.m., tea and meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Hon. Branch Sec., Martock, Somerset.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Felkirk on Saturday, May 10th. Bells ready early. Those requiring tea please notify M. Perry, Clifton Cottages, Brierley, nr. Barnsley, before Wednesday, 7th.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The usual monthly meeting will be held at Southport on Saturday, May 10th (jointly with the Wigan and Preston branches) to form the half-yearly meeting of the association. Particulars elsewhere in these columns.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Secretary.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Kirton on Saturday, May 10th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Divine Service 4.15. Tea 4.45, followed immediately by usual business meeting. Those requiring tea are asked to inform me not later than Wednesday, May 7th. All ringers cordially invited.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., School House, Butterwick, nr. Boston, Lincs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Wolvey on Saturday, May 10th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Tea provided at 5. A good meeting is requested. All ringers welcome. W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

SUFFOLD GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Laxfield on May 10th. Tea 1s. each at the King's Head, at 4.30 p.m. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on May 10th at Cockington. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15, tea to follow at Parish Hall. Those intending to be present please notify me early.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church St., Paignton.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Aldershot on Saturday, May 17th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Tea 5 o'clock. All welcome. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, May 14th.—Hilda F. Mills, Cairneyhill, Bridgefield, Farnham.

OLDHAM AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, May 10th, at St. Mary's Church. Bells (12) ready at 4 o'clock.—T. Schofield, Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Marden on Saturday, May 17th. Further particulars will be announced next week.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD (Southern District) and the **MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD** (South and West District).—A joint meeting will be held at Lambeth on Sat., May 17th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 6. Service at 7.30 with address by the Vicar. Ringing till 9.15. It is important for those intending to be present to acquaint, by May 13th, the London County Hon. Dis. Sec.—J. Herbert, 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The festival will be held at Calne, Wilts, on Saturday, May 17th. Service in Parish Church at 12.30 p.m. Preacher, Ven. Archdeacon Coulter. Luncheon and annual meeting at Town Hall, 1.30., price 1s. 6d. Those requiring luncheon please inform Secretary by May 12th. Towers open: Bishop's Cannings, Calne, Melksham, Wootton Bassett (8), Bremhill, Bromham, Rowd (6), Compton Bassett (5), Devizes (3 towers).—F. Llewellyn Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whittle-le-Woods on Saturday, May 17th. Bells available from 2.30.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. Mary Magdalene, Enfield, on Saturday, May 24th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Meeting at 6. Tea at 1s. per head will be arranged at 5.30 for those who advise me by May 21st. Members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The general annual meeting will be held at Lydney on Saturday, May 31st, at 3.30 p.m. Bells available from 2 p.m. to 3.15. Business meeting at the Feathers Hotel at 3.30 prompt. Meat tea, 2s. 6d., at 5 p.m. (or end of meeting). Items for the agenda should be sent in immediately. An alteration to Rule V is suggested, and notified. Kindly notify me by May 24th for tea.—E. Guise, Hon. Sec., 39 Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

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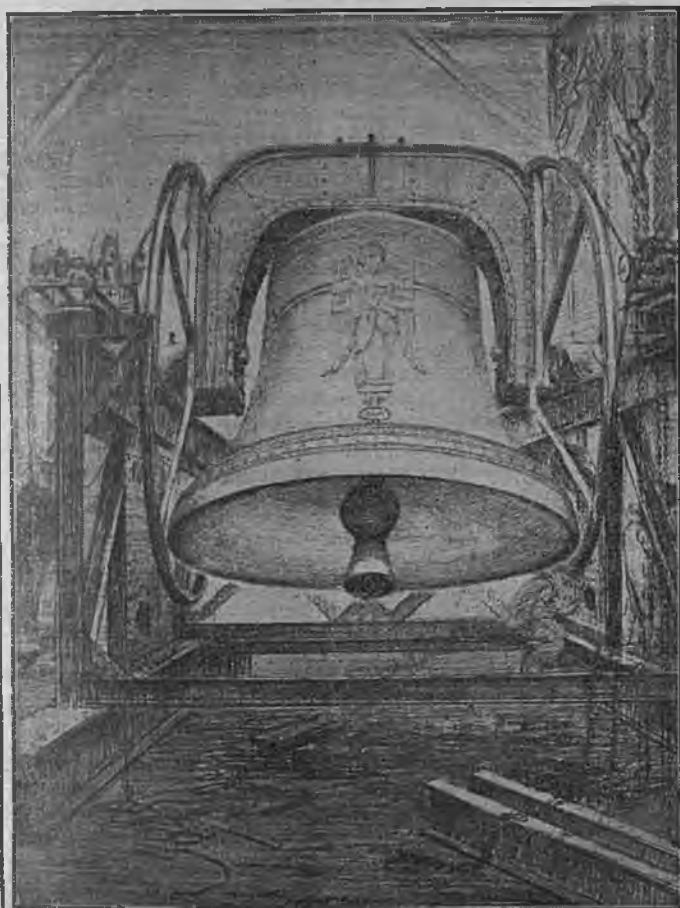
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| JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4 | JAMES BENNETT 10 |
| CHARLES T. COLES 5 | WILLIAM PYE 11 |
| ALBERT W. COLES 6 | RUBEN SANDERS Tenor |

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

TEN BELL PEAL.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 26, 1930, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

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| WILLIAM SHORT 2 | *WILLIAM BROWN 6 |
| THOMAS HEMMING 2 | *JOHN LLOYD 7 |
| ROBERT MATTHEWS 3 | HECTOR G. BIRD 8 |
| JOHN BASS 4 | JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. 9 |
| CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 5 | GILBERT GUEST Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. The band take the opportunity of thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells, and Mr. Sheppard for having everything ready for the attempt.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

GRUNDISBURGH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 12, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART BOB AND SINGLE.

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| WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 2 | GEORGE A. FLEMING 5 |
| JAMES BENNETT 2 | GEORGE BENNETT 6 |
| GEORGE PRYKE 3 | T. WILLIAM LAST 7 |
| CHARLES W. PARKER 4 | ALBERT WHITING Tenor |

Conducted by G. A. FLEMING.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 23, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

G. LINDOFF'S SIX-PART, No. 1.

Tenor 17 cwt.

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| CHARLES DRAPER Treble | BENJAMIN GREATORREX ... 5 |
| JOHN H. SWINFELD 2 | *CHARLES SMITH 6 |
| MAURICE SWINFELD 3 | JAMES S. HUTCHBY 7 |
| W. RICHARDSON DRAGE ... 4 | JOSEPH BAILEY Tenor |

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

* 25th peal. This composition is now rung for the first time. Rung on St. George's Day, and as a birthday compliment to Mrs. J. S. Hutchby.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 23, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt.

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| *CHARLES BUTCHER Treble | †NORMAN V. ANDREWS ... 5 |
| JAMES BILBY 2 | WILLIAM R. BAXTER ... 6 |
| FRED LAMBETH 3 | CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... 7 |
| SAMUEL J. HECTOR 4 | *CHARLES RAISON Tenor |

Conducted by C. F. ANDREWS.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman away from the tenor. Rung after meeting short for Stedman Caters.

MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 23, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

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| *S. YATES Treble | THOMAS LANCASTER ... 5 |
| *J. REID 2 | WILLIAM ELLERINGTON ... 6 |
| J. G. HALL 3 | J. C. POLLARD 7 |
| R. WORTHY 4 | THOMAS METCALFE Tenor |

Composed by F. ROBINSON.

Conducted by T. METCALFE.

* First peal in the method. First peal on the bells, after rehanging on ball bearings by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of the late Rev. Alfred Simpson, ex-president of the association, who died on April 13th.

RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 26, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt. in E.

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| ARTHUR WHITE Treble | PERCY LONG 5 |
| HARRY DOWDEN 2 | BERTRAM J. SNOW 6 |
| HARRY BARTON 3 | FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... 7 |
| ARTHUR P. BRADING ... 4 | A. RICHARD WARD Tenor |

Composed by G. CROSS.

Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

Rung in honour of the marriage of Miss Johnstone, only daughter of Canon Johnstone, Vicar of the parish, to Dr. A. E. Colley, the ceremony being performed by the Bishop of London. The congratulations of the band were also extended to the ringer of the fourth upon the birth of a son and heir.

HARRIETSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
AND ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, April 26, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 13½ cwt. in G.

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| *CHARLES H. SONE Treble | *HARRY BAKER 5 |
| *MRS. H. BAKER 2 | *KENNETH PATTENDEN ... 6 |
| †CHARLES W. PLAYER ... 3 | †THOMAS E. SONE 7 |
| *WILLIAM BIDNELL 4 | *ALBERT RELFE Tenor |

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal of Cambridge Major. † First peal of Cambridge inside. Wedding peal for Mr. A. C. Kray (hon. district secretary for Ashford) and Miss Knowler, who were married at St. Mary's, Ashford, the same afternoon. The conductor's 100th peal. Mr. A. Wadlington pricked each course-end down throughout the peal.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 26, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

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| MRS. F. I. HAIRS Treble | FREDERICK N. SMEATON ... 5 |
| HERBERT RANN 2 | JACK M. CRIPPS 6 |
| GEORGE SMART 3 | FRANK BENNETT 7 |
| ERNEST G. HIGGIN 4 | HENRY STALHAM Tenor |

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

TETTENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, April 26, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF SUPERBATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

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| JOHN C. ADAM Treble | *SIDNEY ELTON 5 |
| *CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 2 | *JOHN PERRY 6 |
| *ROBERT PICKERING 3 | HERBERT KNIGHT 7 |
| FRANK W. PERRINS 4 | *THOMAS J. ELTON Tenor |

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRINS.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 26, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

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| WILLIAM DUDLEY Treble | HENRY T. WILSON 5 |
| GORDON A. BACON 2 | *ALBERT PRYKE 6 |
| ALBERT RAINEBIRD 3 | FRANK G. RINGE 7 |
| *FRANK B. LUFKIN 4 | ERNEST W. FURBANK Tenor |

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by HENRY T. WILSON.

* First peal in the method. F. G. Ringe has now completed the 'circle' in this tower.

STANSTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 26, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

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| HERBERT WATTS Treble | THOMAS J. WATTS 5 |
| GEORGE JORDAN 2 | ISAAC CAVILL 6 |
| THOMAS JORDAN 3 | WILLIAM T. PRIOR 7 |
| WALTER PRIOR 4 | WALTER AYRE Tenor |

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by W. AYRE.

Rung as a token of respect, with the bells half-muffled, immediately after the interment of Mr. George Gray, who was a ringer at the above church for over 60 years. 100th peal as conductor.

ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 26, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| *A. NORMAN GEARY Treble | ERNEST H. BAGWORTH ... 5 |
| †RONALD RUSSELL 2 | ERNEST F. PAYNE 6 |
| *J. GEOFFREY GEARY 3 | REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 7 |
| ERNEST MORRIS 4 | JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Major. † First of Major 'inside.' Mr. Simpson is hon. secretary of the Chester Diocesan Guild.

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NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND
NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD.

On Monday, April 28, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

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| ARTHUR PAYNE Treble | JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 5 |
| JOHN ANDERSON 2 | WILLIAM H. BARBER 6 |
| CHARLES L. RUTLEDGE 3 | W. JAMES DAVIDSON 7 |
| ROBERT S. ANDERSON 4 | ADAM DEAS Tenor |

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

First peal in the method by the association and by all the above except the conductor. Mr. Payne's 30th peal.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, April 28, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

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| ALBERT E. WHITING Treble | GEORGE BENNETT 5 |
| GEORGE WHITING 2 | ERNEST E. LANHAM 6 |
| GEORGE PRYKE 3 | T. WILLIAM LAST 7 |
| JAMES BENNETT, JUN. 4 | LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by G. WHITING.

First peal of Bristol by all the band except L. C. Wightman.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 28, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, GARSTON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| LESTER L. GRAY Treble | GEORGE R. NEWTON 5 |
| ERNEST L. HUMPHRIS 2 | EDWARD CAUNCE 6 |
| HARRY GRACE 3 | THOMAS R. BUTLER 7 |
| JOHN H. MOORE 4 | JOHN BROWN Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

Specially rung on the occasion of the 74th birthday of Mr. Moore. It is nearly 40 years since he last rang a peal.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 3, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

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| ARTHUR KNIGHTS... .. Treble | FREDERICK A. ADAMS 5 |
| A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS 2 | RONALD E. JOHNSON 6 |
| PERCY JERRIS 3 | WILLIAM H. TURTON 7 |
| WILLIAM BIGGIN 4 | WILLIAM T. PALMER Tenor |

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

This composition, now rung for the first time, contains the 6th the extent wrong, and the 4th, 5th and 6th the extent in 6th's place, in 14 courses.

SALLE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

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| WILLIAM CLOVER Treble | WALTER FARROW 5 |
| WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 2 | GEORGE BAILEY 6 |
| GEORGE MAYERS 3 | GEORGE W. JEFFS 7 |
| WILLIAM J. WASEY 4 | CHARLES LOVETT Tenor |

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by W. CLOVER.

First peal of Spliced Major by all the band and by the association, and rung at the first attempt. G. W. Jeffs hails from Titchmarsh, Northamptonshire, and was elected a member of the above association previous to the peal.

We regret that we have had to hold over the reports of a number of peals and letters to the Editor for want of space.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD

On Monday, April 28, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

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| EDWIN F. PIKE Treble | WILFRED WILLIAMS 5 |
| *JOHN A. WAUGH 2 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS 6 |
| JAMES E. DAVIS... .. 3 | JOHN T. KENTISH 7 |
| JOHN H. CRAMPION 4 | ERNEST BRETT Tenor |

Composed by J. S. WILDE.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal in the method.

SHIPLAKE, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 3, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt, 2 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

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| MISS BERTHA M. MILLS Treble | *MISS K. M. FLETCHER 5 |
| MISS VERA ROBINSON 2 | MISS RUBY M. HAZELL 6 |
| MISS DOROTHY R. FETTER 3 | MISS STELLA DAVIS 7 |
| *MISS DOROTHY R. FLETCHER 4 | GEORGE GILBERT Tenor |

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT

* First peal of Kent. First peal of Kent in which seven ladies have taken part.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, May 3, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

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| *GEORGE HAWKINS Treble | *ARTHUR HAWKINS 5 |
| DONALD G. CLIFT 2 | HENRY E. COX 6 |
| JOHN CLARK 3 | WILLIAM T. POSTON... .. 7 |
| GEORGE POPNELL 4 | WILLIAM POSTON Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal of Major.

COMPTON GIFFORD, PLYMOUTH.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 3, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT EMMANUEL CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

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| G. HARRY MYERS Treble | *ROBERT J. BALDREY 5 |
| MRS. E. S. POWELL 2 | WILLIAM J. RUNDLE... .. 6 |
| REV. E. S. POWELL 3 | THOMAS G. MYERS 7 |
| GEORGE GODDARD 4 | JOSEPH WOODLEY Tenor |

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by REV. E. S. POWELL

* First peal of Major.

TODMORDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, May 3, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE UNITARIAN CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

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| EDWARD JENKINS... .. Treble | JOSEPH BROADLEY 5 |
| HERBERT DAVENPORT... .. 2 | TITUS BARLOW 6 |
| LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS 3 | WILLIAM HORAN... .. 7 |
| ALBERT J. HUGHES 4 | THOMAS B. WORSLEY Tenor |

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal in a Surprise method on the bells.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 3, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12 cwt.

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| GEORGE BENNETT Treble | ERNEST F. POPPY 5 |
| JAMES BENNETT, JUN. 2 | WALTER ROFFLES 6 |
| GEORGE PRYKE 3 | LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 7 |
| JAMES BETTS 4 | WILLIAM C. RUMSEY Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 3, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-IN-BREDWARDINE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

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| SIDNEY T. HOLT... .. Treble | WILLIAM LEWIS... .. 5 |
| JOHN J. JEFFERIES 2 | THOMAS LEWIS 6 |
| DENNIS R. MORRIS 3 | WILLIAM PAGE 7 |
| CHARLES G. BOWKETT ... 4 | JAMES WOODYATT ... Tenor |

Conducted by W. PAGE.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal on the bells since their augmentation to eight. Rung as the Western Branch quarterly peal.

ROLLESTON-ON-DOVE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

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| JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble | ARTHUR SHARP 5 |
| ALBERT H. WARD 2 | CHARLES SMITH 6 |
| MISS ELIZABETH FOULK ... 3 | CHARLES DRAPER 7 |
| WILLIAM JOHN LEACH ... 4 | JOSEPH BAILEY Tenor |

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples. A birthday compliment to Mr. Charles Draper and also to Mr. Albert G. F. Ward, eldest son of the conductor.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| ALFRED H. PULLING Treble | RAYMOND OVERY... .. 5 |
| C. ERNEST SMITH 2 | JOHN H. B. HESSE 6 |
| JAMES BORDFIELD 3 | PETER CHARMAN 7 |
| GEORGE WILSON 4 | WILLIAM STANFORD ... Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING

R. Overy was elected a member of the association prior to the commencement of the peal.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. T. DYKE'S TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

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| JAMES HUNT Treble | WILLIAM H. COLES 5 |
| ALFRED J. WYATT 2 | DAVID G. TAYLOR 6 |
| REV. E. S. C. LOCK 3 | PERCY MERSON 7 |
| ARTHUR H. REED 4 | SYDNEY PRIDDLE Tenor |

Conducted by ARTHUR H. REED.

* First peal on eight 'inside.' † First peal. First peal on eight as conductor. First peal attempted on these bells for eight months, the tower having been undergoing thorough restoration.

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt. in A flat.

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| CHARLES F. GOODMAN ... Treble | ALBERT G. HARRISON... .. 5 |
| JOHN SOUTER 2 | GEORGE ARCHER 6 |
| NOLAN GOLDEN 3 | CLEMENT J. MORE 7 |
| ERIC G. BENNETT 4 | WILLIAM STEGGALL ... Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in the method by all, on the bells and at the first attempt. A 22nd birthday (May 1st) compliment to the conductor. This 48-course composition is rung for the first time.

RAINFORD, LANCs.—On Good Friday, for morning service, with the bells half-muffled, a 720 of Bob Minor with tenor covering: J. Cowley 1, H. Hesketh 2, G. Saint 3, W. Hesketh 4, S. Cadwallender 5, J. W. Hall (conductor) 6, P. Shaw 8.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WYCHBOLD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-WYCHE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

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| FREDRICK SUMMERTON ... Treble | JOHN NEAL 4 |
| ARTHUR MOSELEY 2 | CHARLES SMITH 5 |
| WALTER H. RAXTER... .. 3 | CHARLES HARRISON ... Tenor |

Conducted by W. H. RAXTER.

* First peal on an inside bell.

KEEVIL, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 21, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

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| HAROLD KEATES... .. Treble | EDWARD G. COWARD 4 |
| FRED A. COWARD 2 | NORMAN V. ANDREWS ... 5 |
| JESSE FRANCIS 3 | WILLIAM C. WEST Tenor |

Conducted by WM. C. WEST.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, April 24, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 19½ cwt.

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| EDWIN BROMLEY Treble | REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 4 |
| GEORGE BURT 2 | ALAN BROMLEY 5 |
| ROBERT T. LAMBERT 3 | HARRY PARKES Tenor |

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

* First peal in seven methods. Rung as a farewell to Thomas W. Card, who left the parish the same day. He had been a keen member of the local band for the past two years.

BELBROUGHTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 26, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

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| HAROLD PHILLIPS Treble | OLIVER LEWIS 4 |
| GEORGE PARTON 2 | ERNEST CALCUTT 5 |
| RALPH PARTON 3 | WALTER STRIDE... .. Tenor |

Conducted by E. CALCUTT.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Cox, and as an 86th birthday compliment to Mr. H. Martin, who has been a ringer at the above church for nearly 70 years, and conductor for 60 years.

MARTLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 26, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings.

Tenor 14 cwt.

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| THOMAS HOSKINS Treble | WALTER H. RAXTER... .. 4 |
| THOMAS W. LEWIS 2 | DENNIS MORRIS... .. 5 |
| † JAMES WOODYATT 3 | ERIC CRUMP Tenor |

Conducted by W. H. RAXTER.

* First peal. † First peal on an inside bell. ‡ First peal of Doubles. Thanks are due to T. Hoskins, who rang the treble when the band were one short, at the last minute.

SIBSEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.—At St. Margaret's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 50 mins.: G. Crawford 1, Miss D. Clay 2, Mrs. H. Harper 3, F. Harwood 4, G. W. Houghton 5, F. Dewey 6, W. Wilkinson 7, W. E. Clarke (conductor) 8. Longest length in the method by ringers of treble and 3rd. Rung as a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Harper, who are leaving Sibsey for Rochester.

WASHINGTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 26, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Being seven 720's. Tenor 9½ cwt.

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| JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble | REGINALD V. JOHNSON 4 |
| KENNETH SNELLING 2 | GEORGE ELLIS 5 |
| ROBERT SWIFT 3 | OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor |

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

First peal on the bells.

LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 26, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, WEST DERBY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and two 720's each of Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

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| *HERBERT C. HOLMES ... Treble | *RODGER HARVEY 4 |
| JOHN BROWN 2 | HARRY HANCOCK 5 |
| GEORGE R. NEWTON 3 | EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN BROWN.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

STEEPLE CLAYDON, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
 (NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 26, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 20 six-scores of Bob Doubles and 22 of Grandsire. Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| HARRY SEAR Treble | FRED SEAR 3 |
| WILLIAM JONES 2 | *WALTER SEAR 4 |
| HARRY V. SEAR Tenor | |

Conducted by HARRY SEAR.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells. This was arranged for the ringer of the third, who started the fund for the restoration of the bells in 1919. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. C. Baes for kindly providing tea.

GREAT GRANSDEN, HUNTS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
 (OVER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 26, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

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| HARRY ROBINSON Treble | FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 4 |
| A. WILLIAM T. GINN 2 | ARTHUR J. GINN 5 |
| FRED C. GINN 3 | FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor |

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

Believed to be the first in the method on the bells and by the association. It was also the first by all the band, who were kindly entertained to tea by the Vicar after the peal.

BEEDON, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
 (NEWBURY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 3, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, with ten different callings.

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. in B flat.

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| *THOMAS H. G. CURTIS ... Treble | ERNEST W. SMITH 4 |
| *WALTER J. COOK 2 | HENRY W. CURTIS 5 |
| †TOM CURTIS 3 | *FRANK W. HESSEY Tenor |

Conducted by HENRY W. CURTIS.

* First peal. † First peal on an inside bell. Ringers of the 4th and 5th are from Newbury tower, the remainder are local ringers. It was the seventh anniversary of the first peal on the bells, which was also conducted by H. W. Curtis. The band were afterwards entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Curtis.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—At St. Mary's Church, on March 29th, 12 courses of Stedman Caters (1,287 changes): S. Wyatt 1, F. Chedgley 2, A. Reed 3, J. Hunt 4, A. Wyatt 5, J. Burge (conductor) 6, W. Lloyd 7, W. White 8, P. Merson 9, F. Sadd 10. Rung after meeting one short for an attempt for a peal of Stedman Cinques.

MARSTON BIGGOTT.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, April 27, 1930, in Three Hours,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.).

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| FRANKLIN D. RICKARDS ... Treble | †ROBERT C. DAY 4 |
| *JOHN E. METCALFE 2 | WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5 |
| HARRY ANDREWS 3 | EDWARD G. L. COWARD ... Tenor |

Conducted by EDWARD G. L. COWARD.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal on tower bells. First peal of Minor as conductor.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
 (SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Monday, April 28, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| *ERNEST N. TIDY Treble | *GEORGE W. TOOTH 4 |
| *H. F. HYLTON TIDY 2 | *EDWARD E. TIDY 5 |
| *JAMES W. KNIGHT 3 | LEONARD A. TIDY Tenor |

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.

* First Surprise peal. First Surprise peal on the bells. Rung by an entirely local band.

SEALE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 28, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven different extents, rung alternately, viz., three 720's of Cambridge Surprise, and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

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| *ERNEST GARDNER Treble | C. ERNEST SMITH 4 |
| †CHARLES W. DENVER 2 | †CHARLES J. NEWMAN 5 |
| IJ. HENRY TINSEY 3 | ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor |

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal on six bells. † First peal containing Cambridge Surprise.

RIPPINGALE, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
 (SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 3, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, with 16 callings. Tenor 15 cwt.

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| GEORGE BOOTH Treble | WILLIAM H. PROCTOR 3 |
| ALBERT SCOTT 2 | HARRY GIBBARD 4 |
| CHARLES WILKERSON Tenor | |

Conducted by HARRY GIBBARD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the mother of the conductor on her 61st birthday and also on his son's eighth birthday. The ringers were entertained by the conductor after the peal.

WEDDING OF WELL-KNOWN RINGER.

On Easter Saturday a wedding took place at the old Parish Church, Luton, between Mr. Augustin V. E. Good, a well-known ringer, and Miss Eva May Hensbrey, of Luton. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked very pretty in white satin, and was attended by three bridesmaids and a page. Mr. H. E. Good, of Sutton, Surrey, brother of the bridegroom, and also a well-known ringer, acted as best man, whilst another campanologist was present in the person of Mr. Wallace Good (the bridegroom's father), captain of the ringers at Charing, Kent.

As the bridal pair left the church, the bells were rung to the tune of Stedman Triples, and later a peal of Double Norwich Major was attempted (conducted by Mr. A. E. Sharman, of Dunstable), which unfortunately came to grief half-way through. After the ceremony nearly a hundred friends, including many ringers, attended a reception at St. Paul's Church Hall, where the festivities were carried on till a late hour, when the happy couple left to take up residence in their new home at Hemel Hempstead.

The bridegroom, who started his ringing career at Charing, and at different times rang at Dunstable, St. Peter's, Brighton, Apsley End and Hemel Hempstead, was the recipient of many presents from his ringing friends.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**EARLS COLNE BELLS TO BE RESTORED.**

The picturesque village of Earls Colne was the scene of a very pleasant gathering of ringers on Saturday week, when upwards of 50 members representing 22 parishes attended a meeting of the Northern Division. Ringing commenced about 2.30 p.m., and was continued at intervals until nearly nine o'clock, during which time touches in various methods ranging from Bob Minor to London Surprise Major were successfully brought round.

A service was held at which the Vicar (Rev. O. L. Martin, M.A.) gave an excellent address, and Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the association, read the lesson. Tea was provided at the Duke of Wellington Inn, where 42 sat down.

At the business meeting which followed, Mr. Howard was supported by the District Master (Mr. A. A. Saunders), the district secretary (Mr. F. Ridgewell), Mr. W. J. Nevard (District Master, North-Eastern Division), and Mr. E. J. Butler (district secretary, South-Western Division). Three new ringing members were elected, and it was decided to hold a joint meeting at Great Tey on May 24th, also a meeting at Wethersfield on June 14th.

Mr. Howard proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and organist for their services, and remarked on the excellent address the Vicar had given. He was very pleased, he said, that they had paid another visit to delightful parish of Earls Colne, and the beautiful church. He was also pleased the Vicar had in hand the restoration of the church bells, for he had no hesitation in saying that, apart from the loyalty to the Church, Earls Colne possessed one of the best companies of ringers in the diocese for their punctuality, high-class ringing and excellent striking. He also appreciated the progress made at Great Tey. He was pleased to see one ringer, who was only 12 years of age, ringing the treble, and he accorded them a hearty welcome as he did also some members of the Ely Diocese and Messrs. Nevard and Butler.

The Rev. O. L. Martin suitably responded. He extended a warm welcome to the ringers, and thanked Mr. Howard for the kind remarks he had made respecting his ringers. An estimate for £123 for the restoration of the church bells would be accepted as soon as the funds were forthcoming, and he hoped that after the work was completed the ringers would do even better things. Mr. Nevard, in reply, said he rang two peals on Easter Monday. They had a most enjoyable time, but he thought they might have rung a third peal just to finish the day off.

PLESHEY'S OLD BELLS RESTORED.

By kind permission of the Rev. C. H. B. Woodd, Vicar of Pleshey, Essex, six-scores of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, St. Simon's and Canterbury Doubles were rung upon the bells of the Church of the Holy Trinity on Saturday, May 3rd, by the following members of the Essex Association: H. E. Hammond, C. H. Howard, W. J. Nevard, L. W. Wiffen and W. Keeble.

The bells, a ring of five, which have been recently rehung by Mr. A. Bowell, are in excellent going order, but the tone gives one the impression that they were intended for a ring of six, with the tenor yet to be added.

The 2nd and 4th are 15th century bells by William Dawe; the treble by Miles Gray, 1620; the 3rd was recast in 1752; and the 5th, weighing 12 cwt., recast by Warner, 1854.

Near the church are the remains of a Norman fortification, now known as the Mount. It was from here that the Duke of Gloucester was decoyed from his castle to France and murdered in Paris in 1397.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**DEVIZES BRANCH.**

The monthly meeting of the Devizes branch was held at the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Heytesbury, on Saturday. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. G. L. Anderson), Mr. Targett being the organist. Twenty-seven sat down to tea at the Angel Hotel, and at the short business meeting which followed Mr. C. D. Heginbotham presided. He congratulated the people of Heytesbury on the work of rehanging the bells and referred to the condition of the bells a few years ago.—The secretary (Mr. F. Green) read a copy of the letter of sympathy sent to Mr. T. Hervey Beams, of Bradpole, Dorset, assistant secretary of the Guild, and the reply received from Mrs. Beams.

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.—The Vicar, in reply, gave a hearty welcome to the Guild, and said how pleased the people of Heytesbury were to have the bells in good order again. He hoped the branch would soon pay another visit to Heytesbury.

The ringers, including Mr. A. E. Baverstock (Zeals St. Martin) and Mr. E. Coward (Mere), were present from Heytesbury, Aldbourne, Devizes St. John and St. Mary, Bratton, Melksham, Warminster and Rowde. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise Minor were rung during the afternoon and evening.

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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.

'THE RINGING WORLD'S' 1,000th NUMBER.

Special articles and photographs will make our 1,000th number an issue which all ringers will want to read and keep.

It will appear on Friday, May 23rd, but it will then be too late for those who have not ordered their copy to obtain one. There can be no reprint.

Apart from the fact that this issue marks an important event in the history of the ringing Press, its contents will be of special interest to all ringers.

Among the features will be articles specially written for this number by prominent members of the Exercise, and the pictures will include an exclusive photograph of the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, president of the Central Council.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Will members of the Middlesex Association and others note that the meeting at St. Mary's, Enfield, will be held on May 17th, and not on the 24th, as advertised last week. The hon. secretary regrets the error made in sending the notice.

Will the gentleman who took the wrong bowler hat from the meeting room at Windsor on Saturday be good enough to return it to Mr. J. A. Dart, of 25, Elm Grove, Crouch End, N.8.

Provincial members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths visiting London for the Whitsun holiday who may be desirous of standing in a twelve-bell peal on Whit-Monday are invited to communicate with Mr. J. Sparrow, secretary, 5, Bandon Rise, Wallington, Surrey.

On May 10th, 1777, a peal of 10,200 Treble Bob Royal was rung at Shoreditch. It was one of the peals which figured in the competitive lengths between the Royal Cumberlands and College Youths, and this peal went to the credit of the former.

A peal of 12,240 Bob Major was rung at Braughing, Herts, on May 10th, 1779.

Sunday is the anniversary of the 14,112 London Surprise Major rung at King's Norton in 1903. It still is the record length in the method. There are, it is said, two longer compositions of London Major, but they have not yet been rung.

The first peal on the bells of St. Clement Danes, Strand, was a 6,485 rung by the College Youths on May 14th, 1845.

St. James' Society rang a peal of 12,096 Grandsire Caters at Fulham on May 15th, 1837.

'By George! Henry VIII's peal here was a topper. His merry w—no, lassies, are worthy of us raising our hats to such princesses.' Thus a correspondent at Shiplake, anent the peal there last Saturday.

Mr. W. E. Judd, who succeeded the late Mr. W. E. Garrard as conductor of the band at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, has been presented by the members with a gold bell pendant, suitably inscribed. The answer to a Midland correspondent is 'No.'

The number of changes in the long peal of Grandsire Cinques at Painswick on Easter Monday was 12,231, and not 12,221, as reported by the conductor.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

MR. E. DENISON TAYLOR ELECTED PRESIDENT.

CONDITIONS FOR PEALS.

The annual meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held (by the usual rotation) at Burton-on-Trent on Easter Monday. The weather, which had previously been very boisterous and wet, did not prove too bad, consequently from an early hour quite a host of ringers assembled at the various churches open for ringing. Every district of the association's activities was represented in force, viz.: Burton, Chesterfield, Derby, Nottingham, Hinckley, Leicester, Loughborough and the Peak of Derbyshire. There were also welcome friends from as far distant as Birmingham and Wellingborough, Dorc, Bottesford, Croydon and other places too numerous to mention. The bells of Burton, St. Paul's (10), St. Modwen (8), Winhill (6) and Rolleston-on-Dove (8) were in great demand, and touches in all sorts of methods more or less successfully rung. The committee met in the afternoon in St. Paul's Institute to discuss and carry out a very heavy programme of routine and other business, and deliberated for over two hours on the various items brought forward. Tea was served at 5 p.m., at which well over 100 ringers and friends were present. The chair was taken by the Vice-President (Mr. Joseph Griffin), supported by the hon. treasurer (Mr. W. Wallace), the hon. secretary (Mr. Ernest Morris), the Rev. H. E. Worthington (Rector of Seals), Mr. E. Denison Taylor (Loughborough), Mr. and Mrs. Mears, the latter being the daughter of the former president (Mr. John W. Taylor, jun.).



Mr. E. DENISON TAYLOR.

Head of the Loughborough Bell Foundry, who has been elected President of the Midland Counties Association.

The business meeting followed immediately after tea, and the vice-president gave a brief resumé of the committee's deliberations before going into full details. The general hon. secretary (Mr. Ernest Morris) read apologies for absence from Sir Percival Heywood, Bt. (son of the late Sir Arthur); Prebendary A. Lowe, Vicar of Rangemore; the Rev. W. G. Clark Maxwell, of Markeaton Hall; and the Rev. W. Peter Wright, the Squire of Eyam.

The report and balance sheet for 1929 were duly passed on the proposition of Mr. William Willson, seconded by Mr. John H. Swinfield, Mr. Willson remarking on the fact that the working expenses had produced a deficit of £18, and urging members to consider this, and a means of altering this adverse balance. New members proposed since the last meeting were duly confirmed, viz., 23 ringings, 2 life and five honorary. The general hon. secretary here complimented the Derby local secretary (Mr. George Freebrey) for his energetic work, especially in assisting him in distributing reports and circulars to hon. members, a work formerly done by the late president, Alderman Chambers; also upon the fact that the five newly elected hon. members were all his (Mr. Freebrey's) work, and included the Right Hon. J. H. Thomas, M.P., Lord Privy Seal. It is hoped that other local secretaries will note this, and thus do their best to get hon. members, whose support so helps the association, both morally and financially.

NEW PRESIDENT ELECTED.

The election of general officers for 1930 was then proceeded with, and the Vice-President stated that no nominations for president had been received, save that of Mr. E. Denison Taylor, whom they were

all pleased to welcome. He himself had been approached on the matter, but he felt that as he resided so far out of the centre of the association's sphere, and was getting on in years, someone more able should take on the work. He, therefore, had great pleasure in announcing that Mr. Taylor was elected to the presidency. Needless to say, this was received with acclamation.

Mr. Taylor responded in a very fine and vigorous speech, in which he paid a great tribute to the past presidents of the M.C.A. First was the Rev. J. Fish, Vicar of St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, who was a good ringer and energetic worker on their behalf. Next came Mr. A. P. Heywood (afterwards Sir Arthur), whose great deeds not only for this association, but for ringers and ringing generally, were widely known. Following him came his (the speaker's) brother, the late Mr. John W. Taylor, jun., who, not only as a bellfounder, but as an experienced ringer and conductor, did great things for the art. Lastly came the late lamented Alderman R. B. Chambers, of Derby, of whom it was safe to say he raised the association to its present strong financial position more than any other individual, whether ringer or otherwise. Now he himself was chosen, and although to his mind an unworthy successor to a fine set of gentlemen, nevertheless he would do all in his power to follow their good deeds, and give his best efforts to furthering the interests of the association. He paid a striking tribute to the original members of the association, alas, now growing very few, and welcomed at least three that afternoon—Mr. S. Maskery, of Derby; Mr. J. Jagger; and their vice-president, Mr. J. Griffin, of Burton. He also recalled other names of old and respected members, and paid a tribute to the services of the present officers, the treasurer, Mr. W. Wallace, of Derby, who worked incessantly in the good cause, and their painstaking and vigorous hon. secretary, Mr. Ernest Morris. To the latter he was indebted for much of his information, and he knew him not only as a ringer of ability, but as an historian and archaeologist of repute in other spheres outside the ringing association. Both Mr. Morris and he were members of the Leicestershire Archaeological Society. Mr. Taylor further urged all members to do their utmost for the art and the association, as it was only by each individual's effort that they could maintain and carry forward the glorious heritage of the past, and thus make the association one of the best and foremost in the country.

The hon. secretary (Mr. E. Morris) said that as they had had a vice-president on several occasions in the past, he proposed Mr. Joseph Griffin to that office.—This was carried unanimously.

Mr. Walter Wallace was re-elected hon. treasurer and Mr. Ernest Morris hon. secretary for the ensuing year. As there were six names proposed for delegates to the Central Council and four only required for this office, a ballot was taken, which resulted in the following being elected: The Rev. R. P. Farrow (Stoney Stanton), Messrs. John H. Swinfield (Burton), E. Denison Taylor (Loughborough), William Willson (Leicester).

A PROPOSED MEMORIAL.

Regarding the proposed memorial tablet to the late president—Alderman R. B. Chambers, B.A., J.P.—the general hon. secretary had been in communication with Mrs. Chambers, who had selected St. Peter's, Derby, as the most suitable church in which this could be erected, as her late husband had been over 20 years churchwarden there. A letter had also been received from the Vicar and Church Council, asking for fuller details before proceeding with the scheme, and in the committee discussion on the matter it was decided that a deputation visit St. Peter's, Derby, and fully go into the matter of material, size, wording, etc., of the tablet. Those selected were Messrs. Griffin, Wallace, Morris, Webb and Cockey, the first three being the officers of the association and the two latter experts in their respective trades.

Places selected by the committee for the next three quarterly meetings were Duffield (June), Bottesford (September) and Hinckley (January, 1931). These were duly ratified.

Regarding the War Saving Certificates belonging to the association, the hon. treasurer explained that a communication had been received from the solicitors of the estate of the late president (Mr. R. B. Chambers, who had held same on trust) that a new trustee must be appointed before these could be transferred. The committee had, therefore, suggested that Mr. William Willson, of Leicester, and Mr. W. Wallace, of Derby, be trustees, and the general hon. secretary was requested to get the necessary transfer made.—This was agreed to.

Honorariums were granted to the general hon. secretary and the eight local secretaries, but it was pointed out in the committee that these would have to be reviewed another year, as the association had actually worked at a loss during the past year. The hon. treasurer asked each local secretary to do his best to gather in all subscriptions outstanding, as this would then put matters right.

PEAL BOOKING FEES.

Next arose the question of charging for the booking of peals and for printing them in the annual report. Although not the first proposer of this, Mr. William Willson formally proposed that in future all reports of peals be charged at the rate of 3d. per man per peal. He pointed out the deficiency in the association's working funds and supported this measure as a means of getting extra money, and in this he was seconded by Mr. A. J. Harris, who contended that those who rang peals ought to be pleased to pay for the booking of them. Mr. W. E. White also supported this view.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

PRESENTATIONS AT A BRANCH MEETING.

The annual meeting of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch, held at Farnham Royal, was quite a successful one, some dozen or more towers being represented. An excellent address was given by the Rector (the Rev. A. F. G. Farmer) on the text, 'Quit ye like men.' A photograph of the party, taken before sitting down to tea, has turned out a success, and copies will be available for those who require them.

A departure from the usual routine was made directly after tea, when the chairman, on behalf of many friends, presented a handsome clock, with Westminster chimes, in mahogany case, to Mr. C. C. Mayne, and a pair of silver candlesticks to Mrs. C. C. Mayne, as a wedding present and mark of appreciation of services in the past.—Both the recipients replied, thanking their friends for this pleasant surprise.

Several interesting discussions took place during the business meeting, when it was decided to invest some of the branch funds in the Abbey Road Building Society at 5 per cent., also to grant an honorarium of £2 per annum to the branch secretary.

The following officers were elected: Chairman, the Rev. W. S. Riddelsdell, M.A.; branch ringing master, Mr. T. J. Fowler; secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. D. Barker; and five representatives to serve on the General Committee.

Great pleasure was expressed at the presence of the master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), general secretary (Mr. R. T. Hibbert), and general treasurer (Mr. A. J. Wright), who congratulated the branch on still further progress.

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The proposal was strongly condemned by Messrs. T. Vallance, J. Frank Smallwood, M. Swinfield and the general hon. secretary, each of whom emphasised the fact that peal ringers already paid for their peals, and often quite dearly, not only by travelling expenses, but by postages and in making arrangements, and then the sending to the ringing Press and to headquarters.

The general hon. secretary (Ernest Morris) stated that he had rung more peals for the M.C.A. than any other individual member, and that he could honestly say that every one had cost several shillings on an average, and that the idea of penalising peal ringers by this extra charge was certainly not the way to get extra funds. It had been said that all peals were rung for the glorification of individual ringers comprising the bands, but was not the association (as a body) proud of their performances? Would not the association's position be less prominent without their fine peal records?

Mr. Walter White, of Cotgrave, spoke of the pleasure and pride with which he—as a young ringer in the past—had read of the doings and peal records of the 'great ones' of the M.C.A. He contended that the best way to get funds was not to penalise peal ringers, but to raise the annual subscription, and issue a report to all members free. This was supported by Mr. Colin Harrison, who pointed out that this had already been successfully tried in another association.

The discussion became so protracted that many members had to leave the meeting to catch early trains, etc., and Mr. W. Willson finally withdrew the proposition.

Mr. W. E. White then brought forward two motions which had been discussed and passed in committee. The first was: That each acknowledged and recorded peal by the association must comply with the following conditions:—

1. All peals must commence and finish with rounds.
2. On five bells a peal must consist of not less than 42 true and complete 120's, each commencing and finishing with rounds. It may be lengthened by the addition of any number of 120's and for one shorter touch fulfilling the above conditions.
3. On six bells a peal must consist of not less than seven true and complete 720's, each commencing and finishing with rounds. It may be lengthened by the addition of any number of 720's and for one shorter touch fulfilling the above conditions.
4. On seven bells a peal must consist of not less than 5,040 true and complete changes, commencing and finishing with rounds.
5. On eight bells and upwards a peal must consist of not less than 5,000 true and complete changes, commencing and finishing with rounds.
6. Splicing of 5 and 6, 6 and 7, 7 and 8, 8 and 9, etc., bell methods will not be recognised in any peal.

ADDITION TO TITLE OF ASSOCIATION.

Mr. W. E. White then proposed that in future the full title of the association shall be 'The Midland Counties Association of Change Ringers for the Dioceses of Derby, Leicester, Lichfield and Southwell.' This had met with the approval of the Lord Bishops concerned, and was carried by the members remaining.

Later in the evening further ringing was done on both tower and handbells and a convivial hour spent 'in a select spot,' and thus ended a very successful meeting, although to the committee and officers concerned a very tiring one!

E. M.

THE KING AND WINDSOR BELLS.

LARGE GATHERING OF RINGERS AT REOPENING.

The reopening of the bells at Windsor Parish Church on Saturday proved a great attraction to ringers, many of whom travelled considerable distances to be present on an interesting occasion. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have had the bells at the foundry, where they were retuned. The old frame has been repaired and the bells have been hung in entirely new fittings. Not only do the bells now go perfectly, but a vast improvement has been effected in their tone, and those who knew the bells before the restoration were greatly pleased at the result. The work has cost about £230, which was raised largely by an appeal in the 'Windsor and Eton Gazette' and the efforts of Mr. E. R. Foreman (churchwarden). The list was headed by His Majesty the King and the Prince of Wales.

The bells were first rung on Easter Day, when the Vicar of Windsor (the Rev. C. H. Hamilton) wrote to Lord Stamfordham requesting him to inform His Majesty that the bells were complete, and that they had been used that day. The Vicar received the following reply:—

'Windsor Castle, April 21st, 1930.

'My Dear Vicar,—Many thanks for your letter of yesterday, which has been read by the King, who was so glad to hear the bells ring again yesterday. His Majesty heartily congratulates you on your successful undertaking for the restoration of the bells.—Yours very truly,
STAMFORDHAM.'

The letter has been framed and hung in the belfry.

The dedication service was conducted by the Vicar in the presence of a large congregation, and the dedicatory prayers were offered by the Bishop of Buckingham, who gave a most appropriate address.

The visiting ringers were afterwards entertained to tea at the Church House by the Vicar and churchwardens, and among those who were present were Mr. S. Oxley (representing the proprietors of the 'Gazette') Mr. J. M. Burne (churchwarden), Mr. A. A. Hughes (Whitechapel Foundry), Mr. J. J. Parker (the veteran composer and ringer, of Farnham Royal), Mr. Tom Benney, of Stepney (one of the oldest members of the College Youths), Mr. W. A. Cave and Mrs. R. J. Wilkins, of Bristol, and ringers from St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, Southgate, Greenwich, Watford, Poole, Harrow, Camberwell, Slough, Staines, Shrivensham, Hillingdon, Boyne Hill, Old Windsor, Clewer, Beaconsfield, Bletchley, Cookham, High Wycombe and other places, the number being about 80. Much to his regret, Mr. Churchwarden Foreman was unable to be present owing to indisposition.

The Vicar, after tea, voiced the thanks of the church authorities to the local Press for having made the restoration scheme possible, and to the bellfounders for the excellent way in which they had carried out their work.—Mr. Stanley Oxley replied, and thanks were accorded to those who had kindly provided the tea, and to the ringers' wives who had superintended the serving of it.

The evening was spent in ringing touches in a variety of methods on the bells, a notable feature of this part of the proceedings being the excellent striking which predominated. The arrangements were efficiently carried out by Mr. L. Stillwell, who was indefatigable in securing the comfort and enjoyment of the ringers.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

THE IMPROVEMENT IN NORTH COLLINGHAM BELLS.

The North Notts Association held a very enjoyable meeting at North Collingham on Easter Monday, when ringers were present from Anston, Edwinstowe, Gamston, Sutton-on-Trent, Ordsall, Wheatley, Worksop, Nottingham, Lincoln, Great Hale, Eagle, South Collingham and the local company to test the beautiful bells, which have recently been rehung on ball bearings.

After tea the business meeting was presided over by the Vicar, Canon Gould, who was accompanied by Mrs. Gould, and the treasurer and secretary. The Vicar, in giving a hearty welcome to the association, remarked upon the recent overhauling of the bells, and said he hoped that the ringers had found a great improvement. No good ringing could be done before the repairs had been carried out.

The arrangements for the next meeting were left to the committee to decide. The secretary said that it would, as usual, be held at East Retford, and would be the 42nd annual meeting. He hoped that ringers would try and make it a record gathering.

The following members were duly elected: Arthur Jessop and John Day, performing members from North Collingham, and Mrs. P. Humphreys (Folkingham), Mrs. J. Bray (Burton Stather), Mr. R. Richardson (Surfleet), Mr. F. E. Collins (Norwood) as non-resident life members.

In proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens, caterers and local company for all the privileges and work that had been done in making such an enjoyable day, Mr. C. McGuiness said the 'go' of the bells was considerably improved and an excellent job had been made of them.—Mr. C. F. Fowler seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

The methods rung were Plain Bob, Kent, Oxford and Sandal Treble Bob, Stedman Doubles and Cambridge Surprise. The probationary members of North Collingham acquitted themselves admirably.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**INSURANCE OF CHURCH BELLS AGAINST FIRE.**

The Bedfordshire Association discussed several matters of importance at their annual meeting on Easter Monday, when they met at Leighton Buzzard. There was ringing on the ten bells at Leighton Buzzard and the eight at Linslade during the day, and after lunch, Canon W. W. C. Baker (president) presided over the business meeting. Explaining why they met in Leighton Buzzard again, the President said they had hoped to meet at Bedford, and their hopes were raised when they heard that the bells of St. Paul's Church were to be put in order, but the work was not yet begun, although it was hoped that by another year the association would be able to resume their meetings there. In the meantime, they were grateful to Leighton Buzzard for providing them with the next best place of meeting. It was not unfitting, however, that they should come to that side of the county, considering the history that had been made in the restoration of the bells at Tilsforth and the addition of a treble bell at Totternhoe. The association congratulated these parishes on the success of their efforts. The Diocesan Advisory Committee had not been able to prevent them doing what they wanted to (hear, hear).

The 47th annual report of the committee stated that that year had been a successful one. There had been a slight increase, both in honorary and ringing members. The peals rung, however, were only 28, against 34 for the previous year, but a good feature was that a number of young members had rung their first peal. The association had lost by death its hon. auditor, Mr. F. T. Tanqueray, of Woburn. He was one of the few members who had remained with the association since its formation. He conducted the first 720 of Bob Minor ever rung in the county. Owing to his departure from Bedford, Mr. J. Newington had had to resign from the secretaryship of the Bedford district. Mr. Bonnett, of Stagsden, had succeeded him. Two important restorations had taken place at Tilsforth and Totternhoe, where there were now rings of six, and both towers had keen bands of young ringers.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION TOO LOW?

The balance sheet showed a balance in hand of slightly over £24, and Canon Baker said that when they started the association the Duke of Bedford gave them a donation of £25. Nearly 50 years after they had still got nearly £25 in hand.

The report and balance sheet were adopted, and a suggestion by Mr. A. Markwell, that the members' subscription of 1s. was too low and should be increased, was referred to the next annual meeting.

On being re-elected president, Canon Baker said there was no honour he appreciated more, but if he lived to meet them another year he would be 70, and it would be time to make way for some younger and more energetic member. He was ringing in defiance of doctor's orders, to which he did not pay much attention, but he was not able to take part in peals now.

Four vice-presidents elected were: Miss E. Steel, Bedford; Mr. A. King, Luton; Mr. C. Herbert, Woburn; and the Rev. A. Rust, Husborne Crawley. Mr. E. Herbert was elected hon. auditor, and Mr. A. E. Sharman, of Dunstable, hon. secretary and treasurer, the Rev. A. Rust paying a warm tribute to Mr. Sharman's work. Canon Baker and Mr. Sharman were re-elected representatives to the Central Council. Canon Baker regretted that an old friend, Canon Coleridge, was resigning from the presidency of the Central Council, owing to advancing age. It was decided to send a message of sympathy to Canon Coleridge in his illness.

When the place for the next meeting was under discussion, Canon Baker said that Leighton Buzzard was a delightful place, but on the edge of a precipice into another county, whereas Bedford, apart from being the county town, had an admirable peal of bells. He proposed that the next annual meeting be held at Bedford. Mr. J. Nicholls, of Leighton Buzzard, seconded, and the meeting agreed.

It was decided to hold the summer meeting at Cardington.

EATON SOCON BELLS.

Canon Baker referred to the disastrous fire at Eaton Socon Church, and said that fortunately they were well insured, but if they got the whole of the insurance, the restoration of the church to anything like its former beauty would cost a very large sum. If the bells were not altogether destroyed, they were very much damaged. They had been taken down for safety, and there was no immediate prospect of being able to restore them. The Vicar told him that the bells would be one of the last things that would have to be considered. He did not know whether it would be possible for the ringers of Bedfordshire, not only the members of the association, to do what they could by small subscriptions, spread over a term of years, to help to get these bells rehung. If they could organise some sort of a subscription from ringers in the county, anything they could give would be very warmly appreciated by the Vicar and churchwardens, and would be earmarked for that purpose. It might result in the bells being got to work again sooner than they otherwise would. He would undertake to communicate with ringers all over the county to see if they could not raise some small sum. It was an overwhelming disaster for the people of Eaton Socon, but on the day after the fire the Vicar received a letter from a gentleman expressing sympathy and enclosing a cheque for £100, and that was a very tangible form of sympathy that the association might try and imitate.

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Mr. Markwell suggested that the appeal be made a diocesan affair, and Mr. Sharman was in favour of collecting cards in each tower. A subscription from the association was also suggested, and in the end it was decided to leave the matter in Canon Baker's hands.

The Rev. A. Rust thought that church insurance policies should stipulate separately the things covered by it. At Husborne Crawley they had insured their bells definitely as such, and it should be done in every parish.

Mr. Sharman asked whether it was the duty of the Rural Dean or the Archdeacon to see that the bells were insured.

Canon Baker replied that it was the duty of the Parochial Church Council.

Mr. Sharman said the bells should not be allowed to get into the condition some did. It should be compulsory to keep bells as much in repair as the fabric. At Caddington the wheels were broken, and it was a disgrace to any church.

Mr. King: It's a bird's paradise (laughter).

Canon Baker said they could not now compel people to spend money as in the old days, when there were church rates, and when the churchwardens were ordered to levy a rate and do the work. Since the abolition of church rates, this was no longer possible. That was why there were ruined churches in Bedfordshire. He thought the suggestion that bells should be adequately insured an admirable one.

Mr. Sharman recalled that when the tower at Totternhoe was burned out the bells were rehung as part of the restoration scheme, and nothing was heard about them being provided for separately.

SUGGESTED REVISION OF DISTRICTS.

Mr. Sharman raised the question of revising the districts. He said there was a very wide area in the county that needed 'roping in' by the association. There was a wide area all round Amphill where there was no change ringing, and he wondered whether the association could not form a small committee to re-group the county. There were three districts of Biggleswade, Luton and Bedford, but there was a wide area uncovered, and they did not know whose district it was. Could not the county be re-formed on the rural deanery system?

Miss Steel said it was understood that Amphill, Maulden and Flitwick were in the Luton district.

Mr. Sharman added that they were out to extend change ringing, and this was an opportunity to do it.

The question was referred to the committee.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicars of Leighton and Linslade for the use of the church belfries, and to Mr. J. Nicholls for making the arrangements for the visit.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. WARM WELCOME AT HEDON.

A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Hedon, near Hull, on Easter Monday. A boisterous and stormy week-end had the effect of substantially reducing the attendance at the gathering. Hedon is situated five miles from Hull, and the magnificent Parish Church of St. Augustine is a tribute to its former commercial importance. Dating from 1185 A.D., the church has cathedral-like proportions, and its elaborate and beautiful examples of styles in various periods of architecture emphasise its claim to be the 'King of Holderness,' as the inhabitants proudly proclaim. The tower contains a splendid new ring of eight bells (tenor 17½ cwt.), and their beautiful tone and perfect 'go' add yet another laurel to the famous Loughborough Foundry.

A meeting of the committee of the association was held in the early afternoon, following which the general meeting was held in the neighbouring schoolroom. Letters of apology for non-attendance were received from the president (the Rev. C. C. Marshall), Messrs. A. Walker, G. Halksworth, G. Lewis and F. Clark.

Mr. Arthur Moody, of Hedon, was elected as a member of the association, and a most hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Hedon, the Rev. E. H. M. Ainslie, M.A., for so kindly granting the use of the splendid new ring, was moved by Mr. P. J. Johnson, and seconded by Mr. F. G. Sherwood.

The Vicar of Hedon, in reply, said how delighted he was to have the visitors at Hedon, and also how gratified he was with the admiration which the new bells excited. In a passing word to his own new young band, the Vicar urged them never to forget that they were part of the church organisation, and to let that thought urge them to give of their best to change ringing, and let their example be a worthy one for others to follow.

Mr. S. F. Palmer proposed a vote of thanks to the local company and the ladies for their kind arrangements. This was seconded by Mr. J. Lawson.

In racy replies, Messrs. C. Drescher and G. B. Newton gave promise of great things in the ringing world, and bade the senior members look to their laurels in the near future.

An invitation to hold the next meeting of the association at Calverley in September was accepted on the motion of Mr. S. F. Palmer, seconded by Mr. W. Middleton.

A bountiful tea, served in the same schoolroom, was greatly appreciated by some 40 members, and the reply to a vote of thanks by Mrs. Drescher, of Hedon, proved the village capable of producing excellent speakers, in addition to enthusiastic ringers and first-class cooks.

Ringing continued in the tower until a late hour, many of the local young band being piloted through their first plain courses and touches, and their great keenness is an earnest of brilliant achievements in the future.

This account would be incomplete without a reference to a warm welcome at the church by Alderman Allan Park, and the memory of this delightful village, the magnificent church and the wholehearted welcome will long remain a pleasant recollection with all those who attended this meeting.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.

A very successful meeting was held at Hambledon (the birthplace of cricket) on Saturday week, the glorious weather attracting nearly 40 ringers during the afternoon and evening from Bramshott, East Meon, Petersfield, Portsmouth (St. Mary's), Hambledon, Shedfield, Swanmore, Titchfield and visitors from Ryde and Beaconsfield (Bucks). By kind permission of the Vicar, the peal of six were available for ringing, and at the service, conducted by the Rev. E. B. Maynard, in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, owing to ill-health, the Guild's new form was used.

Tea at the New Inn was followed by the business meeting, at which the Rev. E. B. Maynard presided. Three new members from Hambledon and two from Titchfield were elected.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at East Meon on Saturday, July 19th, and a meeting for combined practice at Curdridge on Saturday, May 31st, due notice of which will appear in 'The Ringing World.'

Votes of thanks were accorded the Rev. E. B. Maynard for his kindness in being present, and also to the lady who presided at the organ. This concluded the meeting, after which a further visit was paid to the tower, where touches were rung, comprising Grandeire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Minor and Cambridge Surprise.

WINCHESTER DISTRICT.

A meeting of the Winchester District took place at Alresford on Saturday. Ringing commenced on the ring of eight bells at 3 o'clock, and was followed by a service in the church, conducted by the Vicar.

Tea was prepared at the Swan Hotel, to which, however, 14 only sat down. Members present were from Winchester, Bishop's Sutton, Titchfield, Overton, Micheldever, King's Somborne and Alresford.

After the business meeting, the members paid a visit to Old Alresford Church, where there is a pretty ring of six, which were utilised for an hour, and a move was then made to Bishop's Sutton, where there is a ring of five bells. This brought to a close a very enjoyable afternoon and evening.

THE DEVON GUILD.

A LEAN PERIOD.

The position of affairs in Devon was discussed at a meeting of the East Devon Branch at Axminster on Easter Monday. The matter was raised by Mr. H. Skinner, of Honiton, who called attention to the articles which had appeared in 'The Ringing World,' and inquired if any answer could be made to the criticisms.

The President of the Guild (the Rev. E. S. Powell) said the Guild was going through one of the lean periods that occurred in the affairs of every organisation. The position was one that required consideration, but there was no need for alarm. The Guild was undoubtedly in slack water. During the war bands were broken up. Afterwards they increased enormously. Now the number had declined and there was a certain amount of reaction. There had been a slight setback, not only in the East Devon branch, but every other branch. Before the war there were 37 bands, of which not more than 31 were practising change ringing. Last year there were 54 bands, of which 44 were practising change ringing. That comparison was not indicative of decay.

Mr. G. C. Woodley (of Sidmouth, and late of Talaton) said he thought a little more hard work ought to be put into the Guild so as to create enthusiasm, or the competitive ringing connected with the Devon Association would cause bands to lapse from the Guild.

The President: I don't think it will affect change ringers as a whole. A band here and there may drop out, but you will not find many change ringers going back to 'stone.'

Mr. Skinner: How many towers are there in Devon?

The President: Of towers possessing from five to eight bells there are about 300.

Mr. Skinner: You have not got many in the Guild, then?

The President: No. Scientific change ringing is a matter of slow growth, and towers devoted to it are always difficult to increase. Time after time I have had bands, including young men who are sick of round and call change ringing, writing and saying they want to take up half-pull ringing, but they have been miles from any Guild centre and could not get instruction. The only way in which you will get change ringing throughout the county is to push out from change ringing parishes into round ringing parishes. The menace to the Devon Guild is supposed to be the Devon Association. That association now only possesses 70 towers, although it started five years ago. I don't believe there is any great enthusiasm for competitive ringing, even among round ringers, but branches must do everything they can to arouse enthusiasm and to put in more work for the interests of the Guild. It is a job not for one or two, but for all.

The Rev. E. S. Powell presided over the meeting in the absence of the Rev. L. Stallard (Ottery), who was re-elected chairman, with Mr. J. H. Godfrey (Ottery) as hon. secretary and treasurer. Sidmouth was chosen for the next annual meeting, on Easter Monday, and Fenton for a district meeting on September 17th. Hearty thanks were accorded those who assisted at the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. H. Sanders), who also gave an address, to the branch officers, and the local ringers.

Ringing took place at Axminster and other towers during the day.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING OF CLEVELAND ASSOCIATION.

The meetings of the Cleveland Association go on from success to success. The meeting on Easter Monday at Robin Hood's Bay was voted by all who attended to be another triumph for the association. Thirty-four members and friends sat down to dinner, and the towers represented included Darlington, Stockton, Middlesbrough, Ormesby, Sharow, Whitby and, of course, the local tower.

The peal of eight were kept going in Plain Bob, Kent, Grandeire and Stedman from early till about 6 o'clock at night, and everyone had their fill of good ringing, the perfect striking of most of the touches being a feature of the meeting.

The younger members of the association were well represented both by the local band and the visitors. One young enthusiast cycled from Sharow to Robin Hood's Bay, some 60 miles; such is the enthusiasm for the association.

It was a good meeting; the weather was not too favourable, but the happy spirit which pervaded the whole of the gathering made up for the shortcomings of the weather. Another success! Now for a bumper meeting at Northallerton on Whit-Monday! J. C. P.

EASTER BELLS.

SHARNBROOK.—On Easter Sunday, at St. Peter's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Minor, consisting of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob, in 43 mins.: W. Surridge 1, J. Bragg 2, G. Bell 3, R. C. Allen 4, A. J. Barcock 5, E. C. Allen (conductor) 6. First quarter-peal for ringer of 2, for whom it was arranged.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY.—On Easter Sunday, for 10.15 Communion service, 720 Plain Bob: G. Jarrad 1, A. Walker 2, H. Harding, sen., 3, J. Goacher 4, G. Grover 5, F. Bennett (conductor) 6. For evening service, 720 Beverley Surprise Minor: A. Walker 1, F. Day 2, G. Grover 3, J. Goacher 4, N. Harding 5, F. Bennett (conductor) 6.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on May 22nd; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 13th; Southwark Cathedral on the 15th; °St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 27th, all at 7.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 29th, 8. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, May 10th. Bells ready at 12 noon. Service at 5. Tea after.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wollaston on Saturday, May 10th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Stoke-Edith on Saturday, May 10th. Bells (6) available 3.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.45.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Sittingbourne on Saturday, May 10th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service in the Church at 4. Tea will be supplied at Cremer's Cafe at 5, at 1/- each. Half rail fares will be allowed to members attending.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Milverton on Saturday, May 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, tea, etc., after.—P. Merson, Bishops Hull.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held jointly at Sheffield Cathedral and St. Marie's on Saturday, May 10th. Bells available early. Visitors make own arrangements for tea.—H. Thorpe, Hon. Sec., 104, Petre Street, Sheffield.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Godshill on Saturday, May 10th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at 5, at the Griffin Hotel. All ringers are welcome.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The annual Spring meeting will be held at Chipping Norton (8 bells) on Saturday, May 10th.—J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Laxfield on May 10th. Tea 1s. each at the King's Head, at 4.30 p.m. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the branch will be held at Aldbourne on Saturday, May 10th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m.—Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec., East Leaze, Baydon, Marlborough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Curry Rivel on Saturday, May 10th. Service at 4 p.m., tea and meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Hon. Branch Sec., Martock, Somerset.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The usual monthly meeting will be held at Southport on Saturday, May 10th (jointly with the Wigan and Preston branches) to form the half-yearly meeting of the association. Particulars elsewhere in these columns.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Secretary.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Kirton on Saturday, May 10th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Divine Service 4.15. Tea 4.45, followed immediately by usual business meeting. All ringers cordially invited.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., School House, Butterwick, nr. Boston, Lincs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Wolvey on Saturday, May 10th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Tea provided at 5. A good meeting is requested. All ringers welcome. W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on May 10th at Cockington. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15, tea to follow at Parish Hall. Those intending to be present please notify me early.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church St., Paignton.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Aldershot on Saturday, May 17th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Tea 5 o'clock. All welcome. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, May 14th.—Hilda F. Mills, Cairneyhill, Bridgefield, Farnham.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD (Southern District) and the **MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD** (South and West District).—A joint meeting will be held at Lambeth on Sat., May 17th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 6. Service at 7.30 with address by the Vicar. Ringing till 9.15. It is important for those intending to be present to acquaint, by May 13th, the London County Hon. Dis. Sec.—J. Herbert, 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The festival will be held at Calne, Wilts, on Saturday, May 17th. Service in Parish Church at 12.30 p.m. Preacher, Ven. Archdeacon Coulter. Luncheon and annual meeting at Town Hall, 1.30., price 1s. 6d. Those requiring luncheon please inform Secretary by May 12th. Towers open: Bishop's Cannings, Calne, Melksham, Wootton Bassett (8), Bremhill, Bromham, Rowd (6), Compton Bassett (5), Devizes (3 towers).—F. Llewellyn Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Abergavenny (Mon.) on Saturday, May 17th. Bells (8) available. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Rd., Newport, Mon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whittle-le-Woods on Saturday, May 17th. Bells available from 2.30.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next meeting will be held at Youghreave, near Bakewell, on Saturday, May 17th (not 10th as previously stated). Church of All Saints (8 bells, tenor 27 cwt.). It is hoped to make arrangements for tea. Visitors from other districts welcome. Reports ready. Subscriptions due.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—The annual general meeting will be held at Faringdon on Saturday, May 17th. Tower open 2.30. Service 3.30. Those requiring tea please notify G. Webley, Union St., Faringdon, by the 14th.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Hemel Hempstead on Saturday, May 17th. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by a tea and business meeting. The bells have recently been rehung on ball bearings. Hoping to have a good attendance.—J. Puplett, Hon. Sec., Aylesbury Road, Tring.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—Next district meeting will be held at Overseal on Saturday, May 17th. Bells (8) ready 2.30 p.m. All those requiring tea must send in their names to Mr. J. W. Cotton, Moira Road, Overseal, by 15th at latest. Reports on sale (6d.). Please see that we have a good meeting.—John Leach, Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Marden on Saturday, May 17th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea followed by business meeting after service. Members requiring tea must notify the Dis. Sec. not later than Tuesday, May 13th.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Est. 1672).—The annual meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's Church, Nottingham, on Saturday, May 17th. Tower open 5 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Tilehurst on Saturday, May 17th. The bells will be available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., to be followed by a ringers' service at 6 p.m. Ringing will be continued after the service. Tea 1/- each. Please let me know by Tuesday, May 13th, numbers intending to be present.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Branch Sec., 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. Mary Magdalene, Enfield, on Saturday, May 17th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Meeting at 6. Tea at 1s. per head will be arranged at 5.30 for those who advise me by May 14th. Members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Radwinter on Saturday, May 17th, at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30. Those requiring tea kindly advise me.—C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Kibworth on Saturday, May 17th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Rose and Crown Hotel at 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please let me know by Friday, May 16th.—Alban Disney, 3, Highgate, Aylestone Lane, Leicester.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brinkworth on Saturday, May 17th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea after service for those who notify me by Wednesday, May 14th.—S. Hopper, 79, Edinburgh Street, Swindon, Wilts.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guldborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Spratton on Saturday, May 17th. Bells 5. Service 4.15. Will those requiring tea please notify me?—R. Adams, East Haddon, Northants.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Barthomley (8 bells) on Saturday, May 17th. Those intending to be present kindly let me know by the 14th inst.—R. D. Langford, Branch Hon. Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at East Retford on Saturday, May 24th, when East Retford (10), West Retford and Ordsall (6), will be open for ringing from 2 p.m. See the next issue for further particulars.—H. Revill and R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Secs.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Shenfield on Saturday, May 24th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Tea 5. Meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present and requiring tea advise me by Tuesday, May 20th? This is essential.—E. J. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Witley on Saturday, May 24th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting. Numbers for tea to me by Monday, May 19th, please.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, near Guildford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The first district quarterly meeting will be held at Derby on Saturday, May 24th. The bells of St. Luke's (8) will be available from 2.30 till 4.30 p.m., and the bells of St. Andrew's (10) will be available from 6 till 7.30 p.m. Business meeting at 4.30 in St. Luke's belfry. All ringers welcome. Will members who have not paid their subscription kindly do so at this meeting or send them. Reports for 1929 can be obtained? Seats can be reserved and tea obtained at King's Cafe, St. Peter's Street, on *notice being given in the belfry during the afternoon.*—George Freebrey, Local Hon. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Singleton (6 bells) on Saturday, May 24th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 6. A good attendance is requested.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 118, Dickson Road, Blackpool.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the Northern and North-Eastern Divisions will be held at Great Tey on Saturday, May 24th. Short service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5.15. All who intend to be present please notify Mr. Ridgwell, Queen's Road, Earls Colne, or R. W. Stannard, 12, Ireton Road, Colchester, Hon. secretaries of the two divisions, not later than May 19th, as only a limited number can be provided for?

A HARDY ANNUAL.—Bushey.—May 24th.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—Jubilee celebrations at Wokingham on Saturday, May 24th. Ringing at All Saints' and St. Paul's Churches from 3 p.m. Thanksgiving service in St. Paul's Church at 5 p.m. Preacher, the Ven. Archdeacon of Berkshire. Tea by kind invitation of the Rector in the Rectory garden at 6 p.m. Those ringers are welcome who notify me of their intention to be present. Latest date, Monday, May 19th.—W. J. Paice, Branch Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—Special notice to all who are unable to attend Saturday meetings.—I am making provisional arrangements for a meeting at Dunmow on Wednesday, June 4th. Will those interested kindly write me?—C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The 51st annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday, June 9th.—F. A. Pitstow, Gen. Sec. and Treas., 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

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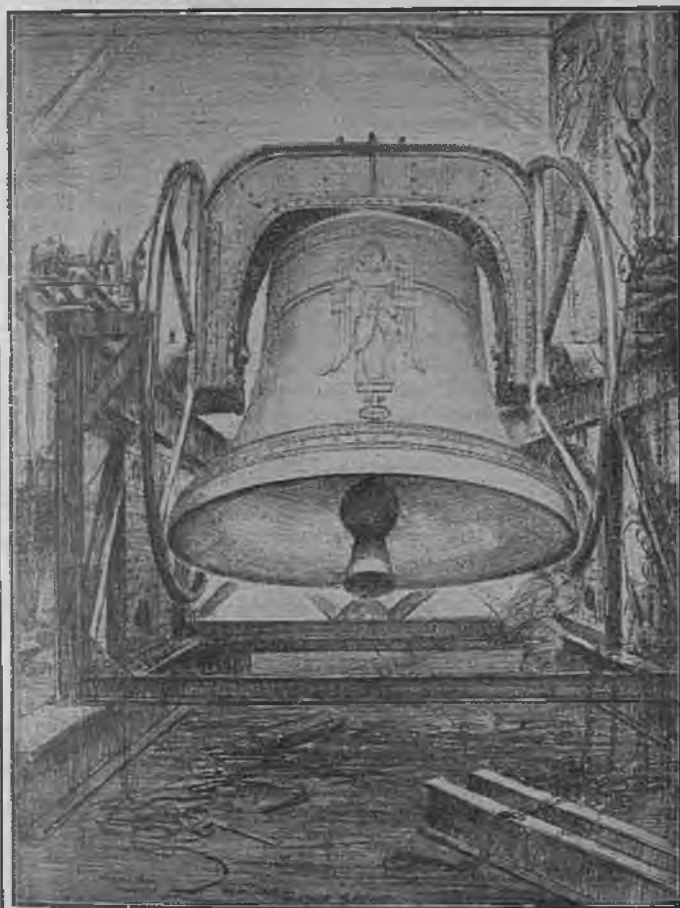
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action of the Midland Counties Association may be followed by others and much that the Council has stood for in the past may be lost. Every association has a right to say what it will admit as a peal, but the whole aim since the Council was founded, nearly forty years ago, has been to unify these various views. It would be a pity if at this stage the Council let slip their recognised authority because, while waiting to see which way the cat jumps, they decline to make up their mind upon the present requirements of the Exercise.

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| JOHN PRICE 3 | JOHN GOODMAN 7 |
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Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN.

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REDDISH, STOCKPORT.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 6, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELISABETH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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| THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. | Tenor 13½ cwt. in F. |
| ALFRED BARNES Treble | *FRANK TWIGG 5 |
| *ERNEST BENNETT 2 | ALLEN F. BAILEY 6 |
| FREDERICK PAGE 3 | HAROLD JACKSON 7 |
| PETER LAFLIN 4 | †JOSEPH WILSON Tenor |

Conducted by HAROLD JACKSON.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Stedman Triples by Mr. Wilson, who was elected a member of the Chester Guild prior to starting. Rung on the 20th anniversary of the accession of His Majesty.

NORTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 4, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt. in F sharp.

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| GEORGE LAND Treble | ALBERT G. HARRISON 5 |
| ERIC G. BENNETT 2 | CHARLES E. LOVETT 6 |
| GEORGE W. JEFFS 3 | CHARLES F. GOODMAN 7 |
| NOLAN GOLDEN 4 | WILLIAM STEGGALL Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Arranged for Mr. G. W. Jeffs, of Titchmarsh, Northants.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 5, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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| HEYWOOD'S No. 1. | Tenor 11 cwt. |
| F. S. PRICE Treble | J. BAILEY 5 |
| A. R. HICKTON 2 | *J. H. JOYNER 6 |
| A. H. WARD 3 | W. R. DRAGE 7 |
| *F. W. TURNER 4 | E. C. CHASTY Tenor |

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

* First peal.

DISS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 6, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5086 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

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| WILLIAM IRELAND Treble | NOLAN GOLDEN 5 |
| ARTHUR W. LEEDER 2 | CLEMENT J. MORE 6 |
| JOHN SOUTER 3 | WILLIAM STEGGALL 7 |
| ALBERT G. HARRISON 4 | GEORGE ARCHER Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

This peal was arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. William Ireland on his 78th birthday, and to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the King's accession.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 6, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

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| GEORGE PINCOTT Treble | *CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON |
| JOHN POTTER 2 | JOHN H. C. MASSEY |
| *PETER CROOK, JUN. 3 | JAMES W. GROUNDS 7 |
| JOHN BOOTH 4 | PETER CROOK Tenor |

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

* First peal in the method. 150th peal as conductor. Rung to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the King's reign, and P. Crook's quarter-century as a ringer.

ALDERSHOT, HAMPSHIRE.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 7, 1930, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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| REGINALD J. WHITFORD ... Treble | WILLIAM DENYER 5 |
| MISS NANCIE DENYER 2 | *PERCIVAL L. ELDRIDGE 6 |
| *WILL H. VIGGERS 3 | RICHARD HASTED 7 |
| CHARLES WM. DENYER 4 | LCE-SERG. E. J. BRAGG |

GREN. GDS. ... Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by R. HASTED.

* First peal. Rung to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the accession of H.M. King George V. to the throne. The ringers of the 5th, 4th and 2nd are father, son and daughter. The conductor hails from Farnham, Surrey. The rest are members of the local band, and regular Sunday service ringers. Immediately the bells stopped, the Vicar, the Rev. H. Le Fleming, congratulated the ringers on their success, and said he would have a board made recording the performance, and placed in a suitable position in the ringing chamber.

PENKRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Wednesday, May 7, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.

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| *FRED BIRKS Treble | RICHARD J. WARRILOW ... 5 |
| *FREDERICK R. WIGGIN ... 2 | W. HAROLD JONES ... 6 |
| HERBERT F. EVANS ... 3 | JOHN PERRY... .. 7 |
| JOHN WARRILOW ... 4 | CHARLES J. BASTONE ... Tenor |

Conducted by W. HAROLD JONES.

* First peal in the method away from the treble.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, May 7, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
G. LINDOFF'S SIX-PART, No. 2. Tenor 10 cwt.

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| E. HARRY STONELEY Treble | RICHARD C. BELTON ... 5 |
| JOHN H. SWINFELD ... 2 | MAURICE SWINFELD ... 6 |
| JOSEPH BAILEY ... 3 | JAMES GEORGE ... 7 |
| CHARLES DRAPER ... 4 | PERCY W. YATES... .. Tenor |

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, May 7, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

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| JOHN S. GOLDSMITH Treble | GEORGE E. CLODE ... 5 |
| GEORGE WILSON ... 2 | WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6 |
| WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 3 | ALFRED H. PULLING ... 7 |
| C. ERNEST SMITH ... 4 | WILLIAM T. BEESON ... Tenor |

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Rung in honour of the 20th anniversary of the King's accession.

SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, May 7, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble | JACK M. CRIPPS ... 5 |
| KENNETH SNELLING ... 2 | KEITH HART... .. 6 |
| NELSON ELLIOTT... 3 | FREDERICK W. CRIPPS ... 7 |
| ROBERT SWIFT ... 4 | OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. Tenor |

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

Rung as a compliment on the 73rd birthday of the conductor.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, May 8, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt.

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| HENRY STALHAM... .. Treble | FREDERICK N. SMEATON ... 5 |
| CHARLES GEARY ... 2 | FRANK BENNETT ... 6 |
| ALFRED W. GROVES ... 3 | HENRY COLLEY ... 7 |
| MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... 4 | EDMUND H. LINDOP ... Tenor |

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Mr. Geary, who hails from Long Eaton, was elected a member of the association previous to starting.

SHEFFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Thursday, May 8, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

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| HARRY BOWER Treble | PERCIVAL A. KNIGHTS ... 5 |
| RALPH S. LONG ... 2 | SIDNEY F. PALMER ... 6 |
| HAYDN THORPE ... 3 | JOHN THORPE ... 7 |
| *ALBERT SMITHSON ... 4 | *FRANK SHACKLETON ... Tenor |

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

* First peal in the method.

STOKE MANDEVILLE, BUCKS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 10, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 9½ cwt.

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| *HENRY B. WHITNEY... .. Treble | *ALBERT FLEET ... 5 |
| ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... 2 | *REGINALD J. SCOTT ... 6 |
| *FREDERICK J. PLUMMER ... 3 | JOSIAH NICHOLLS ... 7 |
| ALFRED KING ... 4 | *FREDERICK VICARS ... Tenor |

Composed by WM. WILSON. Conducted by ARTHUR E. SHARMAN

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Bob Major on tower bells.

First peal on this octave of bells.
CHESWARDINE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 10, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

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| WILLIAM SAUNDERS Treble | ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... 5 |
| HARRY F. HOLDING ... 2 | RICHARD T. HOLDING... 6 |
| HARRY OVERTON ... 3 | WILLIAM WEATHERBY ... 7 |
| JAMES H. RIDING ... 4 | EDWARD V. RODENHORST ... Tenor |

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by J. H. RIDING.

First peal of Oxford on the bells and first in the method by the association. In this musical composition the 2nd dodges only three times with tenor in 7-8.

GORING-ON-THAMES, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, May 10, 1930, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 8½ cwt.

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| *LEONARD JOYCE... .. Treble | ALBERT E. LOCK ... 5 |
| MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ... 2 | JOHN NOBES ... 6 |
| JAMES ABERY ... 3 | PERCY DYKE ... 7 |
| JONATHAN HONEY ... 4 | GORDON CAUDWELL ... Tenor |

Composed by J. FLEMING. Conducted by G. CAUDWELL.

* First peal in the method.
MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Saturday, May 10, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

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| STEPHEN PARRY Treble | GEORGE STAFF ... 5 |
| HAROLD HAMER ... 2 | JOHN H. G. MASSEY ... 6 |
| WALTER STAFF ... 3 | HERBERT DAVENPORT ... 7 |
| JAMES B. SHAW ... 4 | WILLIAM HORAN ... Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM HORAN

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Harold Hamer.

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BOURN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 10, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND HELENA,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

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| ERNEST IZZARD Treble | JOHN W. WARD 5 |
| MISS KITTY WILLERS 2 | A. GEORGE RIVERS 6 |
| CHARLES W. COOK 3 | ERNEST G. HIBBINS 7 |
| ROBERT G. KING 4 | T. REGINALD DENNIS Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

This peal was specially arranged for the treble ringer, a member of the local band, it being his first attempt for a peal. It was also a birthday peal for the conductor.

HATFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 10, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

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

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in E.

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| MILTON C. FOWLER Treble | JOHN R. BREARLEY 5 |
| WILLIAM A. WOOLER 2 | JOHN A. BREARLEY 6 |
| J. EDWARD CAWSE 3 | PERCY GLEDSTONE 7 |
| GEORGE CLARK 4 | ARNOLD HILL Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE

First peal in the method on the bells.

KENNINGHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 10, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

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| * HENRY TOOKE Treble | ALBERT G. HARRISON 5 |
| ERIC G. BENNETT 2 | † WALTER R. FARROW 6 |
| ALPHEUS J. BERRY 3 | GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL 7 |
| CHARLES F. GOODMAN 4 | NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First in method. † First 'inside' in method.

BREWOOD, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 10, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CHAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

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| CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... Treble | JOHN PERRY 5 |
| JOHN C. ADAMS 2 | EDWARD F. MITCHELL 6 |
| BENJAMIN GOUGH 3 | HERBERT KNIGHT 7 |
| ROBERT PICKERING 4 | THOMAS J. ELTON Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN PERRY.

Rung as a silver wedding peal for Mr. and Mrs. John Perry, also as a birthday peal for Miss Gough, daughter of the 3rd ringer.

GREAT BARDFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 10, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

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| FRANK CLAYDON Treble | * WILLIAM PIPER 5 |
| JOSEPH JENNINGS 2 | WALTER SMITH 6 |
| FREDERICK RIDGWELL 3 | ERNEST TOWNSEND 7 |
| WILLIAM KEEBLE 4 | ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor |

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal in the method.

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On Saturday, May 10, 1930, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

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| * EDWARD J. BROWN Treble | RONALD BULLEN 5 |
| THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2 | LEONARD H. BAYBUTT 6 |
| WILLIAM H. THEOBALD 3 | CECIL PIPE 7 |
| GEORGE A. CARD 4 | EDWARD D. SMITH Tenor |

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER

* First peal.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 10, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

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| JOHN E. BIBBY Treble | GEORGE R. JONES 5 |
| MISS NORAH M. BIBBY 2 | LESTER L. GRAY 6 |
| WILLIAM BIBBY 3 | JAMES MORGAN 7 |
| HENRY W. WILDE 4 | JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor |

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

CLANFIELD, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 10, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

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| CHARLES J. GARDINER ... Treble | EDWARD C. HUGHES 5 |
| ROBERT W. HYNER 2 | CUTHBERT I. J. PEARCE 6 |
| FRANK WHEELER 3 | WILLIAM B. KYNASTON 7 |
| * HUBERT TAYLOR 4 | THOMAS CLARKE Tenor |

Conducted by CUTHBERT I. J. PEARCE.

* First peal of Triples. First peal as conductor. William B. Kynaston was elected a member of the Guild before starting the peal.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

HOLMER, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

Tenor 11 cwt.

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| GEORGE SOLEY Treble | WILLIAM DOWNES 4 |
| FRANK DOWNES 2 | WILLIAM DUGGAN 5 |
| WALTER EVANS 3 | WALTER TAYLOR Tenor |

Conducted by WALTER TAYLOR.

WELFORD, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 3, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With ten different callings.

Tenor 15 cwt.

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| ERNEST BOTT Treble | ARTHUR MARLOW 3 |
| * GEORGE HOLLICK 2 | ERNEST MARSH 4 |
| RONALD RUSSELL Tenor | |

Conducted by A. MARLOW.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. Marsh.

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THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, May 3, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 18 cwt. (approx.).

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| EDWARD E. TIDY Treble | LEONARD A. TIDY 4 |
| H. F. HYLTON TIDY 2 | ALFRED J. BULL 5 |
| HUGH R. THORPE 3 | DANIEL COOPER Tenor |

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.

Believed to be the first Surprise peal on the bells. It is 16 years a peal was rung on these bells.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 3, 1930, in Three Hours,

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.

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| FRANK LAWRENCE Treble | WILLIAM RANFORD 4 |
| ROBERT G. KNOWLES 2 | FRED HAWKES 5 |
| WILLIAM NIBLETT 3 | CHARLES CAMM Tenor |

Conducted by C. CAMM.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 3, 1930, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

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| *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 three methods.

WITHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and one 720 of Woodbine. Tenor 18 cwt.

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| GEORGE WIFFEN Treble | HORACE J. MANSFIELD 4 |
| WILLIAM H. P. MELLIN 2 | ERNEST W. BRIGHT 5 |
| WILLIAM S. BUTLER 3 | FRED CHALK Tenor |

Conducted by ERNEST W. BRIGHT.

WALSHEAM-LE-WILLOWS, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, May 4, 1930, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

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| *ALBERT CLARK Treble | PERCY L. JOHNSON 4 |
| ALPHAUS J. BERRY 2 | DAVID WHITING 5 |
| KEITH WHITILE 3 | GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL Tenor |

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

* First peal. First peal on the bells for the Guild and since 1903. Mr. A. Clark was elected a member of the Guild previous to starting the peal.

YOUNG WHITWICK RINGER'S DEATH.

On Sunday, May 4th, eight members of the Midland Counties Association rang a half-peal of Grandsire Triples at St. John's Church, Whitwick, with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to Norman Underwood, who was a young, regular and progressive ringer at the above church. The ringing was well struck and brought round in 1 hr. 29 mins.: John Rawson 1, Walter Fern (conductor) 2, George Butler 3, Horace Moulton 4, Horace Over 5, Alfred Underwood 6, John W. Rawson 7, Charles Freeman 8.

NORTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 7, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 10½ cwt. in F sharp.

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| ERIC G. BENNETT Treble | NOLAN GOLDEN 4 |
| ALPHAUS J. BERRY 2 | *STANLEY HOLMAN 5 |
| *STANLEY FOLLER 3 | GEORGE LAND Tenor |

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal at first attempt. Rung as birthday compliments to Mrs. Bennett, mother of E. G. Bennett, and to Mr. George Williams, Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, to whom the conductor is indebted for many kindnesses.

DISEWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 10, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 11½ cwt.

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| FREDERICK W. TURNER ... Treble | EDWARD JOYCE 4 |
| CHARLES DAVIS 2 | JOHN BOOTH 5 |
| R. ALAN HICKTON 3 | EDMUND C. CHASTY Tenor |

Conducted by E. C. CHASTY.

The band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells.

HANDBELL PEAL.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD.)

On Saturday, May 3, 1930, in Two Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

At 1, SALTERS ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

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| JOHN ANDERSON 1-2 | *WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 5-6 |
| WILLIAM H. BARBER 3-4 | ADAM DEAS 7-8 |

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

* 50th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Albert Walker, Deputy Ringing Master of the St. Martin's Guild.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

PRESENTATION TO LEWISHAM DISTRICT SECRETARY.

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District was held at Dartford on Saturday, May 3rd. Touches in all the standard methods were accomplished during the afternoon and evening.

The Vicar (Rev. Lempiere D. Hammond) officiated at the service and gave a very interesting address based on a phrase in the association prayer.

After the service the members adjourned to the Church Hall to partake of a substantial spread, generously supplied by the Vicar, who occupied the head of the table, supported by Mr. A. Keyes, churchwarden.

The Vicar welcomed the company to Dartford, and after a short, witty speech, presented the district secretary (Mr. A. G. Hill) with a handsome canteen of cutlery, the gift of the members to mark Mr. Hill's recent marriage.

After a short but sincere expression of thanks and agreeable surprise by the recipient, the business meeting proceeded, the Vicar presiding.

One ringer was elected a member of the association, and the election of three members in the tower before peal attempts was confirmed.

Mr. E. Barnett, jun., (district representative) read a report of the proceedings at the committee meeting held at Canterbury on Easter Monday. This was adopted, and a vote of thanks to Mr. Barnett for an able report was accorded.

As the place of next meeting, Eynsford was most favoured, Farningham being chosen as an alternative should catering difficulties prove insuperable at Eynsford.

Mr. W. J. Jeffries moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, for his generous hospitality, and for presiding at the business meeting.—The Vicar asked Mr. A. Keyes to respond on behalf of Dartford. Mr. Keyes did so in a few well-chosen words, ending with an invitation to the association to visit Dartford again in the not too distant future.

This concluded a successful and well attended meeting, made more enjoyable by the presence of Mr. F. M. Mitchell, the general secretary of the association. The tower was then visited for further ringing.

MUSICAL ASPECTS OF CHANGE RINGING.**FEATURES OF COMPOSITION EXPLAINED TO MUSICIANS.**

'Some musical aspects of change ringing' is the title of an interesting and instructive article by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards in a recent issue of the 'Musical Standard.' After dealing with the distinctive features of bell music and briefly describing the rules and restrictions which govern methods, the writer says:—

'But while change ringers make it their object to ring a definite number of changes according to the rules of a particular method without repetition, they are by no means content to achieve that object without regard to the musical effect. The number of permutations that can be produced on a given number of bells is simply a question of arithmetical progression. The order in which those changes shall be produced is a matter for the composer, first the composer of the method, then the composer of a touch or peal according to the rules of that method. Great care and remarkable ingenuity are exercised in composition to obtain the most musical effects. Changes ending, for instance, with the tonic at the bottom of the scale preceded or followed by the leading note above are avoided as far as possible. Indeed a general principle is adopted of avoiding wide intervals, other than the sixth or octave, and keeping the deeper toned bells in juxtaposition, thus maintaining the traditional character of ecclesiastical music. Naturally, when all the permutations obtainable on a given number of bells are to be rung, even the least euphonious sequences have to be included; but it is just here that the composer exerts his ingenuity to the utmost, in separating the less musical changes from one another by considerable intervals, so as to relieve the ear of any succession of displeasing effects.'

'It is naturally to the practical bellringer that the science of change ringing chiefly appeals,' says Mr. Edwards at the close of his article, 'but the musical aspect of it presents so many points of interest, that any musician, without any such practical experience, might find it quite a fascinating study to make himself acquainted with the rules of one or two methods, master the principles of composition, and then endeavour to work out peals or "touches" containing the fullest proportion of musical effects. A professor of mathematics has ere now found the subject of sufficient interest to co-operate with a committee of change ringers in working out some of the technical problems involved. It may well be that the professional musician may likewise find interest in co-operating with the change ringer in the production of melodious sequences, to the mutual satisfaction of both.'

LEARNERS AND DISTRICT MEETINGS.**A YORKSHIRE EXPERIENCE.**

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—We often read in 'The Ringing World' of secretaries of associations and district societies bemoaning the fact that their meetings are poorly attended, and is there any wonder that such is the case, for the way some meetings are carried out is enough to dishearten any learner, no matter how enthusiastic he may be? My experience at the meeting I attended at Rotherham on Easter Monday was that unless you can ring the advanced methods, such as London Surprise, Cambridge Royal, etc., it is no use spending the time and money to go. I was there over two hours, and the ringing I got was to pull a bell up and have a short touch of Kent Royal (which came to grief), and the rest of the time was spent waiting until the higher methods were done with. Someone suggested 'Double Norwich,' but this was soon turned down, and the hand contented themselves waiting for more to turn up, and remarking that there didn't look like being many there. However, there was a fresh arrival, who was evidently welcome by the reception he received, as he had only to get his coat off, pick up his rope, and 'Go next time, Cambridge Royal.' That satisfied me that my room was preferred to my company, and I disappeared, regretting I had spent so much time at a ringers' meeting.

I learnt afterwards that I was not the only unlucky one. Another member of our band, after waiting two hours for pull, had decided to give it up as a bad job, and was preparing to leave when one of the local band asked him where he was going. To this he promptly replied, 'Home, as it doesn't look to be much use staying here,' but he was persuaded to stay, and eventually he got a touch or two after waiting hours. Now, Sir, is there any wonder that young members will not attend meetings? I have frequently asked our members to go, but they say it is a waste of time and money, and when you can hear of those who do attend not having a pull at all, and others waiting for hours for it, my only fear is that, if this treatment of learners continues, in twenty years' time our art will have ceased to exist. I think this is a matter that should be carefully considered by those responsible for organising meetings, etc., who should see that someone is in charge to arrange for the same privileges to be meted out to the learner as well as the expert.

Trusting you will favour me with space in your columns, and thanking you in anticipation, yours faithfully,

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FEATURES OF A SOUVENIR ISSUE.

The one thousandth issue of 'The Ringing World,' which will appear next Friday, will be a noteworthy event in the long and chequered history of the ringing Press, which began in 1871 with 'Church Bells,' and has seen three other ringing journals, including 'Bell News,' established and disappear.

We intend to make our one thousandth number worthy of the occasion, and in this we have had the kind co-operation of the president of the Central Council, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Mr. J. Armiger Trollope and Mr. William Willson. All these names are known wherever ringing literature is read.

Canon Coleridge, although still only in the convalescent stage after his recent serious illness, is, with characteristic kindness, going to redeem a promise made some time ago, and write on 'Forty Years of the Central Council.'

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies' active touch with the ringing Press goes back to the early days of 'Church Bells,' and he will contribute an article on the influence of ringing papers on the Exercise.

Mr. J. Armiger Trollope will deal with the way in which technical questions, leading to the general advance of the art, have been furthered by the aid of the ringing newspapers.

Mr. William Willson, who contributed to the first number of 'The Ringing World,' will take a look back and deal with his subject in light and shade.

Several photographs, including a picture of Canon Coleridge, will illustrate the issue, which will be enlarged for the occasion, and will be one which, as we have pointed out before, ringers will most certainly desire to keep.

There are many who follow ringing affairs who only share a copy of the paper. Next week, we feel sure, everyone will want a copy to himself. Unless these extra copies are ordered TO-DAY, through a newsagent, or by TUESDAY NEXT from the Editorial Office of 'The Ringing World,' there may be disappointment. The edition will be limited, and there can be no reprint. The price will be 3d. through a newsagent, or 3d. post free from the Editorial Office, Woking.

Regular readers will render us a service if they will bring this announcement to the notice of non-subscribers. We intend to make the 1,000th issue a 'bumper' number; will ringers help to make our circulation next week a record?

BELFRY GOSSIP.

Many of our readers will be interested to know that Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, have in hand the recasting of the tenor bell (approximately 20 cwt.) of Limerick Cathedral peal of eight.

A young band is being formed at St. Lawrence Jewry, where there is the heaviest ring of eight in the City of London. Mr. A. A. Hughes has undertaken to instruct them.

It was at St. Lawrence Jewry that the first recorded peal of Court Bob Major was rung. This was by the Ancient Society of College Youths, and is recorded in their peal book as 'a peal of 5,040 Court Bob, being the first that was ever done.'

Thurstans' famous four-part peal was rung for the first time on May 18th, 1846. It was the outcome of years of effort to find the perfect peal of Stedman, and there was the keenest rivalry among composers of that day to get a peal with two singles only. The honour fell to Thomas Thurstans, of Birmingham, and Henry Johnson called it for the first time at St. Martin's Church.

On May 16th, 1883, Sam Wood, of Ashton-under-Lyne, called the peal of 16,608 Kent Treble Bob Major at Mottram-in-Longdendale, Cheshire.

The south-west tower and the ring of ten bells at York Minster were destroyed by fire on May 20th, 1840.

Next Wednesday is also the anniversary of the 13,054 Stedman Caters rung at Cheltenham in 1888, and of the 12,675 Stedman Cinques at St. Saviour's, Southwark, in 1923.

Thursday is the 31st anniversary of the 17,024 Double Norwich Major, at Kidlington, which the late James Washbrook called.

A peal of Grandsire Triples, at Grundisburgh, on April 12th, has been reported twice. Only one peal was rung.

Mr. S. Rowsell, of Staple Fitzpaine, has not missed ringing at his tower on Easter Sunday for 52 years.

BOYS OF THE OLD BRIGADE.

Last week Mr. William Ireland, of Diss, Norfolk, celebrated his 78th birthday by ringing in a peal of Double Norwich Major. Mr. Ireland, who is an original member of the Norwich Diocesan Association (founded 1877), conducted its first peals of Bob Major (March 6th, 1878) and Kent Treble Bob Major (March 19th, 1879). He also called a 7,296 and a 10,272 in the latter method in 1880, which remained the Treble Bob record for the association until it was surpassed on June 6th, 1892.

Another Diss veteran, Mr. John Souter, took part in Mr. Ireland's birthday peal. He is in his 80th year, and is looking forward to taking part in an attempt to raise the association's Double Norwich record, which at present stands at 11,040.

NEW PEAL OF TEN AT BANBURY.

ROUND TOWER DIFFICULTIES SURMOUNTED.

Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, have just completed the recasting of the bells of Banbury, Oxon, and have turned the old ring of eight into a lighter peal of ten.

Late in the year 1928 the bells were condemned as unsafe and ringing had to be stopped. The restoration needed much anxious consideration on the part of the church authorities owing to the unusual construction of the tower, which is circular in plan. One of the defects of the old peal was that, in order to get all the bells into a round tower, they had not been properly hung in a complete bell-frame, but were hung upon baulks of timber, some of which abutted directly on the masonry of the walls, on which they exerted a detrimental thrust. It was, therefore, decided to adopt the custom, practised in some towers, of hanging the new peal in two tiers. Mr. Ernest Ravenscroft, F.R.I.B.A., one of the diocesan surveyors, who has had a very large experience of belfries and towers, had been appointed the architect to supervise the rehanging of the Banbury bells, and after he had in-



BANBURY PARISH CHURCH TOWER AND ENTRANCE.

spected the tower and the plan of the two-tier bell frame, he condemned the proposals. Although this expedient is quite acceptable in towers the masonry of which is equally substantial throughout their height, the thrust of the upper tier would, it is said, have come in the Banbury tower against a portion where the louvre openings render the masonry weaker.

The Church Council had several anxious discussions on the matter. The alternatives were to replace the present peal of eight, with two bells recast and such retuning as the varying nature of a mixed peal would render possible, with a new iron frame and modern fittings; or to recast the present peal with one of the semi-tones and a new treble bell into a lighter ringing peal of ten bells, all of which could be hung on one level. The latter course was eventually agreed upon by the Council, and Messrs. Taylor produced a plan which the archi-

teet and the Diocesan Advisory Committee approved. The Chancellor of the Diocese granted an amended faculty on November 11th last and Messrs. Taylor were given instructions to proceed with the work. Although the bells had been with them since June, they had, of course, been unable to move, even with the preparatory work, as the two schemes under consideration were widely different.

Excepting the new treble, the bells have been recast from the old metal, and the identity of each bell has, therefore, been preserved, and the original inscriptions on the individual bells have been retained. Two bells partake of a memorial character: Mr. T. H. Boote and Miss Boote have given the new treble bell in memory of the late Mrs. Boote and the Misses Dorothea and Clarice Boote, and the eighth bell has been given in memory of the late Mrs. Sarah Carter by Mr. George Carter, her husband, and his family and her sister.

The weights and inscriptions are as follow:—

Treble.—Note G sharp. Weight 4 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. Inscription—Given by Thomas Henry Boote and his daughter Alice Elizabeth in memory of Elizabeth (wife) and Dorothea and Clarice (daughters), Banbury, 1930.

Second.—Note F sharp. Weight 4 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. Inscription—This and two other new bells with the clock and chimes were erected to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria, 1837-1897. This bell was presented by John Phillips Barford, J.P., 1897. Recast 1930.

Third.—Note E. Weight 5 cwt. 10 lb. Inscription—This bell was given by Frederick Earl of Guildford to the borough of Banbury. John Briant Hertford fecit 1820. Recast 1930.

Fourth.—Note D sharp. Weight 5 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. Inscription—John Pain, James Hill, Thomas Nasby, C. Wardens. John Briant Hertford fecit 1820. Recast 1930.

Half tone in chimes only.—Note D. Weight 5 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. Inscription—Cast 1897, recast 1930 by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

Fifth.—Note C sharp. Weight 5 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. Inscription—George Lucas, James Lane, Samuel Gardner, Church Wardens. Matthew Bagley made mee 1753 i h. Recast 1930.

Sixth.—Note B. Weight 6 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. Inscription—Recast 1897, again recast 1930 by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

Half tone in chimes only.—Note A sharp. Weight 6 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. Inscription—Cast 1897. Recast 1930 by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

Seventh.—Note A. Weight 7 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. Inscription—John Pain, John Fry, John Pearson, Church Wardens. Matthew Bagley made me 1779. Recast 1930.

Eighth.—Note G sharp. Weight 9 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. Inscription—Henry Bagley made mee 1669. Given in memory of Sarah Carter by George Carter (her husband), his family and Eliza Foskett (her sister) 1930. Recast 1930.

Ninth.—Note F sharp. Weight 13 cwt. 6 lb. Inscription—Recast 1852, again recast 1930 by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

Tenor.—Note E. Weight 17 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. Inscription—That all may come and non may stay at home i ring to sermon with a lusty boome. Philip Style Gent, John West, Thomas Abraham, Ivner and Thomas Sutton, Church Wardens 1667. Recast 1930. h b.

The total weight of the ringing peal will be 80 cwt. 24 lb., against 89 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. of the former peal, the weight of the new tenor bell being 17 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb., against 21 cwt. 2 qr. of the old tenor.

The bells were formally dedicated by Bishop Shaw at an impressive service held on Sunday, April 13th, but at that time the work had not been fully completed, and no change ringing took place, except a course of Stedman Triples.

The cost of the work has been over £200, and it is hoped to complete the fund by a 'bell day,' which the Mayoress of Banbury organised and which was held yesterday week.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At Great Horkesley, Essex, on Sunday, May 11th, for malins, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: H. T. Pye 1, J. Bowell 2, S. Davy 3, D. Elliott 4, W. Keeble 5, W. J. Nevard (conductor) 6. Rung with the bells fully muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. E. J. Nevard, for 16 years churchwarden, who was interred in the presence of a large congregation the previous Monday in the Parish Churchyard. After service, with the bells half-muffled, 720 Cambridge: H. T. Pye 1, J. Bowell 2, W. J. Nevard 3, D. Elliott 4, G. Jennings 5, W. Keeble (conductor) 6. The deceased churchwarden was well known and very highly respected by a large circle of friends, and was a cousin of Mr. W. J. Nevard, of Great Bentley.

At St. Mary's Church, Broughton Ashley, Leicestershire, on Thursday evening, May 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,280 changes) in 50 mins.: C. E. Carr 1, J. Brunt 2, F. Bodycote 3, A. Bodycote 4, H. Bird (conductor) 5. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Rev. Bertram William Machin, who had been the Rector at this church during the last nine years, and who died from pneumonia after only a few days' illness, and was interred in the churchyard earlier in the day. For the memorial service on Sunday evening, 720 Grandsire Doubles: J. Brunt 1, C. E. Carr 2, H. Bird 3, F. Bodycote 4, A. Bodycote (conductor) 6.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. ANNUAL MEETING.

The proceedings at the annual general meeting of the Sussex County Association at Brighton, on Saturday, May 3rd, commenced with ringing at the towers of St. Peter's and St. Nicholas' from 2 till 3.30, and a good proportion of those attending the meeting—over 80—was in attendance from the commencement. At four o'clock a special service was held at St. Nicholas' Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. Collinson). The Bishop of Lewes (one of the vice-presidents) gave the address.

'You have a privilege that is not given to the conductor of a band, nor to a famous singer; nor even to a preacher. The sound of your work is heard, but you remain hidden,' said the Bishop. He described change ringing as a science and an art which required entire unselfishness. 'Change ringing itself,' he added, 'requires great skill, memory, and endurance.' It was a work they could not do properly, however, without remembering it was a spiritual work. It was the sight of little villages, with their churches and spires, that made the beauty of Sussex. The church spires were the first things one noticed in any town, and they appealed to the tenderest traits in the human heart. The spires were built to hold bells, and England was a bell ringing island. The bells were bound up with the family, social and national life of the country, and, indeed, it was a well-known fact that in Russia, when they wanted to put down the social life of the country, the first thing they did was to silence the bells. 'You cannot compare the band or orchestra with the music of the bells,' he added; 'but it is not bells generally, but church bells, which appeal to the heart. I think there is some wonderful mystery in the bells, for as soon as the sounds float over the country they assimilate themselves with the surroundings.'

The collection on behalf of the Benevolent Fund amounted to £12s. 6d.

A meat tea was provided at Morley's Pavilion Restaurant, at which the Bishop of Lewes presided, but was unable to remain for the meeting which followed. The Master, Mr. J. Thornton Rickman, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Bishop for his presence with them, also for his address.—The Bishop suitably replied.

The Master presided at the business meeting, at which the following new members were elected: Mr. S. E. Armstrong, Good Shepherd, Brighton; Mr. J. Woolgar, Hurstpierpoint; Mr. A. Bleach, Mr. A. F. Rapley and Mr. T. E. P. Pavey, Steyning.

The report and balance sheet were presented and adopted.

A SOUND FINANCIAL POSITION.

The report showed that the various activities of the association had been maintained. The standard of ringing was satisfactory, and the attendance at the various divisional meetings was fairly good. One particularly pleasing feature was the large proportion of young men at those functions. The hope was expressed that some of them would begin to conduct peals of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major, especially in the country parishes. The association continued to remain in a sound financial position, due in a large measure to invested capital. The balance in hand was £128. The appreciation of the association was expressed to the clergy of affiliated towers for their generous support. In return, the association mentioned that in cases where advice was required as to the condition of existing peals, or of new work, they were prepared to place capable and experienced men at their service. The report appealed to its members to make Sunday service ringing their first object. Fifty-three peals were rung during 1929, which compared favourably with the past four years.

The following officers were elected: President, the Right Rev. G. K. A. Bell, D.D.; vice-presidents re-elected en bloc; Master and hon. treasurer, Mr. J. Thornton Rickman; hon. general secretary, Mr. A. D. Stone; hon. peal secretary, Mr. F. Bennett; hon. auditors, Mr. W. C. Hart and Mr. R. J. Dawes; representative to Central Council, Mr. J. Thornton Rickman.

Brighton and Haywards Heath were proposed for the next annual meeting, a very close vote being in favour of Haywards Heath.

The meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of St. Nicholas' for the service and to the various incumbents for the use of the bells, also to the gentleman who kindly presided at the organ.

The towers were again visited for ringing, the methods rung ranging from Grandsire to Surprise Major and Royal. The tower of the Good Shepherd had been obtained for ringing from 7.30 till 9 p.m., but, to the disappointment of many, the tower was closed after half an hour's ringing on account of illness.

The towers represented at the meeting were Battle, Lower Beeding, Burgess Hill, Chichester, Crawley, Cuckfield, Eastbourne (St. Saviour's), East Grinstead, Hastings (St. Clement's), and Christ Church, Blacklands), Horsham, Lewes (Southover), Lindfield, St. Leonards (Christ Church), Rudgwick, Sanford, Shoreham, Steyning, Twineham, and Warnham, together with non-resident members, including an old Sussex friend, Mr. G. Williams, Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY.—For evening service, on Sunday, May 4th, 720 Kent Treble Bob: H. Harding, sen., 1, A. Walker (first extent Treble Bob inside) 2, G. Grover 3, J. Goacher 4, F. Day 5, F. Bennett (conductor) 6.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. NO CHANGE IN TITLE.

The 23rd annual meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Warwick on Saturday, May 3rd, the majority of the towers being represented. The bells of St. Mary's (10) were raised in peal soon after three o'clock, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters were rung. A service was held in the chancel of the beautiful old church, the Vicar, Rev. A. D. Henwood officiating. The Guild's form of service was used, and the hymns, 'Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven,' and 'Soldiers of the Cross, arise,' were sung. The Vicar gave a short and inspiring address, and Mr. H. Argyle, one of the Guild's Central Council representatives, read the lesson.

Tea was partaken of at the Dale Temperance Hotel, 48 members and friends sitting down, including the Vicar and his churchwarden.

The business meeting followed, the Vicar being voted to the chair. Arising out of the minutes, the question which had been deferred for a year was brought up—that of altering the name of the Guild to that of the Coventry Diocesan Guild. The meeting was strongly in favour of the retention of the title the Guild has held for 23 years.

The balance sheet, showing a balance at the beginning of 1930 of £21 10s. 10d. was passed.

The Hon. Secretary (Miss D. E. Lewis) then read a report of the year's activities. Quarterly meetings had been held at Stoke-in-Coventry, Coleshill, and Nuneaton, and monthly meetings at Clifton, Exhall, Fillongley, Brinklow, Arley, Newbold, Bulkington and Stoke. The Guild has a membership of 263, 36 members having been elected during 1929.

Only seven peals were rung in the twelve months following April, 1929—one of Bristol Surprise Major, one of London Surprise Major, one Cambridge Surprise Major, one of London Surprise Minor, and three of Cambridge Surprise Minor. Two were rung at Nuneaton, two at Allesley and one each at Shilton, Fillongley and Stoke, twenty-three members taking part, the conducting being shared among Messrs. F. W. Perrens, J. H. White and H. G. Summers.

The report was adopted.

The election of officers next took place. The following were re-elected: President, Rev. J. L. White (Vicar of Nuneaton); hon. secretary and treasurer, Miss D. E. Lewis; hon. auditor, Mr. O. J. Hunt; representatives on Central Council, Messrs. H. Argyle and F. W. Perrens; and the district secretaries, the latter being elected en bloc.

Mr. T. W. Chapman, who has been Ringing Master for some years past, would not stand again, and Mr. J. H. White was therefore elected to fill the post.

The meeting places for the next three months were selected as follows: Bickenhill for May, Whitnash for June and Southam for the July quarterly.

Thirteen new members were elected, while the names of three who had been elected prior to peals were ratified.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Rev. A. D. Henwood for acting as chairman and for his splendid address at the service, and to Mr. Tibbetts, his churchwarden, for his interest in the service and the meeting.—Mr. Tibbetts briefly responded on behalf of the Vicar and himself.

The ringers then returned to the tower, where touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Treble Bob Royal, Cambridge Surprise Royal and London Surprise Major were rung, bringing to a close a very enjoyable and successful meeting.

THE DEVON GUILD. BRANCH MEETING AT COCKINGTON.

The spring meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild was held at the renowned Cockington village on Saturday, when, in spite of the inclement weather, a good number of ringers were present from Exeter, Kenn, Christow, Buckfastleigh, Torquay, Paignton and Brixham, as well as the local ringers. There was also present the Rev. E. S. Powell (president of the Guild), Mrs. Powell and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cave, of Bristol. The ring of six bells were well utilised during the afternoon, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles being rung.

A service was held in the fine old church, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. H. C. Studdy), the lesson being read by Mr. F. J. Laxton, chairman of the branch. The Vicar gave an excellent address, and based his remarks on the story of Esau selling his birthright.

The visitors then adjourned to the Parish Hall, where a substantial tea was awaiting them, and this was followed by the business meeting, presided over by Mr. F. J. Laxton (chairman). For the next meeting, to take place on Saturday, October 4th, Chudleigh was proposed, as well as Brixham and Churston combined. On a vote being taken, the latter was carried.

The Chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, and for his address. The organist and blower were also thanked.—The Vicar suitably replied, paying a special tribute at the same time to his own ringers. He consented to become an hon. member of the Guild.

The Chairman extended a very hearty welcome to the visitors from other branches, etc., and Messrs. E. Shepherd (Exeter) and W. A. Cave (Bristol) suitably replied.

This concluded the business, and the visitors went to St. Mary Magdalene Church, Upton, Torquay, where touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. THE CONDITIONS FOR PEALS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In my report of the annual meeting of the Midland Counties Association published last week, the proposition made by Mr. W. E. White regarding the standard for peals is not quite correctly given. I should therefore be obliged if you will requote this again as below, thus avoiding any misunderstanding that might occur.—Yours sincerely,

ERNEST MORRIS,

General Hon. Secretary.

That each peal acknowledged and recorded by the association must comply with the following conditions:—

1. All peals must commence from and finish with rounds.
2. On five bells, a peal must consist of not less than 42 true and complete 120's, each commencing from and finishing with rounds. It may be lengthened by the addition of any number of 120's, and/or one shorter touch fulfilling the above conditions.
3. On six bells, a peal must consist of not less than seven true and complete 720's, each commencing from and finishing with rounds. It may be lengthened by the addition of any number of 720's and/or one shorter touch fulfilling the above conditions.
4. On seven bells, a peal must consist of not less than 5,040 true and complete changes, commencing from and finishing with rounds. It may be lengthened by the addition of any number of 5,040's, and/or one shorter touch fulfilling the above conditions.
5. On eight bells and upwards a peal must consist of not less than 5,000 true and complete changes commencing from and finishing with rounds.
6. Splicing of 5 and 6, 6 and 7, 7 and 8, 8 and 9, etc., bell methods will not be recognised in any peal.

The proposition was agreed to at the general meeting as well as in committee.

THE INSURANCE OF CHURCH BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your timely leader on Insurance in this week's issue of 'The Ringing World' you say: 'If the bells are specially included, they are much more likely to be insured at their real replacement value.' This depends a good deal upon how recently the policy was issued or revised. It must be remembered that the price of everything has risen considerably in the last few years, and that in the case of total loss there are not many things that could be replaced at what they cost twenty years ago.

In revising the policy on our church and its contents here we requested the advice of the bell founders, organ builders, and clock makers; and in each case we found that the sum for which the items were insured was little more than half what we should have to pay for replacement in the event of a total loss, though the policy was not very old.

It is clear that it is not sufficient to have the bells specially included in the insurance at their cost price; the policy must be brought up to date.—Yours faithfully,

J. B. M. RIDOUT.

Swanage.

GARSTANG PARISH CHURCH BELLS RESTORED.

There was a crowded congregation at St. Helen's Parish Church, Garstang, Lancs, on Easter Sunday afternoon, when the bells were rededicated by the Lord Bishop of Blackburn.

The bells have been retuned and sandblasted and rehung on ball bearings with all up-to-date fittings, the work having been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, who were represented at the opening by Mr. J. W. Trappitt, who had hung the bells. The restoration of the bells is only part of an extensive church restoration scheme, the tower and belfry also undergoing repair. The tower was erected so far back as the 15th century, and from recent investigations it was discovered that some of the massive oak beams were suffering from the ravages of the death watch beetle, which is causing much havoc to many old and historical buildings in various parts of the country.

On the occasion when the bells were rehung a hundred years ago they were rung all day by ringers from Preston, Blackrod, Croston, Leyland, Ribchester and Walton, and on Easter Sunday the old tradition was maintained, the local ringers being assisted by representatives of the Preston Branch of the Lancashire Association. The opening touch was rung by the local ringers, while after the service 720 Kont Treble Bob Minor was rung by members from Penwortham, Leyland St. James', Preston, and Brindle.

The service, which was simple and impressive, was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. C. F. Hood, while the Bishop gave an inspiring address.

The ringers present expressed their appreciation of the improvement both in the tone and 'go' of the bells.

WITHERNSEA'S RING OF SIX.

NEW TREBLE DEDICATED.

An impressive service was held at St. Nicholas' Church, WitherNSEA, on Wednesday evening, May 7th, when the dedication of the new treble bell, which completes the ring of six, took place in the presence of a large congregation. The bell is the gift of the WitherNSEA branch of the Girls' Friendly Society, and is inscribed:—

LAUS DEO.

THE WITHERNSEA G.F.S. GAVE ME.

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The service, which was fully choral, commenced with the singing of the hymn, 'We love the place, O God.' After the lesson and collects, the choir, churchwardens, clergy, crossbearer, and the Bishop proceeded to the base of the tower, where the dedication ceremony was performed by the Right Rev. Bishop Heywood, who pronounced the dedicatory prayers whilst holding an extended rope of the new bell.

Immediately after the dedication, the new bell was rung alone six times, and then the full peal of six were rung in rounds for a minute, the congregation standing. The processional hymn, 'Lifted safe within the steeple, now our bells are set on high,' was then sung, whilst the choir, clergy, and Bishop returned to the chancel.

In an eloquent address the Bishop commended the work of the G.F.S. in giving such a valuable addition to the church, and also paid a glowing tribute to the art of change ringing, which showed he was no stranger to the belfry. After the sermon, the hymn, 'O worship the King' was sung, followed by the Blessing and the recessional hymn, 'Come, let us join our cheerful songs.' After the service, the congregation were invited to ascend the tower to the ringers' room to see the bells being rung, and about a hundred availed themselves of this opportunity. Touches of Bob Minor, Grandsire, and Bob Doubles, were rung by the local ringers, with friends from Sutton-on-Hull, the following taking part: G. Dowling, M. Dixon, T. Sheppard, C. Tomlinson, E. E. Taylor, P. J. Metcalfe, J. Pickering, S. Webb, A. E. West, H. Rodmell, L. Rodmell, and Misses N. Dalton and W. Webb.

The work of adding the treble has been carried out by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, as described in our issue of April 11th.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

DISTRICT MEETING AT YORKTOWN.

Success attended the district meeting at Yorktown on Saturday, May 3rd, when about 40 members and friends were present. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and at 4.30 the Guild's service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. M. Curwen). Tea and business meeting followed, the Vicar taking the chair, supported by Admiral F. P. Walker (hon. treasurer of the Guild) and the District Ringing Master, Mr. R. Hasted. The Vicar apologised for the absence of Miss Middleton, a life honorary member of the Guild.

One ringing member and six honorary members were elected.

Admiral Walker proposed, and Mr. F. Nye seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for taking the service and for presiding at the meeting, to the organist for his services, to the local band for making the arrangements, and, last but not least, to the ladies who provided such an excellent tea.

The tower was revisited at the close of the business, and the bells kept going in various methods until 9 p.m.

THE MASONIC PEAL AT COLERNE

By kind invitation of Brother A. Prince, several of those taking part in the Royal Arch peal, rung at Colerne on April 24th, were the guests of 'Royal Albert Edward' Lodge at the Masonic Hall, Bath, on the previous evening. After witnessing a ceremony exceptionally full of interest, they were entertained to a sumptuous repast, and during the course of the evening the Worshipful Master referred to the presence of the 'Campanological Brethren,' and wished them good luck in the effort to establish a fresh record. The clerical member of the party contributed to the harmony of the proceedings with a folksong.

W. Bro. Northover, replying to the toast of 'The Visitors,' referred to interesting points of contact between Masonry and the College Youths.

The Masonic peal book was produced by Bro. A. A. Hughes for the inspection of the brethren, who regarded the illuminated entries with great admiration. So keen was the interest aroused in the forthcoming attempt that some of the Bath Masons motored up to Colerne the following day and listened to the peal.

SEXTON FOR HALF A CENTURY.

The death has occurred of Mr. R. J. Woolridge, who for over 50 years had been sexton at the Parish Church of All Saints, Wandsworth. His family had held the office for several generations. He was buried on Saturday, and after the funeral a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 54 minutes by Miss C. E. A. Gray 1, J. W. Chapman 2, W. Essery 3, J. Lee 4, J. H. Rimby 5, W. C. Stacey 6, E. E. Bish (conductor) 7, W. G. Grey 8.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. REPRESENTATION ON DIOCESAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO BE SOUGHT.

The annual meeting of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild took place on Saturday, April 26th, when there was a good muster of members from all parts of the diocese, as well as of visitors from adjoining counties. By kind permission of the Dean and Chapter, ringing commenced at the Cathedral at 1.45. This allowed a good number to 'sample' the peal of twelve before service time at 3.30, when the ringers assembled in the Morning Chapel. The address was given by the Rev. Canon G. W. Jeudwine, Sub-Dean of Lincoln. Immediately this was over, all those present crossed the nave to the Ringers' Chapel, under the south-west tower, where the Right Rev. E. M. Blackie, Bishop Suffragan of Grantham, dedicated the memorial tablet erected to those members of the Guild who lost their lives in the war. About 100 members and friends gathered for tea at the Co-operative Hall.

At the commencement of the business meeting, the Sub-Dean (Canon Jeudwine) was elected president of the Guild and took the chair. The other officers were re-elected, namely, the Rev. H. Law James, Master; Mr. F. W. Stokes, hon. secretary; and Mr. F. F. Linley, hon. treasurer. Four representatives on the Central Council were also elected, namely, Rev. H. Law James, Rev. H. T. Parry, Mr. Rupert Richardson and Mr. G. Chester.

The President referred to the great loss the Guild had sustained by the death of their late president, Dean Fry, who had for many years taken a very lively interest in the work of the Guild, and largely through whose influence and help the augmentation of the Cathedral bells from eight to twelve had been made possible. He recalled to mind the opening of the bells on December 15th, 1928, when the late Dean, although in a very weak state of health after a serious illness, insisted on attending the service. The following resolution records the sense of loss felt by the Guild and the esteem in which the late Dr. Fry was held:—

'That this Guild places on record its respectful and profound attachment to its late president, Dean Fry, and also the humble and personal feeling of loss sustained by each member, as well as by the members as a body. It desires to acknowledge the thoroughness and magnitude of his work, especially in the Cathedral Church of the diocese, the augmentation of whose bells was largely due to him, and which, with many other acts of kindness, will be held as personal tributes to him.'

A resolution asking for representation on the Diocesan Advisory Committee was passed unanimously. This was brought forward by members of the Grimsby District in consequence of events in a parish in that district, where a certain amount of perfectly useless work had been done to the bells. The local ringers reported this at a district meeting, and consequently representations were made to the Church authorities, with the result that eventually something more satisfactory had been done, and the bells made ringable.

After the meeting, the ringers again visited the Cathedral tower and also the two six-bell towers of St. Peter-at-Gowts' and St. Botolph's.

An attempt to ring a course of Cambridge Maximus on the Cathedral bells during the evening unfortunately came to grief in the last lead, owing to one of the bells casting its rope.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held at Leeds Parish Church. The president (Mr. C. E. Lawson) occupied the chair and the towers represented were Armley, Rothwell, Holbeck, Batley, Headingley St. Chad's, Headingley St. Michael's, Hunslet and Drighlington.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Mr. C. E. Lawson; vice-presidents, Messrs. T. Strangeway, J. Hey and W. H. Senior; ringing master, Mr. W. E. H. Ash; secretary and treasurer, H. Lofthouse.

The monthly ringing meetings list was left to the committee to arrange.

The balance sheet was read and accepted as a certain sign of the progress of the society.

The secretary's report showed an increase in the membership and also in the number of towers affiliated.

The amended rules of the society were read and approved, and it was decided to have them printed and to supply every member with a copy.

The secretary was instructed to write to the Vicar of Leeds and remind him that the bells of Leeds Parish Church were in urgent need of rehangings.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar of Leeds and to the local company brought the meeting to a close.

IS IT THE FIRST?

At Lamberhurst, Kent, on Sunday, April 27th, for morning service, 720 Spliced Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Fulbeck Bob: W. Marshall 1, J. Bassett 2, A. Marshall 3, D. Luck 4, A. Smith 5, A. Relfe (conductor) 6. These methods were spliced with Mr. Parker's 2nd's and 6th's splice, and the ringers would be pleased to learn if this is the first time that this splice has been used for plain methods.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

SHALFORD, SURREY.—On Sunday, May 11th, for evening service, at the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, 720 Grandsire Doubles: K. A. Girdler 1, C. Bailey 2, H. E. Schupke 3, A. Lambkin 4, L. C. W. Hunter (conductor) 5, H. F. J. Gouldring 6. First 720 by all except ringers of 4 and 5. First 720 as conductor. Rung as a 15th birthday compliment to the treble ringer (May 12th).

DUFFIELD.—For evening service at the Parish Church, on Sunday, May 11th, in 43 mins., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: S. Dawson 1, C. Draper 2, Miss E. Foulk 3, H. Hill 4, R. Boulton 5, G. Tandy 6, G. Warrington (conductor) 7, C. Bradley 8.

WINGHAM, KENT.—On Sunday, May 11th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 42 mins.: S. W. Wells 1, J. Sharp 2, J. Eagles 3, H. Whitehead 4, C. R. Millway (conductor) 5, H. J. Saunders 6, L. Honess 7, Harrison Smith 8.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY.—For evening service, on Sunday, May 11th, 720 Carlisle Surprise Minor: A. Walker 1, F. Day 2, F. Bennett 3, J. Goacher 4, N. Harding 5, G. Grover (conductor) 6.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows' Church, on Sunday, May 11th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Racher 1, H. A. Barnett 2, E. A. Hull 3, W. J. Ellis 4, W. Dickinson 5, H. Ellis 6, C. A. Button (conductor) 7, H. W. H. Strickland 8.

DEPTFORD.—On Sunday, May 11th, for evening service, at St. John's Church (Lewisham High Road), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,344 changes) from Holt's Original: J. W. Colby 1, J. J. Lamb 2, C. Elliott 3, W. A. Martin 4, F. W. Thornton 5, E. B. Crowder 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, A. Bennington 8.

CROYDON.—On May 11th, at St. Peter's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: J. Adcock 1, D. Wright (conductor) 2, H. Wills 3, J. Trappitt 4, F. Larbey 5, W. Bulpitt 6, F. Leeks (first quarter-peal of Caters) 7, C. Dean 8, E. Denham 9, B. Newson 10.

OVER, CAMBS.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, a 720 Norwich Surprise Minor: F. Robinson 1, C. Robinson 2, F. C. Ginn 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6. For matins, 300 Bob Minor: R. Robinson 1, G. Whybrow 2, W. Bavin 3, D. Adams 4, F. Warrington (conductor) 5, R. Thoday 6.

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NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on May 22nd and St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 27th, both at 7.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 29th, 8. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Aldershot on Saturday, May 17th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Tea 5 o'clock. All welcome.—Hilda F. Mills, Cairneyhill, Bridgefield, Farnham.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD (Southern District) and the **MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD** (South and West District).—A joint meeting will be held at Lambeth on Sat., May 17th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 6. Service at 7.30 with address by the Vicar. Ringing till 9.15.—J. Herbert, 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The festival will be held at Calne, Wilts, on Saturday, May 17th. Service in Parish Church at 12.30 p.m. Preacher, Ven. Archdeacon Coulter. Luncheon and annual meeting at Town Hall, 1.30, price 1s. 6d. Towers open: Bishop's Cannings, Calne, Melksham, Wootton Bassett (8), Bremhill, Bromham, Rowd (6), Compton Bassett (5), Devizes (3 towers).—F. Llewellyn Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

LLANFAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Abergavenny (Mon.) on Saturday, May 17th. Bells (8) available. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Rd., Newport, Mon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whittle-le-Woods on Saturday, May 17th. Bells available from 2.30.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next meeting will be held at Youlgreave, near Bakewell, on Saturday, May 17th (not 10th as previously stated). Church of All Saints (8 bells, tenor 27 cwt.). It is hoped to make arrangements for tea. Visitors from other districts welcome. Reports ready. Subscriptions due.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Hemel Hempstead on Saturday, May 17th. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by a tea and business meeting. The bells have recently been rehung on ball bearings. Hoping to have a good attendance.—J. Puplett, Hon. Sec., Aylesbury Road, Tring.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—Next district meeting will be held at Overseal on Saturday, May 17th. Bells (8) ready 2.30 p.m. Reports on sale (6d.). Please see that we have a good meeting.—John Leach, Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Radwinter on Saturday, May 17th, at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30. Those requiring tea kindly advise me.—C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Marden on Saturday, May 17th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea followed by business meeting after service.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Est. 1672).—The annual meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's Church, Nottingham, on Saturday, May 17th. Tower open 5 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Tilehurst on Saturday, May 17th. The bells will be available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., to be followed by a ringers' service at 6 p.m. Ringing will be continued after the service. Tea 1/- each.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Branch Sec., 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. Mary Magdalene, Enfield, on Saturday, May 17th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Meeting at 6. Tea at 1s. per head will be arranged at 5.30. Members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Kibworth on Saturday, May 17th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Rose and Crown Hotel at 5 p.m. Alban Disney, 3, Highgate, Aylestone Lane, Leicester.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brinkworth on Saturday, May 17th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30.—S. Hopper, 79, Edinburgh Street, Swindon, Wilts.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District.—A meeting will be held at Bures to-morrow, Saturday, May 17th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—L. A. Allington, Dis. Sec., 32, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brookfield Church, Gorton, on Saturday, May 17th. Bells ready 6 p.m. Subscriptions due.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

NORWICH & ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting of the West Norfolk and the Marshland branches of the above associations will be held at Watlington on Thursday, May 22nd. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., arranged for those who advise me in time.—W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Shenfield on Saturday, May 24th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Tea 5. Meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present and requiring tea advise me by Tuesday, May 20th? This is essential.—E. J. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brockenhurst on Saturday, May 24th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5. Those requiring tea please write to C. W. Tucker, St. Winifred's, Addison Road, Brockenhurst, Hants.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., Christchurch.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.— Guildford District.—Meeting at Witley on Saturday, May 24th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting. Numbers for tea to me by Monday, May 19th, please.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, near Guildford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.— Derby District.—The first district quarterly meeting will be held at Derby on Saturday, May 24th. The bells of St. Luke's (8) will be available from 2.30 till 4.30 p.m., St. Alkmund's (8) will be available from 2.30 till 4 p.m., and the bells of St. Andrew's (10) will be available from 6 till 7.30 p.m. Business meeting at 4.30 in St. Luke's belfry. All ringers welcome. Will members who have not paid their subscription kindly do so at this meeting or send them. Reports for 1929 can be obtained? Seats can be reserved and tea obtained at King's Cafe, St. Peter's Street, on notice being given in the belfry during the afternoon.—George Freebrey, Local Hon. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—A meeting will be held at Lower Peover on Saturday, May 24th. All ringers welcome. Bells (6) ready at 3.30.—H. Parker, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.— Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Singleton (6 bells) on Saturday, May 24th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 6. A good attendance is requested.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 118, Dickson Road, Blackpool.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the Northern and North-Eastern Divisions will be held at Great Tey on Saturday, May 24th. Short service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5.15. All who intend to be present please notify Mr. Ridgewell, Queen's Road, Earls Colne, or R. W. Stannard, 12, Ireton Road, Colchester, Hon. secretaries of the two divisions, not later than May 19th, as only a limited number can be provided for?

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.— Sonning Deanery Branch.—Jubilee celebrations at Wokingham on Saturday, May 24th. Ringing at All Saints' and St. Paul's Churches from 3 p.m. Thanksgiving service in St. Paul's Church at 5 p.m. Preacher, the Ven. Archdeacon of Berkshire, Tea by kind invitation of the Rector in the Rectory garden at 6 p.m. Those ringers are welcome who notify me of their intention to be present. Latest date, Monday, May 19th.—W. J. Paice, Branch Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at East Retford on Saturday, May 24th, when East Retford (10), West Retford and Ordsall (6) will be open for ringing from 2 p.m. Short service at the Parish Church at 4.30. Tea 5, business meeting to follow. Good bus and rail service from all directions. A good attendance is requested. All requiring tea must notify R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Sec., 34, High Street, Ordsall, Retford.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.— Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Keysoe (5) and Riseley (5) on Saturday, May 24th. Ringing at Keysoe 2.30-4.30. Tea at Riseley 4.45. Ringing after tea. Please make an effort to support this meeting.—Percy C. Bonnett, Stagsden.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Spring meeting of above branch at Woodstock on Saturday, May 24th. Service 3 p.m. Preacher, Rector of Woodstock.—W. Evetts, jun., Hon. Sec., Hill Court, Tackley, Oxon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.— Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Moorside, Oldham, on Saturday, May 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

A CERT. for May 24th. **BUSHEY.**—Bells open from 3.30. Tea at 6.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel.—City 4270.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.— Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Warnham on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at the Sussex Oak at 5. All those intending to be present advise me not later than Wednesday previous to meeting.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.— North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Ewell on Saturday, May 31st. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea and meeting following. Those requiring tea please let me know not later than Tuesday, May 27th.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By the kind permission of the Rev. Canon Elnor, a bye-meeting will be held at Dover St. Mary's (8) on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available from 3 p.m. As this is the first meeting to be held at Dover since the war, it is hoped there will be a good attendance. Will those intending to be present, and requiring tea, please notify Mr. J. Eagles, 44, Clarendon Road, Dover, not later than Thursday, May 29th.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Canterbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leigh on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Our next meeting will be held at Darwen and Huddlesden on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available at Darwen from 3 p.m. Meeting at Huddlesden 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions due.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry will be held at Stapleford (6) on Saturday, May 31st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify Mr. A. E. Austin, 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs, by 29th.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—Special notice to all who are unable to attend Saturday meetings.—I am making provisional arrangements for a meeting at Dunmow on Wednesday, June 4th. Will those interested kindly write me?—C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.— Preliminary Notice.—The 51st annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday, June 5th.—F. A. Pitstow, Gen. Sec. and Treas., 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

SITUATIONS WANTED.

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EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION. CHANGE IN OFFICERS.

The annual meeting of the East Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Association was held at Mansfield Woodhouse, Notts, on Easter Monday. The six bells, of which the tenor, 19 cwt., has recently been rehung on ball bearings, were ready at 5 p.m., and a few nice touches were brought round before the service, which was attended by 35 members, and was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. Lowndes.

After service a party of 42 sat down to tea in the Parish Hall. In the absence of the president, the Vicar presided over the business meeting.

Mr. Wilson Dobb was elected president and Mr. Wilson Allin vice-president. The treasurer (Mr. Thomas Stimpson) was re-elected.

The secretary, Mr. H. G. Fretwell, who has left the district, was not present, and had intimated his intention to resign. Mr. J. W. England, The Common, South Normanton, Derbyshire, was elected in his stead.

The Ringing Master (Mr. J. Lord) is also leaving the district, and this announcement was received with regret. A resolution was passed that Mr. T. Bettison be invited to accept the office, and Mr. F. Knowles to assist.

The following were elected members of the Executive Committee: Messrs. G. Rogers, C. J. Partridge, W. Drake and F. Knowles. Nine new ringing members and three non-resident ringing members were elected.

The next annual meeting was fixed for Ripley, and quarterly meetings at South Normanton, Kirkby-in-Ashfield and Crich.

In proposing a vote of thanks of the late Ringing Master, Mr. E. Ashman voiced the appreciation of the association of his services, which was supported by Mr. J. W. England and carried with enthusiasm.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar, who had given the visitors a hearty welcome, to the organist, and to Mr. A. Munks, who had provided the splendid tea, concluded the meeting, and good use was made of the bells until about 8.30, when they were lowered in peal, and this brought to a close a successful meeting.

DEATH OF AN OLD RINGER.

It is with much regret that we have to record the death of Mr. William Clark, of Aldermaston, who died on Wednesday, April 30th, after being taken ill on the previous night. Mr. Clark, who was 61 years of age, was a ringer at Aldermaston, Berks, for 24 years, and before that at Theale, having been a ringer for about 45 years altogether. Ringing, and singing in the choir, were practically his only hobbies. He was a man who was always ready to help others in and out of the tower.

The funeral took place on Saturday, May 3rd. The bells were rung fully muffled before the service, and half-muffled after.

In the evening a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung in 45 mins.: J. Frankum 1, R. Frankum 2, E. Richardson 3, A. Claydon 4, A. Arlott (conductor) 5, E. Arlott 6.

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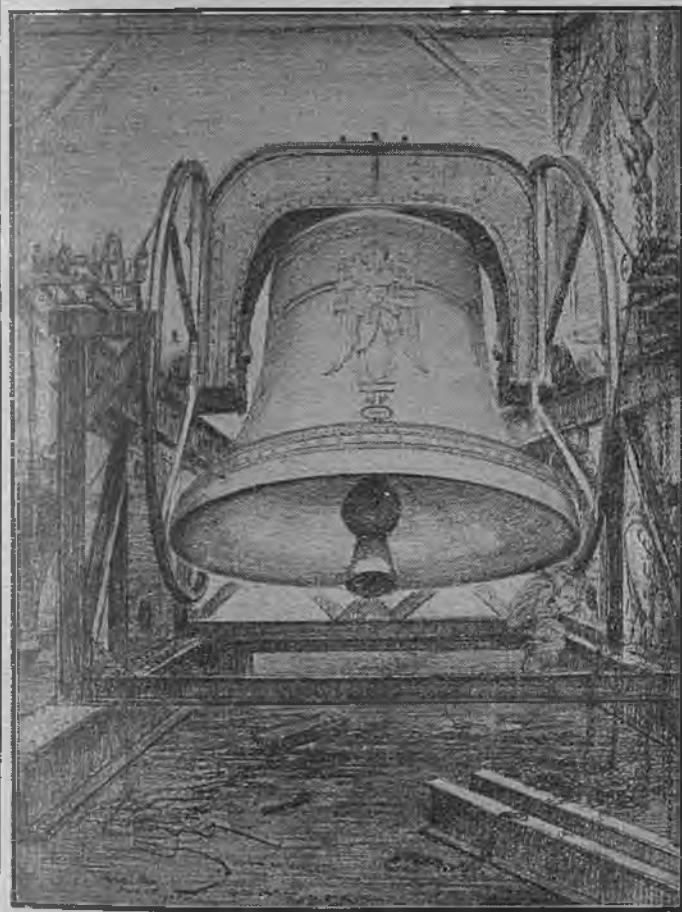
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In the course of a thousand weeks it is inevitable that there must have been numerous occasions when many of our readers have not seen eye to eye with us, but that has not altered the fact that 'The Ringing World' has conscientiously endeavoured to discharge what it has considered its duty to its readers, the Exercise and its own aim as expressed in the article which appeared on this page in the first issue: 'We intend to use our columns for the information, the instruction and, we hope, the elevation of all who take an interest in the art of change ringing, and in the business and social side of the organisations which promote the art.' How far we have succeeded it is impossible for anyone, us least of all, to say, but we are egotistical enough to believe that 'The Ringing World' has not been without influence on the Exercise. Obviously, too, it has never been possible to satisfy everybody in regard to what has appeared in our columns, and if there have sometimes been disappointments for some of our correspondents and readers we are sorry. Our endeavour has been always to give those items of news which were likely to interest the greatest number. We know quite well that a ringer's individual performance, whatever it may be, is to him as important as, if not more important than, any other thing in the current news, but there are occasions when, as, for instance, after the great festivals of the Church, we are deluged with reports of touches rung for service and it is impossible to find room for them all; or again, when under pressure of news of a wide general interest to the Exercise, we have reluctantly to sacrifice something of more limited appeal. It is not an enviable task to make the selection, but we are quite sure our readers will realise that our efforts in this direction are always made in the wider interests of the majority.

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There is one feature of 'The Ringing World' to which we may, perhaps, here be permitted to refer, and that is to the articles which have appeared every week in this column. There has been no break in their continuity from the first number until the present, and always with the motive behind them of focussing attention on some matter of special interest, of making ringers think and, whenever possible, of providing a subject for discussion, either privately or in public. Sometimes, we admit, they have been deliberately provocative, and if occasionally there has been some hard hitting, it has always been, on our part, without rancour, or ill-feeling of any kind. If we have given knocks, we have always been prepared to take them, and our columns have always been open to the views of 'the other side.' For the most part, however, we confidently believe that the opinions which have been expressed in these leading articles have reflected the views of the majority of the thinking members of the Exercise. They have been written, not only from a fairly long experience, but from a very wide and constant contact with ringers throughout the country. They have thus, to a large extent, kept our readers in touch with the general feeling of the Exercise on questions of broad policy in ringing affairs, and in this respect have been something more than the views of the individual writer.

We look to the future with the confident hope that 'The Ringing World' may still serve the Exercise, even better than it has done in the past. We are grateful to all those who, during this last one thousand weeks, have given us their loyal support. The future depends as much upon the Exercise at large as it does upon ourselves. A journal run in the interests of a comparatively small section of the community can only fully succeed if all who are concerned in those interests give it their complete support. It cannot be said that the ringing community, as a whole, has given 'The Ringing World' anything like full support; if it were to do so, it would have in return a bigger paper at a much reduced price. If only half the ringers of England were to purchase a weekly copy a great advance could be made, but until the support justifies it, our readers, we feel sure, will agree that it is better to have a journal for threepence than none at all, because no one expects that any single individual should bear the cost as well as the responsibility of providing the Exercise with what, we venture to believe, is one of its most vital necessities.

In closing this one thousandth leading article we would like to be permitted to put on record a personal fact of which we feel proud, and which, whatever may happen in the future, will always be to us a matter of satisfaction and thankfulness. Every leading article that has appeared on the front page of 'The Ringing World,' from the first number to the one thousandth, has been written by the editor. It is a personal task which he has been able every week to discharge, despite, in former years, the handicap of illness; and to-day's article completes what has long been an ambition. It is not always an easy thing to fill this particular corner of the paper with a subject germane to ringing—there are times when the text itself is difficult to find, and the clothing of the bare bones with sufficient flesh even more difficult. That it should have been possible for a thousand weeks is something upon which we hope we may be allowed to say we look back with no little pride.

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| CYRIL F. HOWITT 4 | H. EDWARD NORMAN ... 9 |
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First peal of Treble Bob Royal on the bells, and by the ringers of 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, and 9. Rung to commemorate the twentieth year of the King's reign, and as a tribute to the ringer of the 2nd on the birth of a daughter.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 8½ cwt.

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| *MRS. F. CLEMENTS Treble | ALEC RUCK 5 |
| WILLIAM TOWNSEND 2 | WILLIAM DYER 6 |
| WALTER YREND 3 | GEORGE H. WALTERS ... 7 |
| *FREDERICK CLEMENTS ... 4 | JOHN F. BALLINGER Tenor |

Composed by J. MILLER. Conducted by GEORGE H. WALTERS.

* First peal of Major. First peal in the method by all the band, except the ringer of the 6th. First peal in the method on the bells, for the branch, and the first in the method rung in the district for a quarter of a century.

KEIGHLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 10, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F.

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| ROBERT W. JENNISON Treble | JOSEPH BROADLEY 5 |
| THOMAS B. KENDALL 2 | GEORGE ROBINSON 6 |
| LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 3 | FRED HODGSON 7 |
| FREDERICK SEAGER 4 | EDWARD JENKINS Tenor |

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

WILBY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, May 11, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 13 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

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| JOHN NOLLER Treble | CHARLES F. GOODMAN ... 5 |
| NOLAN GOLDEN 2 | ERIC G. BENNETT 6 |
| FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... 3 | ALFRED H. WATSON 7 |
| ALPHREUS J. BERRY 4 | GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor |

Composed by J. A. GORTON.

Conducted by N. GOLDEN.

First peal in the method by the treble ringer, who stood in at a minute's notice. The company represents eight parishes.

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On Thursday, May 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

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| STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ... Treble | JACK M. CRIPPS 5 |
| HERBERT RANN 2 | FREDERICK N. SMEATON ... 6 |
| MRS. F. I. HAIRIS 3 | FRANK BENNETT 7 |
| ERNEST G. HIGGIN 4 | HENRY STALHAM Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This peal was especially arranged as a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. F. N. Smeaton.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 10, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

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

Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

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| WILLIAM SHAW Treble | *JAMES SHAW 5 |
| *ARTHUR HAUGHTON 2 | *SAMUEL BOWKER 6 |
| JOHN BRIERLEY 3 | TOM WILDE 7 |
| HARRY NORGROVE 4 | ALBERT HODGE Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by TOM WILDE.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the accession of His Majesty King George V. Also as a compliment to Mr. James Shaw, who has been a ringer at this church for fifty-five years. All are members of the local band.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

AND ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 13, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY (CASTLE HALL),

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S.

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| JOSEPH MELLOR Treble | †JACK RAWLINSON 5 |
| BENJAMIN THORP 2 | ALBERT GORRINGE 6 |
| MISS M. E. THORP 3 | *JAMES CARTER 7 |
| *SIDNEY MARSHALL 4 | †CARUS WILSON Tenor |

Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal, and made members of the Lancashire Association previous to starting.

LEYTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

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| *JOHN H. CRAMPION Treble | ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN. ... 5 |
| JAMES C. ADAMS 2 | ROBERT MAYNARD, JUN. ... 6 |
| ERNEST E. HOLMAN 3 | JACK A. WAUGH 7 |
| FRED C. MAYNARD 4 | †JOHN BULLEN Tenor |

Conducted by ROBERT MAYNARD, JUN.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Stedman. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. C. Adams. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar (the Rev. Robert Bren) for kindly granting permission to ring the peal. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Friday, May 16, 1930, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

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| RALPH LITTLER Treble | ALBERT D. COLLINS 5 |
| HAROLD L. FLAVELL 2 | W. H. LAWLEY 6 |
| ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 3 | ALFRED FALLON 7 |
| HERBERT E. BOOTH 4 | HARRY BOSWELL Tenor |

Conducted by A. FALLON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Master L. Woodfield, who was chorister at the above church, and met his death under tragic circumstances in a motor accident.

BRIGHTLING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 17, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

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| *ALBERT E. EDWARDS Treble | JACK M. CRIPPS 5 |
| MRS. H. BAKER 2 | FRANK BENNETT 6 |
| *FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 3 | KENNETH PATTENDEN ... 7 |
| HARRY BAKER 4 | CHARLES W. PLAYER Tenor |

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

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

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 17, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GUILDFORD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

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| *CHARLES W. DENYER ... Treble | 10. ERNEST SMITH ... 5 |
| †JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... 2 | GEORGE W. STREERE ... 6 |
| WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 3 | WILLIAM T. BRESON ... 7 |
| GEORGE WILSON ... 4 | ALFRED H. POLLING ... Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING

* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal in the method with a bob bell. First peal of Guildford Surprise by the Guild.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 17, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Thomas of Canterbury,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

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| WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... Treble | GEORGE BAILEY ... 5 |
| WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... 2 | WILLIAM BASON ... 6 |
| WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 3 | CHARLES LOVETT ... 7 |
| GEORGE MAYERS ... 4 | WILLIAM CLOVER ... Tenor |

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 17, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| THOMAS K. DRIVER ... Treble | J. H. C. MASSEY ... 5 |
| WILLIAM BERRY ... 2 | GEORGE STAFF ... 6 |
| WALTER STAFF ... 3 | WILLIAM H. SEUKER ... 7 |
| JAMES H. BASTOW ... 4 | WILLIAM HORAN ... Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM BERRY.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND MEN'S SOCIETY.

On Saturday, May 17, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Simon and Jude,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

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| BRO. T. KELHAM DEACON, Earl Shilton Branch ... Treble | ... |
| BRO. GEORGE THOMPSON, Hinckley Branch ... 2 | ... |
| BRO. ARTHUR WATERS, Earl Shilton Branch ... 3 | ... |
| BRO. JAMES GEORGE, Bishop Ryder Branch, Birmingham ... 4 | ... |
| BRO. C. HENRY WEBB, Earl Shilton Branch ... 5 | ... |
| BRO. GEORGE A. NEWTON, Earl Shilton Branch ... 6 | ... |
| BRO. JOHN P. FIDLER, Norbury Branch, Cheshire ... 7 | ... |
| BRO. ERNEST V. CHESTERTON, Earl Shilton Branch ... Tenor | ... |

Conducted by BRO. G. A. NEWTON.

Believed to be the first peal rung by a band of members of the C.E.M.S. First peal for Bro. E. V. Chesterton.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 17, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

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| HARRY HOVERD ... Treble | GEORGE H. CROSS ... 5 |
| MRS. R. F. DEAL ... 2 | LEONARD H. BAYBUTT ... 6 |
| EDWARD J. BEER ... 3 | FREDERICK J. COLLUM ... 7 |
| WILFRED WILLIAMS ... 4 | RONALD H. BULLEN ... Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

First peal in the method rung by the Royal Cumberland Society, also the first on the bells, and first touch in the method by the ringers of the treble, 2nd, 3rd and 6th. The ringers of the treble and 3rd were elected members of the Royal Cumberlands previous to starting. Rung to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the formation of the Kent County Association.

SOUTH ANSTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 17, 1930, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5440 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

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| ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... Treble | WILLIAM T. PALMER ... 5 |
| *MISS ELSIE E. SMITH ... 2 | WILLIAM BIGGIN ... 6 |
| MISS GRACE BORCHNALL ... 3 | WILLIAM H. TORTON ... 7 |
| MISS K. BURCHNALL ... 4 | A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... Tenor |

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL. Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS.

* First peal of Oxford. This composition, now rung for the first time, contains the 5th the 6th the extent in 5th's place, and the 4th, 5th and 6th the extent in 6th's.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 17, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

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| *WILLIAM E. TAYLOR ... Treble | WILLIAM HENLEY ... 5 |
| †JAMES W. WILKINS ... 2 | †RALPH H. BIGGS ... 6 |
| HARRY WINGROVE ... 3 | *ROLAND BIGGS ... 7 |
| †FRED BIGGS ... 4 | GEORGE GILBERT ... Tenor |

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method for over twenty years.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 17, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

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| WALTER THOMAS ... Treble | G. RONALD EDWARDS ... 5 |
| THOMAS HAMMOND ... 2 | GEORGE R. JONES ... 6 |
| WILLIAM JONES ... 3 | HENRY W. WILDE ... 7 |
| ARTHUR NEWELL ... 4 | JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor |

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

First peal of Oxford Treble Bob on the bells.

HINDLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

(WIGAN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 17, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| JOHN BOOTH ... Treble | ALBERT PARKER ... 5 |
| WILLIAM HESKETH ... 2 | JAMES WM. GROUNDS ... 6 |
| SYDNEY FORSHAW ... 3 | *JOHN HALSALL ... 7 |
| NORMAN BROWN ... 4 | *RICHARD SMITH ... Tenor |

Conducted by JAMES WM. GROUNDS.

* First peal. Rung for a Confirmation service, also to commemorate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. John Halsall. The visitors extend their best thanks to the local ringers for their hospitality after the peal.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 17, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

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| ALFRED FALLON ... Treble | HERBERT E. BOOTH ... 5 |
| *ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 2 | FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 6 |
| ALBERT D. COLLINS ... 3 | HARRY BOSWELL ... 7 |
| HAROLD L. FLAVELL ... 4 | JAMES SHAW ... Tenor |

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

* 150th peal. Rung as a compliment to Mr. A. Taylor, a member of the local band, on the occasion of his marriage to Miss T. Davies, also of Rowley Regis; also as a birthday compliment to Miss Elsie Greenfield and Miss Rose Greenfield, eldest and youngest daughters of the conductor.

PRESTWICH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 17, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

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| WILLIAM BIBBY | Treble | THOMAS WALLWORK | 5 |
| EDWARD JENKINS | 2 | ROBERT WALLWORK | 6 |
| LESLIE W. G. MORRIS | 3 | TITUS BARLOW | 7 |
| WILLIAM R. MADGWICK | 4 | THOMAS B. WORSLEY | Tenor |

Composed by Rev. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal of London. Mr. W. R. Madgwick's 100th peal. First peal of London on the bells.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 17, 1930, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| ARTHUR TOMLINSON | Treble | JAMES HARRISON | 5 |
| JOHN BROWN | 2 | JOHN SANDERSON | 6 |
| NORMAN KENYON | 3 | JOSEPH A. TOMLINSON | 7 |
| FRED HINDLE | 4 | JOSEPH RIDYARD | Tenor |

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

First peal in the method and first attempt by ringers of 3rd and 7th. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to J. A. Tomlinson, son of the conductor.

GODMANCHESTER, HUNTS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 17, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

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| WILFRED C. IBBETT | Treble | GEORGE L. PERKINS | 5 |
| MISS DORIS CLARKE | 2 | *ARTHUR J. GINN | 6 |
| MISS CATHERINE FIELDS | 3 | FRANK WARRINGTON | 7 |
| FRANCIS G. GLEAVES | 4 | HERBERT FIELDS | Tenor |

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

* First peal of Major. The conductor's 90th peal. Arranged for Miss D. Clarke, the newly-appointed Hunts District secretary.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 17, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

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| WALTER CHARMAN | Treble | GEORGE ELLIS | 5 |
| KENNETH SNELLING | 2 | KEITH HART | 6 |
| ROBERT SWIFT | 3 | JOHN W. STEDDY | 7 |
| REGINALD V. JOHNSON | 4 | OLIVER SIPPETTS | Tenor |

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 17, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

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| GEORGE WILLIAMS | Treble | ALFRED T. GREENWOOD | 5 |
| JOSIAH D. HARRIS | 2 | D. CECIL WILLIAMS | 6 |
| FREDERICK S. BAYLEY | 3 | WILLIAM E. CHEATER | 7 |
| *FREDERICK W. BURNETT | 4 | FREDERICK W. ROGERS | Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

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NEWPORT, MON.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 17, 1930, in Three Hours,

At the Pro-Cathedral Church of St. Woolos,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in D.

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| SAMUEL JONES | Treble | ARTHUR HAWKIN | 5 |
| KENNETH KNOWLES | 2 | DONALD D. CLIFT | 6 |
| JOHN BULLEN | 3 | CHARLES GREEDY | 7 |
| GEORGE HAWKIN | 4 | WILLIAM PHILLIPS | Tenor |

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by C. GREEDY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Bullen and K. Knowles, after meeting short for Caters.

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 17, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 24 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

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| JOSEPH T. DYKE | Treble | WILLIAM H. LLOYD | 5 |
| ALFRED E. REEVES | 2 | WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT | 6 |
| RONALD G. BECK | 3 | GILBERT H. HARDING | 7 |
| *WILLIAM H. COLES | 4 | WILLIAM A. CAVE | Tenor |

Conducted by G. H. HARDING.

* First peal of Surprise Major. First peal of Major on the bells. Thanks are accorded the local ringers for having everything in 'going' order, and to the Vicar for readily granting the use of the bells. The Vicar met the ringers after the peal, and his kindly interest was greatly appreciated.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 3, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 extents, ten different callings.

Tenor 10 cwt.

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| *ARTHUR W. BOWLER | Treble | WALTER J. COPE | 4 |
| WILLIAM DEMPSTER | 2 | ARTHUR BOWLER, SEN. | 5 |
| GEORGE E. OLIVER | 3 | *JOHN POWLES | Tenor |

Conducted by G. E. OLIVER.

* First peal. First peal of Doubles, also first peal as conductor by G. E. Oliver.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, May 10, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

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| JOHN H. BAILESS | Treble | M. EDWARD WATSON | 4 |
| C. HENRY WEBB | 2 | WILLIAM A. WOOD | 5 |
| FRANK BAILESS | 3 | TOY ATKINS | Tenor |

Conducted by T. ATKINS.

First peal of Minor on the bells by a local band, and rung on the second anniversary of the dedication of the three new bells.

BEACHAMPTON, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 10, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two 120's, ten different callings.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

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| WILLIAM DILLOW | Treble | FREDERICK C. CASE | 3 |
| *ERNEST LOVELL | 2 | *REGINALD BAILEY | 4 |
| THOMAS E. ROBERTS | Tenor | | |

Conducted by T. E. ROBERTS.

* First peal and first attempt.

So many peal and other reports, as well as letters to the Editor, have been sent us this week that we are compelled to hold over a number of them, and much regret to disappoint those correspondents who were anxious that their reports should appear in this 1,000th number.

HOOLE, CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, May 13, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven 720's called differently.

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| G. R. JONES | Treble | H. COUSONS | 4 |
| W. WEETMAN | 2 | A. NEWALL | 5 |
| J. BENYON, SEN. | 3 | J. BENYON, JUN. | Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE R. JONES.

First peal of Minor as conductor. Rung as a farewell to the Rector, Rev. Vesey, who has gone to Macclesfield.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 14, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 8040 CHANGES;

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

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| *JAMES S. REDHEAD | Treble | WILLIAM H. BARBER | 4 |
| †JOHN ANDERSON | 2 | HENRY B. TAYLOR | 5 |
| WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON | 3 | ADAM DEAS | Tenor |

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR, 5340 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in 26 methods, viz.: (1) Munden, Alwicks, Newcastle and Chester; (2) Northumberland, Carlisle and Sandiacre; (3) London, Wells and Cuncesacre; (4) York and Durham; (5) Hexham, Surfleet, Berwick and Beverley; (6) Immanuel, Lightfoot, Stamford and Wearmouth; (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull and Bourne, including Parker's and Driver's arrangements.

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| ERNEST E. WOODAGE | Treble | ANDREW MARSHALL | 4 |
| JAMES BASSETT | 2 | JAMES WAGHORN | 5 |
| BERTHAM LUCK | 3 | ALBERT RELFE | Tenor |

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

This is believed to be greatest number of Surprise methods yet rung to a peal. Rung for the jubilee of the Kent County Association, this being the nearest date available. The band wish to thank Mr. A. G. Driver and Mr. G. L. Joyce for the figures which enabled them to ring this peal. Mr. G. Fuller had the figures outside the tower, and ticked off the course-ends as rung.

CLIFTON KEYNES, BUCKS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 17, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twelve six-scores of Plain Bob with four different callings, and 30 of Grandsire with ten callings. Tenor 10½ cwt.

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| *EDWARD SEAMARK | Treble | *JOSHUA J. PARTRIDGE | 4 |
| *AMOS SMART | 2 | ALBERT MINEY | 5 |
| LEONARD PATRICK | 3 | *EDWARD STANTON | Tenor |

Conducted by AMOS SMART.

* First peal.

TOTTERNOE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 17, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt. in F sharp.

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| *REGINALD J. SCOTT | Treble | EDMUND J. HOBBS | 4 |
| MISS EVELYN STEEL | 2 | ALBERT FLEET | 5 |
| HORACE H. SMITH | 3 | ARTHUR E. SHARMAN | Tenor |

Conducted by ARTHUR E. SHARMAN.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells.

FIRST 720.

At Benilton, Sutton, 720. Grandsire Doubles was rung on April 29th, the first 720 by the local band, which was formed since the rehanging of the bells last November: Miss Stevenson 1, C. Smith 2, R. Mackey 3, E. Enticknap 4, H. E. Good (conductor) 5, G. Chiverton 6.

CASTING OF HASELBECH BELLS.

MORE THAN HALF THE VILLAGERS VISIT CROYDON FOUNDRY.

Over sixty parishioners of Haselbech, Northampton, visited Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's Bell Foundry on Friday last to witness the casting of six new bells, which will be added to two old ones, dated 1621, to form a new ring of eight, in the Parish Church.

They are being presented to the parish by Miss F. D. Ismay, in memory of her late father, and dedication day is fixed to synchronise with her coming of age during the summer.

The visitors arrived at the Foundry at 3.30 p.m., and were taken round the works in two parties. They viewed, amongst other things, the big bells, ranging up to the 18-ton Bourdon, which are being added to the great carillon for Riverside Church, New York, and also some of the bells for the new big carillon now being cast for the University of Chicago.

At 4.30 p.m. the casting of the six new Haselbech bells took place, Miss Ismay, her mother, Mrs. Bower Ismay, the Rector and some of the parishioners throwing coins into the molten metal.

At 5 p.m. the visitors were entertained to tea, and departed at about 6.15 p.m.

The party motored the 70 miles each way in two motor buses, stopping for lunch at Mrs. Ismay's house in Grosvenor Street.

As the total population of Haselbech numbers only 100, practically the whole of the adult population were at Croydon, and friends from the neighbouring village of Naseby, famous for the battle on the Moor and now the country home of the Duke and Duchess of York, took charge of Haselbech for the day.

EATON SOCON BELLS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I regret very much that it should go forth, as your article in your issue of May 9th assumes, that we hold the church bells in this parish in such light esteem, and that they were not insured. As a matter of fact we have no figures yet as to the actual cost of replacing the fabric, but the destruction has been so unprecedented, as the insurance company admit, that it is probable that the whole insurance of £18,000 will be required to put the fabric in order. Obviously, this must be our first duty, and that was the point of my remark, and all other things, such as the bells, the organ, the oak benches and the stained glass windows, must come last. How far we are able to replace these must depend on the response to our appeal for £8,000.

I need hardly say how much we appreciate the practical offer made by Canon Baker at the annual meeting at Leighton Buzzard, and, of course, any gift earmarked for church bells will be most gratefully used for the renewal of our peal. Three of these crashed and are in pieces, and the other three are badly cracked, and have had to be taken down and all the burnt timbers removed.

EDGAR P. HIGHAM, Vicar of Eaton Socon.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LARGE NUMBER OF YOUNG MEMBERS ELECTED.

A meeting of the North and East District held at St. Mary's, Enfield, on Saturday last, turned out a great success, some 50 members and friends attending. Divine service at five o'clock was taken by the Vicar (Rev. J. Thomas). Tea was served in the Church Hall, and the unexpected number caused a strain on the catering department, which was, however, successfully overcome.

The Vicar, who had to leave early, afterwards gave the ringers a very hearty welcome, and was thanked by the hon. secretary, not only for the use of the bells, but for his kind and helpful words.

At the business meeting the chair was taken by the vice-president (Mr. W. Pickworth), who was supported by the District Master (Mr. A. W. Coles), the assistant hon. secretary (Mr. G. R. Goodship), Mr. W. Pye, Mr. G. R. Pye, Mr. J. Parker, etc. No less than 25 new members were elected, including three of the local band, and twelve of St. Andrew's, Enfield, who were proposed as members by Mrs. F. K. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. G. W. Fletcher.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) expressed gratification at the election of such a large number of young members, and stated that he sincerely hoped that these young ringers would prove of great value to the association. The joining up of a new band at St. Andrew's was very pleasing to them all, and these young ringers were fortunate in having two capable instructors in Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher. The Secretary added that visitors would be welcomed at St. Mary's Church on Thursdays, where assistance was needed.

Stammore was chosen for the next meeting on June 28th.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. G. W. Daisley for the use of the St. Andrew's bells, and to Mr. F. Start for making arrangements for the meeting.

A course of Stedman Caters was afterwards rung on handbells by an expert quintette, prior to an adjournment to the tower. The ringing done during the afternoon and evening was of a very varied nature from rounds for the large number of beginners present, to Spliced Surprise (four methods) for the 'experts.' Early in the afternoon the bells at St. Andrew's were rung to touches of 'rounds,' and Grandsire and Stedman Triples.

SUFFOLK GUILD. AN AUGMENTATION FUND.

At the annual Easter meeting held in Bury Cathedral, the sermon was preached by the Rev. T. E. Goodbody, Precentor, on the valuable church work rendered by ringers. By invitation of Archdeacon Farmiloe, tea was provided at Abbey House. Owing to the inclement weather the attendance was not so large as it sometimes is. The balance sheet showed that although the income is not sufficient for the expenditure, there is still a balance in hand of nearly £9.

A collection amounting to £2 was made for the repairs to Halesworth bells.

It was decided to start an augmentation fund, to which members, who could not afford to pay half a crown a year, could still pay something more than a shilling, if they wished, and so increase the income of the Guild.

There was some discussion on the fact that neither ring of bells at Bury is heard to the best advantage. In both cases the sound is too penetrating, and not at all well blended. It was pointed out that this could be remedied at no very great cost.

It was decided to hold next year's meeting on the Saturday after Easter, and the meeting ended with the usual votes of thanks.

A general meeting of the Guild was held at Laxfield on Saturday, May 10th. Although half the district secretaries had not sent in their returns, it was announced that the report was now ready for the printers. Arrangements were made for distributing the report more expeditiously, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Grundisburgh on June 14th. There was ringing both at Cratfield and Dennington, as well as at Laxfield; all these towers have excellent rings of six bells.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Barnsley and District Association was held at Felkirk on Saturday, May 10th. Owing to the unsettled weather the attendance was small. Members were present from Ackworth, Crofton, Royston, Sandal, Wath and the local company. After tea, which was served in the Church School, a short business meeting was presided over by Mr. A. Nash.

Mr. G. D. Potter proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells.—The Rev. H. R. Coney, in replying, remarked on the wonderful record his ringers had achieved last year, and said he was very proud and delighted to see such a good account of it in 'The Ringing World.'

Crofton was selected for the next meeting.

It was decided to hold the Shield Contest at South Kirkby in July.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION'S TITLE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was very much surprised, when reading in 'The Ringing World' the report of the annual meeting of the Midland Counties Association held at Burton on Easter Monday, to see the action taken in regard to the association's title. The report states that a resolution was passed, 'That in future the full title of the association shall be "The Midland Counties Association of Change Ringers for the Dioceses of Derby, Leicester, Lichfield and Southwell."' It is further stated that this had met with the approval of the Lord Bishops concerned.

Now, Sir, seeing that the Diocese of Lichfield is already provided for by having an association in each archdeaconry of the diocese, all of which are already doing very good work, this change of title appears to me to be uncalled for, and is also in direct opposition to what the Church and our associations stand for.

One of the objects of our societies is, I believe, that of creating a spirit of brotherhood among the members. As a member of the society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, I cannot help thinking that this change of title was not given the due consideration by the members of the M.C.A. that it ought to have had, for on the face of it, as it appears in the report, it seems to me, and I do not like using the word, very much like 'poaching' on others' preserves.

This is not upholding the teaching of the Church, to which some of us, at least, are proud to belong.

In conclusion, I would like to ask the M.C.A. whether, before they came to their decision, the views of the members of the three societies at present in the Diocese of Lichfield had been ascertained from the officials of these societies, and whether they were in favour of this alteration?—Yours faithfully,

Brewood, Stafford.

JOHN PERRY.

TWELVE-PART PEALS OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The 12-part Stedman Triples by Mr. J. J. Parker, published on 24th April last, is merely my 12-part No. 8, which was first rung about 15 years ago, conducted by W. Pye.

With regard to the remarks by our old friend, 'W. H. F.,' I consider in the first place he had no right to refer to private correspondence, and in the second place the reference he made was not correct. I stated that the 10-part peal which Mr. Parker published recently for the first time was rung as my composition 28 years ago (not recently as stated).—Yours truly,

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

We extend our sincere thanks to the large number of ringers who have written to congratulate us upon reaching this interesting point in our history, and to send us their good wishes for the future. We would have liked to give extracts from many of them, as evidence of the appreciation in which 'The Ringing World' is held, but space forbids, and we must content ourselves by saying a heartfelt 'Thank you.'

When 'The Ringing World' was started, the Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths was Mr. Alfred B. Peck, and his was the first photograph to appear in our columns. He had many great performances to his credit even in those days, and he has since added the ringing of the tenor at Southwark to the record peal of Stedman Cinques at Southwark, 12,675 changes in 9 hrs. 47 mins., and St. Paul's Cathedral tenor to a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus.

Mr. F. E. Dawe, who supplied 'The Ringing World' with the photograph, has very kindly provided many of the excellent illustrations of church towers which have since appeared. Incidentally he wrote the first letter to the Editor which appeared in our columns.

While we feel that we have grown older since No. 1 of 'The Ringing World' was issued, there is one man whose name appeared in that issue and in this who refuses to recognise the passing of time, and who has been a great 'missionary' in the cause of this journal. He is seventy-six and a half, and has rung 1,059 peals, and intends to ring at least a thousand more—he is James George, 'of England,' who has been not inaptly described as 'one of the eight wonders of the world.'

In looking over the peal columns in the first number it is interesting to note how many whose names then appeared are still on the active peal ringing list.

Those who are no longer with us include such well-known conductors in their day as William Lomas, of Sheffield, Frederick W. Rice, of Crawley, William H. George, of Eastleigh, Robert E. Stavert, of Bushey, and York Green, of London, who all conducted peals recorded in our first issue.

Mr. E. Alex. Young, hon. secretary of the Central Council, celebrated his 65th birthday yesterday. He now relinquishes his post as a surveyor under the London County Council, and the good wishes of his hosts of friends will go with him that he may long live to enjoy his well-earned retirement.

A board, recording the peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Lincoln Cathedral, is shortly to be erected in the Cathedral tower at the expense of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

The photographs of the big gathering at Canterbury on the occasion of the Kent County Association's jubilee, are now on sale (15in. x 12in. 5s., and postage 4d.; 12in. x 10in. 2s. 6d., and postage 3d.), from the hon. secretary, Mr. F. M. Mitchell, 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend, or Mr. Munn, photographer, Gravesend. Souvenir programmes can be had from the hon. secretary, post free, 4d.

'I-er got to tell you,' writes one of our flippant correspondents, 'that although the "Reds" were only at half strength on Saturday last, they were not severely trounced by Double Norwich.'

There is a certain bachelor ringer, well known in London ringing circles, who, we hear, is not a little envious of the recent performance in which one 'mere male' rang a peal with seven ladies.

The Sherwood Youths, with W. D. Crofts among them, rang 'Mr. Holt's true whole peal of Grandsire Tripples, containing 8,040 changes,' on Whitsun Tuesday morning, May 24th, 1768. 'The hobs we're call'd by J. S. Canner.'

The Royal Cumberland Youths rang a peal of 5,120 Court Treble Bob at Edmonton on May 26th, 1798.

Next Wednesday is the anniversary of the first peal of Stedman Caters, rung at Horsley Down by the College Youths, London, in 1787. The bells in this small tower are now never rung.

May 28th is also the anniversary of the first peal rung by the Junior College Youths. This was a peal of Grandsire Caters at Fulham, in 1820.

The Bristol Surprise record of 15,264 changes was rung in 9 hrs. 49 mins. at Hornchurch, Essex, by the Middlesex Association on May 28th, 1912, conducted by William Pye.

The first Surprise peal rung out of England was a peal of Superlative at Bray, Ireland, on May 28th, 1901, conducted by J. S. Goldsmith.

The only peal that has been rung on the sea was rung on the day following the above while crossing from Dublin to Holyhead on the S.S. 'Cambria.' The bells came round as the ship entered harbour. The band was made up of Messrs. W. Pye, W. H. Barber, G. R. Pye, E. Pye and W. Short (conductor). It was rung for St. Martin's Guild.

Later the same day these ringers with three other members of the touring company, including 'He of England,' rang the first Surprise peal in Wales, a peal of New Cambridge Major, conducted by W. H. Barber, at Bangor.

The peal of Grandsire Tripples at Taunton on May 3rd was the first peal 'inside' on eight by the Rev. E. S. C. Lock, and not by A. H. Reed, whose name was 'starred' in error.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

There is no member of the Exercise more esteemed and popular than Canon G. F. Coleridge, president of the Central Council. His name is known wherever the art of change ringing is practised, and for years he has stood as the revered figurehead of the Exercise.

Canon Coleridge was born in the Devonshire vicarage of Cadbury on November 10th, 1857, educated at the Ayshford Grammar School, Uffculme; Chardstock, Dorset, and St. Edmund's College, Salisbury, before proceeding to Keble College, Oxford. His first lessons in ringing were given to him, when a lad, by Mr. R. Brimblecombe, a 'judge' much sought after in Devon prize ringings in those days. In these early lessons the necessity for the most accurate striking took precedence of all else, and those who have rung with Canon Coleridge know how this primary instruction of the old Devon tutor has been lived up to. Canon Coleridge's ringing has always been an example to emulate, and many ringers will agree with his view that a large number of people ring peals before they have learnt to ring rounds properly, or even to handle a rope correctly.

It was while at Oxford that he took up change ringing. He joined the University Society, at the time when the members in residence included C. D. P. Davies, H. A. Cockey, W. S. Willett and J. F. Hastings, who all later entered the Church and became prominent in the Exercise. Mr. Coleridge, as he then was, succeeded Mr. Davies as Master of the University Society, and he took part in the Society's first peal of Stedman Triples, which was rung at Drayton, although the undergraduates had previously rung peals with the Oxford City Society.

Canon Coleridge entered Holy Orders in 1884, and was licensed to the curacy of Caversham, where, naturally, the ringers became his special care, and where in 1891 the six bells were increased to an octave. The Caversham band made great strides, but in 1894 Canon Coleridge went to the Vicarage of Crowthorne, Berks, where he has remained ever since, and has endeared himself to the hearts of all his parishioners, as he has done in the wider field of the ringing Exercise among all who know him.

The strenuous work of a single-handed parish, with only a 'ting-tang' in the church turret, has prevented Canon Coleridge from taking part in as many peals as he might otherwise have done; nevertheless his list is not only of goodly proportions but contains some noteworthy performances,

including the first clerical peal (Stedman Triples at Drayton), the first peal by the Central Council (Stedman Triples at Selby Abbey), a non-conducted peal of Stedman Triples at Drayton, the only peal (Stedman Triples) rung on Lundy Island, the first peal of Grandsire Caters on the bells at Exeter Cathedral, 8,800 Superlative Surprise Major at Loughborough, 12,096 Double Norwich Major at Boyne Hill, 13,054 Stedman Caters at Cheltenham and 15,041 Stedman Caters at Appleton.

A member of many ringing Guilds and Associations,

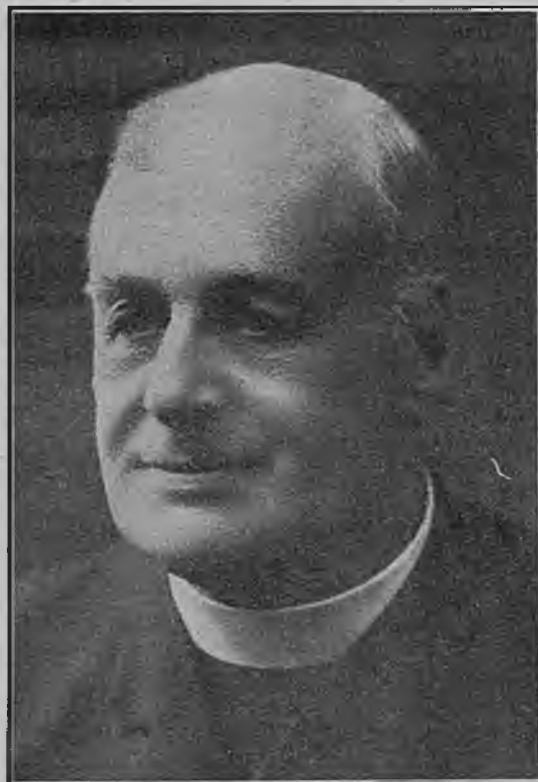
Canon Coleridge has been one of the guiding influences in building up the success of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, while the advance of change ringing in his native county, through the efforts of the Devon Guild, has always been followed by him with the closest interest. Outside these two societies, his greatest pride is in the Ancient Society of College Youths, which he joined in 1879, so that he is one of the few now living who have completed half a century of membership. Canon Coleridge seldom misses the annual dinner of the Society in London, and here, as at all other gatherings of ringers which he attends, his cheery speeches, his amusing stories, and above all, his genial personality, are not only welcome, but give delight to everyone.

Canon Coleridge has been an elected member of the Central Council since its formation, close on forty years ago, having represented the Oxford Diocesan Guild for the whole of that time. In 1921 he was elected president and now, after nine years in office, he contemplates relin-

quishing the post on account of his advancing years. He will retire to the regret of all the members, for he has presided over the deliberations of the Council not only with the utmost impartiality, but with a tolerance, tact and good humour that leave nothing but the pleasantest memories.

His unique experience of the Council gives him unexcelled qualifications to speak of its work, and for that reason the article which he has specially written for this issue of 'The Ringing World' is of additional interest and value.

The fact that Canon Coleridge has been able to write this sketch of the work of the Council is a happy evidence that he is now recovering from his recent serious attack of pneumonia. The whole Exercise followed with deep concern the progress of his illness and will join in congratulations to him upon what, it is hoped, is a complete return to health.



CANON G. F. COLERIDGE

FROM ONE TO ONE THOUSAND—AND AFTER.

BY THE EDITOR.

To-day 'The Ringing World' makes its one thousandth appearance.

One thousand weeks is but a mere flutter in the world's history, but it is a fair slice in the modern history of church bell ringing.

'The Ringing World' was founded on March 24th, 1911, and with one exception—in the period of the General Strike in 1926—it has made an unfailing appearance every Friday for more than 19 years.

It is interesting to note, therefore, that it has to-day the same editor, the same printers and the same publishers, whose association in its production and publication has never been broken.



MR. J. S. GOLDSMITH, Editor of 'The Ringing World.'

It is a proud boast that never once during the whole of this time has the publication of 'The Ringing World' been even one hour late from any reason within the control of the three departments concerned, and on this occasion, as Editor, I desire to acknowledge the cordial co-operation which has been given both by The Woodbridge Press, Ltd., the printers, and The Rolls House Publishing Co., Ltd., the main distributors.

The path of 'The Ringing World' from its first to its one thousandth number has, however, been by no means an easy one. Its appearance in the arena in 1911, at a time when the Exercise was badly in need of a reliable journal, properly edited and punctual in its publication, was at once a success as far as its reception among ringers was concerned, but the early difficulties which inevitably confront a new undertaking had scarcely been surmounted when there came the upheaval of the war with all it brought in its train—the departure of men from the belfries and the almost complete

cessation of ringing, with the consequent loss of circulation; the alteration of values which added to the financial difficulties of carrying on; and the restrictions which handicapped production of every kind except of those things directly connected with the prosecution of the war.

During these strenuous days, which changed the whole course of our habits and our lives, numberless journals which, like 'The Ringing World,' catered exclusively for special interests, succumbed to the unequal struggle for existence, many of them never to be resuscitated.

Emaciated as 'The Ringing World' was in those troublous times, it contrived to maintain a precarious existence, and when the restoration of peace came, it was there to help and encourage those to whom fell the task of rebuilding the Exercise.

Since that time it has been held steadily on its course through the encouragements and disappointments, the successes and the difficulties which come to undertakings as well as to individuals in the progress of a long career. 'The Ringing World' has had the encouragement of a host of loyal supporters, whose kindness, consideration and help have been a stout buttress against the disappointments which come from the apathy of a large section of ringers, who do not even yet realise that a vast amount of the pleasure which they get from their ringing and of the knowledge which is at their disposal would have been unobtainable without the assistance which a ringing journal provides.

Any success that has been achieved has come to 'The Ringing World' by steadily pursuing a policy which has had for its aim the general uplifting of the status of the ringer and his art; and the difficulties have been met by the knowledge that throughout the Exercise it has had the goodwill and the consistent advocacy of countless friends. And because of all the assistance which has been received from so many well-wishers, and in spite of the apathy of so large a proportion of ringers, 'The Ringing World' is still a live force in the Exercise.

Coming more particularly to the personal, as distinct from the general review, I cannot let this occasion pass without thanking the many, many friends throughout the country for the always kindly welcome accorded to me whenever I have gone amongst them. The position of an Editor, even of a journal like 'The Ringing World,' is not always an enviable one, although it is always interesting, but the drawbacks have had their compensations, the greatest of all of which have been the friendships made, many of them deep and lasting.

It has been my privilege to know personally almost all the leading members of the Exercise—men whose names are household words among ringers—since the days when 'The Ringing World' was first launched. Many of them are no longer with us, but who that knew them, as I was happy to do, would not cherish the memory of the acquaintance of such famous men as Sir Arthur Heywood, William Snowden, Charles Hattersley, Henry Dains, Nathan Pitlow and John Carter—men whose service to the art of ringing will ever continue to benefit the Exercise—and such great ringers as Matthew Wood, James Washbrook, Ernest Pye, Bertram Prewett and Isaac Shade—to mention but a few—whose names will live in the annals of ringing as long as ringing itself shall last? It was a privilege to know these giants now gone from us; it is still a privilege to claim as friends notable men, whose name is legion, still actively engaged in our art, and it is in no small measure due to their support, in dark days as well as fair, that 'The Ringing World' has been encouraged to carry on.

I have referred to the past. What of the future? On an occasion like this we must look forward as well as back. The future of 'The Ringing World,' as the leading article to-day points out, rests as much on the ringers as upon those who are responsible for its production. Without circulation it cannot live. The paper is now going on on what is really a minimum circulation. There are, it is officially estimated, over 45,000 ringers in this country. The number of subscribers to 'The Ringing World' does not equal even the odd 5,000. Is it too much to ask that there should be a circulation equal to half the number of ringers? If this could be achieved, a journal as large as this issue could be provided for 2d., if not less. I know that there are many who refrain from buying a copy of the paper because of its price. What they do not realise is that less than half the sum goes towards the cost of production; the necessary channels of distribution swallow up the rest. The way to a reduction in price is a rise in circulation; the ringers thus have the matter in their own hands.

'The Ringing World' desires to serve the Exercise. It will continue to do so within the limits at its disposal. It is for the ringers themselves to enlarge those limits, and if they will do so they will not be disappointed.

THE INFLUENCE OF THE RINGING PRESS.

HOW NEWSPAPERS HAVE HELPED THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE EXERCISE.

BY THE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.

It is with no little pleasure that I respond to the Editor's request for a short article for the one thousandth number of 'The Ringing World,' recalling a few impressions of the days when the Exercise had no journal devoted entirely to its interests, and showing, at least by implication, some of the many changes for the better that have ensued from the dissemination of ringing news and the interchange of ideas between ringers.

But, first of all, let me, sir, congratulate you most warmly on this, the attainment of the 1,000th issue of 'The Ringing World,' and on what it has done and is doing for the advancement of change ringing and for all that is best in connection with it. May your influence for good always be the same as it has ever been, and may the paper continue to flourish and its circulation continue to grow as the years pass on!

There are, I suppose, not very many of us left whose memories go back to the year 1874 or thereabouts. It was then that I first began change ringing. For about three or four years previous to that time I had been able to pull a single bell, but had had no opportunity of anything further. At that time 'Church Bells,' with a column for ringing under the sub-editorship of Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, had been in existence for a short time, but, though it was generally used as a channel for the publication of the performance of peals, there was little in it calculated to advance the interests of the Exercise in those many other directions that are now and have been for so long to the fore. It must not for a moment be thought that I am blaming 'Church Bells' for this, except in so far as the closely circumscribed space allotted to us often militated against the inclusion of matter that would have been of much use, but which had to be postponed or rejected altogether for want of sufficient room. As it was, the space available for anything in the way of instruction was nearly always fully and splendidly occupied by Mr. Jasper Snowden with his invaluable articles either scientific or historical.

To understand why his articles, of whatever kind they were, were so important, it is necessary that we should put ourselves in imagination to the state of affairs as they then were.

Except possibly for some very brief and occasional communication in 'Bell's Life,' or some such 'sporting' journal, the only means of correspondence that had ever existed between ringers was private and personal—that is, by post—and, be it remembered, a letter in the older days cost more like three and six than three halfpence. We know that there were ringing books, but they were neither many nor cheap, and to the ordinary man not at all easy of comprehension. The last of the old writers was Shipway, and of the more recent neither Hubbard nor Banister erred in the way of too full explanations. And so ringing pabulum was thin and scanty.

The natural result of this was that the Exercise was thoroughly unorganised. In London and the leading towns there were individual conductors and composers who knew one or two other conductors or composers up and down the country, but beyond this there was no general intercourse or cohesion between the various local units of the Exercise. And so each local company developed solely on its own lines and while in many centres, such as London, Norwich, Birmingham, Paiswick and others, change ringing well kept up its head, there were often co-existing developments of a less desirable nature, such as jealousies, quarrels, narrowness of outlook, accompanied by failure in general to realise and appreciate the uplifting power of the science, and, above all, its position and responsibility as pertaining to the Church of God.

What a different view meets the eye of the ringer of the present day as he surveys the scene around him! We do not mean that things are perfect. There is still much to be done in many ways. But on the chief lines we are well established. In place of sparse and casual units the Exercise, though not formally, but really and effectually, is a united whole. Every member of it is, or at least may be if he likes, thoroughly instructed in ringing theory and practice. Is there any question in connection with the art and science of change ringing on which he wishes for enlightenment? He may get replies galore in a few days. The same, too, as regards any point in its history or other particular on which he may wish for information. With the Church he stands well, chiefly as the outcome of the mutual recognition of his true position by his own realisation on the one hand, and on the other by the fact that the clergy and Church authorities have come to recognise him as a most important church-worker.

Thus the whole aspect of ringing has altered for the better. Here it is vital to remember that the improvement has mainly arisen, not as in most cases by kindly help from outside hands, but as the outcome of a moving spirit in the Exercise itself. It is true that Mr. Ellacombe struck the match, but the material for the flame was supplied by the ringing fraternity itself.

It took but a short while to discover that what was required was a voice of its own by which the Exercise could express its mind and its ideals, and could develop its own power of expansion both in knowledge and in action.

This speedily gave birth to 'Bell News,' which was at first published as a 'monthly,' but soon settled down as a 'weekly,' and ran a most useful course for somewhere near thirty years, when from various causes weakness began to affect its utility.



THE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.

It was then that 'The Ringing World' came into existence, and since then has continued with conspicuous ability and faithfulness in its task of contributing to the unity and progress of the Exercise.

When we look at its pages at the present time and compare them with its earlier issues or with those of its predecessor we are at once struck by strong evidences of continuity of policy. The same causes of weakness in ringing circles, both from within and from without, are still at work and must be countered. From within comes ever and anon slackening of energy and purpose, and now and then dissension and estrangement. From without come attacks on ringing and ringers from the few—we are happy to say, the very few—who hate bells and everything to do with them. Deprived of our weekly journal we should lack the chief means of defence against these dangers.

The great point of difference between the older numbers and the more recent ones is to be found in the comparative absence of scientific matter at the present time. The reason for this feature is not at all to be attributed to any unwillingness on the part of the editor to insert matter of this description, nor to want of interest on the part of his readers, but to the simple fact that modern

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELLRINGERS, 1890-1930.

By THE PRESIDENT, CANON G. F. COLERIDGE.

Forty years an elected representative member, with never a miss at the annual meeting, a member of the Standing Committee, and for the past nine years President of the Council, naturally afford a deeper insight than would be granted to many of the objects and practical working of the Central Council from its inception to the present time. I therefore gladly accept the invitation of the editor of 'The Ringing World' to write a short article to mark the 1,000th issue of a periodical which should claim the active support of every ringer in the land.

Debarred as I am at the moment from access to the shelves of my library, wherein may be found volumes of 'Bell News' and 'The Ringing World,' complete from the beginning, the two containing records not only of the proceedings of the Central Council, but records extending over near 50 years, a mere sketchy outline of the Central Council is all that I can give, not laying so much stress on its transactions year by year as on the wisdom in which it was conceived, and the sound lines on which its constitution was drawn up, for on those lines the Central Council has made such sure and definite progress till it has become the natural body to which all ringers can with confidence appeal, and to which they can look for guidance in the solution of many a knotty point which has arisen during the 40 years of its existence.

This is just what might be expected, seeing that the Council from the beginning has always numbered amongst its members not a few of the best known and most highly respected men to be found in the Exercise, whether as practical ringers or as deeply versed in the theory of composition, method construction and so forth. Many of the original members have passed from our midst—a new generation is succeeding them.

What does this generation know of the origin and founding of the Central Council? How came it into being? There are some of us who will remember the occasion on which a 'National Association of Change Ringers' was first mooted. To celebrate the 80th birthday of Mr. Henry Johnson in the year 1890, Sir Arthur Heywood (he had not then succeeded to the baronetcy) invited nearly a hundred of the best known ringers to do honour to the old veteran at a dinner in Birmingham given by him. It was at this dinner that a scheme for such an association was laid before those present, and, after discussion, approved in so far as its main outlines were concerned. The various associations, guilds and societies were invited to send two representatives each to a further meeting to be held in London, where, under the chairmanship of Mr. Heywood, the draft scheme was gone through, thoroughly discussed, altered and amended in the course of an afternoon's work, and the proposed title changed into 'Central Council of Church Bellringers.'

The rules and constitution were circulated among the associations, guilds and societies with a request that representatives should be elected before the end of that year to attend the first meeting of the Council to be held in London on the Tuesday in Easter week following. There was a most satisfactory response, 63 out of the 74 elected were present, a large amount of business was transacted and the Council entered with high hopes on its career of usefulness.

Such, in brief, is the story of the inauguration of the Council; the younger generation may be glad to read it. Under the wise and firm guidance of Sir A. P. Heywood, who was president for 28 years till his death from overwork during the Great War, backed up by two of the most able secretaries, the Rev. H. Earle Butler and, after him, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, with a Standing Committee alive to the responsibilities entailed upon it, together with unflinching goodwill exhibited by members in Council assembled, though opinions on some points proved to be as far apart as the poles, the Council has made its way and gained its position as a body essential to the welfare of the Exercise. I venture to assert that it will continue to exercise its influence for just as long as there is no radical departure from the sound lines on which its constitution has been evolved.

By the rules of the Council the election of representatives is held every three years, and at the first meeting, always held in London, not more than 15 honorary members may be nominated. The two remaining meetings of the session are held in regular rotation either in the Midland district or North and South and East and West. This arrangement has been found to work well in the past, all parts of England being visited in turn according to rota, the selection of

city or town to be visited being left to the decision of the members present at the previous meeting. In recent years the Council has not only been warmly invited to a centre, but has been officially received in Cathedral cities by Bishops, Deans and Archdeacons; in towns by the Mayor, notably at the last meeting in London by the Lord Mayor, Sir Rowland Blades, now Lord Ebbisham, who placed the Mansion House at the disposal of the Council. This year, for the first time, the meeting will be held at Lambeth Palace.

The output of literature by the Council has been considerable; it would be vastly increased if sufficient funds were available. Most of the books, pamphlets, etc., should be in the hands of every ringer. There are also volumes and typewritten collections of peals in the care of the librarian which may be borrowed by any member of an association represented on the Council.

Committees who do invaluable work, and whose praises are too often left unsung, are constantly at work, their labours being submitted to the Council annually, as for example, the 'Press and Publications Committee,' which is charged, among other duties, to correct misstatements in the public press when ringing and the legitimate use of church bells is in question; the 'Methods Committee,' diligent in their work for many a long year, and often disappointed when lack of funds prevents the publication of their labours; the 'Analysis Committee,' which annually produces its statistics of peals rung, with commentaries of surpassing interest appended; the 'Peals Collection Committee,' which is always at work, proving compositions and arranging them in volumes, some of which have been printed, while others, in typescript, are in the Council's library. Other committees having done their work have been dissolved with thanks for their labours; others, no doubt, will be appointed as occasion serves; while others again are kept in being in view of possible work in the future.

There is a lighter side to the annual meetings which must be mentioned—the pleasant evenings arranged by the association within whose area the meetings fall, the sumptuous teas at the close of business provided by them, with later entertainment, when native talent, musical and otherwise, is enlisted, and ringers of the district have an opportunity of meeting the Council members in an informal way.

A lighter side is also occasionally manifest in the midst of solemn discussions, as, for example, when we were informed that 'Stedman is not a method—it is a principle.' Forty minutes or so were occupied in discussion, which the president closed by stating that the only motion before the meeting was one made by a burly Yorkshireman—'that Stedman should be as it was in the days of his father.'

No doubt the Editor's blue pencil will strike out this paragraph—it would certainly heavily line any other lighthearted anecdote I could supply. To save him trouble, I refrain.

One serious question, however, remains to be asked—it is prompted by the statement made by the secretary three weeks ago, that no subjects for discussion at the next meeting had been sent in. We may well ask: What are the associations doing? What are their representatives doing? Surely there are plenty of subjects which touch the ringer on all sides, and subjects which might well be discussed. It is an old complaint of forty years' standing: if the Council is to be useful to associations, it is imperative that matter for discussion should be submitted by them to fill an agenda paper otherwise concerned only with routine business. Let us hope that the next forty years will see a big annual response in the matter of 'subjects for discussion.'

And now one word in conclusion. We welcome to-day the appearance of the 1,000th number of 'The Ringing World.' We may well ask: Where would the Exercise be if it had no journal devoted solely to its interests? Of what use would the Central Council be if no detailed account of its proceedings were made public? The answer is obvious. There is no need to give it, or, if given, to dilate upon it. It is enough to say that for a thousand weeks 'The Ringing World' has regularly appeared every Friday without a break. What this means to a proprietor and editor can never be realised by those who merely read. What it means to those who read is that a feeling of deep gratitude should rise and extend to him who for a thousand weeks has ministered to their needs.

To carry on a paper dealing with one subject only, for the benefit of a comparatively few in number, means indomitable faith, courage and pertinacity. Those virtues have been exemplified to the full. Week by week we read our journal, and with avidity the leading article, wondering whether the springs of inspiration will ever run dry; and if now and then in the past some of us may have felt that certain strictures on the Central Council were somewhat uncalled for, we must remember that years have passed since they were written—that they are now forgotten and have been more than atoned for by innumerable articles of the greatest help, all written by a man of courage, and one who is never ashamed of his opinions. I raise my hat to the Editor on this auspicious occasion, so full of satisfaction both to himself and his readers, and beg to assure him that the thousand congratulations I personally offer him will be exactly multiplied by the number of those who appreciate and value his laudable undertaking.

CONTROVERSIES THAT HAVE ADVANCED THE ART.

HOW THE RINGING PRESS HAS FURTHERED COMPOSITION.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

That the study of composition and the theory of change ringing is necessary, is a statement that few ringers, even the most careless, would care to deny. At the same time there are many who do think that these things are not of immediate importance—at least, not to themselves—and they are inclined to grudge the space and time which are given to them in the pages of 'The Ringing World' and the discussions of the Central Council. Let us have, they say, something practical and leave all this theory to those who are interested in it. Well, these good people should be reminded that these discussions and these questions are of the utmost importance; the progress and the very life of change ringing and the Exercise depend on them, and directly or indirectly they influence every individual ringer, however humble.

When the study of composition is keen and intelligent, then practical ringing flourishes; when it has been languid, then practical ringing has declined. The methods and the peals we ring to-day are the fruits of the study of men that have gone before, and perhaps there is nothing which more helps to keep change ringing alive and growing than the keen intellectual interest these problems give to the best men of the Exercise.



MR. J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

I suppose that throughout the long history of ringing there was no time when its future looked more uncertain than the third quarter of the last century. It was a period of stagnation, if not of actual decline. In the country villages, owing to various causes, some of them economic, some ecclesiastical, ringing was dying out. In the towns there was no progress. What ringing was done was almost entirely Treble Bob, Grandsire and Stedman, and Stedman only in a few favoured towers. And everywhere the social standing of ringers was at the lowest. This was the time when composition was at its worst.

The book on ringing, which William Sottanstill published in 1867, will give an idea of composition and the standards of originality at his time. If you take away what belongs to previous generations and what is either the merest variation of old peals or the closest imitation of old peals, very little is left of that work of many hundred pages. And Sottanstill was undoubtedly a very worthy man and above the average. Of course, there were a few men even then whose names rank, and deservedly, among the leading composers of the Exercise, but with the exception of Henry Johnson, their reputation depends on a few peals of Treble Bob.

Fifty years ago began the great revival of change ringing, of which we to-day are reaping the benefit. It was a revival in every

branch of the art and science. The jubilee anniversary of association after association during these recent years has reminded us of one great feature of this revival. Jasper Snowdon's series of books on various methods (which are out of date to a surprising little degree) is another feature of this revival. And a third and equally potent was the establishment of a ringing press. For half a century the Exercise has not lacked the services of a weekly newspaper, and it is not easy to estimate how much ringers, and especially the more advanced ringers, owe to this fact. At first it was the now defunct 'Church Bells.' This was not primarily a ringer's paper, but it did open its columns to ringing compositions. Then in 1881 appeared 'Bell News,' a paper which, however much it fell away in its later days, served the exercise manfully till it disappeared along with many other better and worse things in the great war. Two papers, 'Campanology' and 'The Bellringer,' had brief careers. And, of course, for these last one thousand weeks we have had 'The Ringing World.'

These newspapers give us a full and complete history of the Exercise during this last half-century, and as we turn over the pages we can trace the development of ringing and the changes that have taken place, and how this method has waxed in popularity and that method has waned. It is easy enough to see why Treble Bob should have lost ground, but we wonder why Superlative, which was once hailed as 'the queen of methods,' should have declined; why Cambridge, once so despised, should now be so popular; why Double Norwich does not hold quite the position which we think it should.

But perhaps of all the articles in these pages the most interesting and the most valuable are those on composition and the science of ringing. We see a succession of problems arising, and we see the best brains of the Exercise setting themselves to the task of solving them. It is not always that we actually see the solution—we must look for that in the doings and opinions of the ringers of to-day.

Fifty years ago the burning question was, 'Is it possible to get a true peal of Grandsire Triples with common hobs only?' The answer is so simple, and the clues to it had been given to the Exercise more than fifty years earlier by Shipway that we wonder—now—that it ever could have been a problem. But it took some very clever brains to solve it. Later on the construction of peals of Stedman Triples on Thurstans' plan was investigated by the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer and Mr. Percival Heywood, whom we later got to know as Sir Arthur. He was a frequent contributor to the ringing press on composition, and many of his articles are of permanent value. Whatever opinions we may hold of his method Duffield (and mine are not high), there can be no doubt that the articles in 'Bell News' in which he introduced it to the Exercise (afterwards issued in book form) are among the best of ringing literature.

Then there was the big fight over London Royal. Many of us remember how Mr. Lindoff extended London Major to ten bells, how the College Youths, under the conductorship of Mr. George Price, rang the peal at Stepney; how composers from all sides with one consent shouted that whatever the method was it was not London Royal, and how the air was black with different London Royals, no two people agreeing on the same version; the net result being, I imagine, that ordinary sensible people came to the conclusion that there is no London Royal at all.

Then there was Mr. Law James' brickbat hurled at the head of Stedman ringers, when he bluntly told them that the first peal of Stedman Triples has yet to be rung, and what they were practising was a faulty extension. All of which had some truth and much exaggeration, but which admirably served its purpose of making people think.

So I could go on and tell of the battle we fought over Bob Major Lead-ends and Symmetry, now generally accepted by the Exercise, and on down to the latest dispute about Minor peals. And what is the good of it all? What? Fifty years ago, if you were a first-class ringer you would be ringing peals of Grandsire Triples. Now, Cambridge is an ordinary 'bread and cheese' method, and ten Surprise methods have been rung spliced into one peal!

MR. J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

GREAT WORK IN THE INTERESTS OF RINGING.

Mr. James Armiger Trollope, who has been for many years one of the most regular contributors to the ringing press, was born on January 8th, 1876, at East Dereham, Norfolk, and educated at King Edward VI. School, Norwich. His ringing career started in 1892, and his first peal was seven 720's of Bob Minor on handbells, which he conducted from 1-2. This peal, rung in the then quick time of 1 hr. 38 mins., was shared by the brothers George and J. E. Burton. Mr. Trollope's first tower bell peal was Bob Major, on the middle eight at St. Peter Mancroft tower, and in the same year, with a young band, he rang 5,040 in seven methods of Doubles at St. Peter

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LOOKING BACKWARD, IN LIGHT AND SHADE.

BY WILLIAM WILLSON.

'Memory, the warder of the brain,' a phrase that Shakespeare puts into the mouth of Lady Macbeth, can hold, for most of us, both sweet and bitter reflections. A retrospect of 'One Thousand Weeks,' or a period of nearly twenty years, is like looking into a kaleidoscope with its never-ending prisms. Time rings the changes on faces and events which pass before us like a panorama. Let us see! On March 24th, 1911, the curtain was rung up on No. 1 of 'The Ringing World,' which from the outset was stamped 22 carat 'at Goldsmith's Hall.'

Since that time many things have happened and giants of their generation, mental and physical, have passed on. Names such as W. Banister, Sir A. P. Heywood, John Carter, and J. W. Washbrook, will live for ever in the annals of ringing. Peal records have been eclipsed to make room for further doughty deeds, though it would appear that the limit of human endurance must have been almost reached.

Perhaps the best performances of the past two decades were the long peals of Stedman Caters at Appleton, the Cinques at Southwark—with a tenor of 50 cwt.—and the Cambridge Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne. I heard several hours of the Cinques, and checked many course-ends. The boom of the heavy bells could be heard long before the Underground train pulled into London Bridge Station. The striking was beyond any criticism when I came away after the seventh hour.

I regret that I did not hear the Ashton peal, but it goes without saying that it must have been one of the best, for anyone knows that a ringer cannot 'run amok' in Cambridge Twelve very far without wrecking the peal. With a 'scratch' hand, it is no fool's job to score a 5,000, but to pull off 15,000 at the first time of asking is little short of marvellous, and a feat of which the performers may well feel justly proud. I think that record will stand the test of time.

The other two peals were rung by the College Youths, whose hefty henchman, Mr. W. T. Cockerill, has just passed his 71st milestone, and on April 13th! This supposed unlucky date has not been unfortunate for him, for he carries his years—and weight—remarkably well. Somehow, these old-timers of the C.Y. retain their youth's certificate well beyond the allotted span. I first met some of them over 35 years ago, and they seem to have aged very little. On that occasion there were C. F. Winney, W. Prime, W. T. Cockerill, J. Waghorn, J. Pettitt and E. Horrex. Most of these remain, and one wonders if the secret of their longevity lies in the Coffee Pot? If it does, I must take to coffee. Of course, the secretary of the C.Y. must always remain a chicken, for unless he changes his name he will never die an old bird.

The flight of time has brought the carillon, though this does not seem to threaten change ringing at all. The view has been expressed that it would be a good thing if 8, 10 or 12 bells in every carillon were hung for ringing, as it would serve a dual purpose. It would, but as a rule, carillon towers are not built to carry swinging bells, and as the carillon is usually hung in several tiers it is probable that mechanism would be disturbed by the ringing. Still it is not beyond engineering ability, and the first bell founder who initiates it will get the business. In their place, carillons are delightful, and can be heard at their best on the Continent, where towers and spires are much higher than in this country. I call to mind sitting in the market place at Bruges on a summer evening, listening to the bells immortalised by Longfellow, when the carillonner accompanied a choir singing on a balcony below. The effect of bells and singing on the still, night air is thrilling, and visitors from many parts of Belgium come on Monday evenings in summer to a scene romantic and weird. One can ascend the tower and stand beneath the bells which are open to the sky, but the semi-wooden staircase is narrow, dark, and somewhat dangerous.

After counting 350 steps, I suddenly forgot how many, for a huge fellow was coming down with no room to pass.

'Go back, please,' I said. He answered, 'Nein, nein,' and came on like an elephant. 'Oh, that's your game, is it?' I replied, and 'prepared to receive cavalry.'

We clashed, but I was able to get in some fine bayonet work with the elbows, treading on his feet the while, by way of encouragement. 'Mein Gott! Donner und Blitzen,' he yelled, and with a final dig in his capacious paunch, I got clear. It was meat and drink to me to hear his grunts all the way down.

So, my readers, when you are rushed on the belfry steps, remember my recipe.

Some of the ringers whose names appeared in No. 1 are with us to-day—and some are not. The veteran I. G. Shade was a victim of the motor, and paid the toll of the road. Others we can never forget. One memorable name is missing—Bertram Prewett. Those who knew him will ever recall his sunny smile. When the holocaust of 1914 burst over Europe, many of our fellow-ringers exchanged

the rope for the rifle, and the belfry for the battle-front. I have sought for their names in the cemeteries of the Salient, where poppies blow in Flanders fields, and where the blood of our nation was poured out like water.

Few can stand in these hallowed havens of peace without emotion. It is a peace unbroken, save for the sighing wind singing a requiem in the trees, save for the song of a bird piping its plaintive elegy to the fallen. There they lie. All that they had, they gave. Stretching out far beyond the horizon—from Poperinghe to Passchendaele, St. Julien to Ypres, and these are but a few—thousands on thousands of headstones gleam like fields of whitening corn, the harvest of 'the Reaper Grim.'

It makes one feel a better man to stand in the silent company of the heroic dead who found their journey's end in the garden of God. Faces we shall see no more come before the mental vision, lit now by the lamp of remembrance, and the words rise unbidden: 'These are they who came out of great tribulation.' Aye:—

They shall not grow old, as we who are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn,
At the going down of the Sun—and in the Morning

We will remember them.

Some years ago a course of Stedman Caters was rung in Westminster Abbey over the grave of the Unknown Warrior. Why not a ringers' pilgrimage at the Menin Gate?



MR. WILLIAM WILLSON.

There are others still with us who are like Tennyson's brook. To name a few: Lindoff, Pye, Pulling, G. Williams and, of course, J. George ('He of England'). The last-named must have been forgotten by Father Time. James, known to his friends of the vulgar tongue as 'Jimmie,' laughs at the old man with the hour-glass. The hero of many tenors commenced peal ringing late in life, and in consequence is a stayer. One scarcely knows how to place Jimmie in Shakespeare's 'Seven Ages of Man.' Always interesting and voluble, though never more so than when at the Central Council meetings, he seeks the bubble reputation, even at the cannon's mouth, notwithstanding the Canon in the chair deftly spikes Jimmie's guns. He tells me that he still retains 'that Kruschen feeling,' is as spry as a greyhound, and has taken a lease of his house that runs out when he is 130 years old. He is worried because he thinks he will have to renew the lease. His name, also, appeared in No. 1 of 'The Bellingranger' in 1907. Looking further back, I find two famous names also in No. 1 of 'Campanology' in 1898, but what is most remarkable the same two appeared in No. 1 of old 'Bell News' in 1882. They are Messrs. C. F. Winney and F. E. Dawe, and both are still in peal-ringing harness.

In a review of two decades we cannot but be impressed by the new methods and systems evolved, and one wonders what the ringers of old would have thought. There are those who will adopt nothing without a precedent, oblivious to the fact that everything

that exists was once its own precedent. This retrospect is in no wise controversial, but the fact remains that some features of modern ringing have evoked divided opinions. It could be argued that methods like 'Little Bob,' where the treble only rings Minimus, ought to be scrapped from Major methods, on the ground that it never does the work. On the other hand, I recollect a peal of Stedman Caters where the seventh bell never went in 'slow.'

The splicing (within the lead) of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob might fitly be described as 'neither fish, nor good red herring,' as it is only rung by extraneous calls, but this is not altogether new, for Sottanstell produced the idea in 1867. I would, however, like to see a Plain Course of 'Mixed Treble Bob.'

The real splicing of methods, both plain and Surprise, is on a firmer foundation, and has come to stay, compelling, as it does, the utmost skill of composer, conductor and ringer. Shipway thought in 1816 that London Surprise might be rung if a band could be found clever enough to practise it. What would he think in 1930 when 6, 8 and 10 or more Surprise methods are rung, all compressed within a true peal of 5,000 changes?

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Peals have been rung under various conditions. Once on the sea, and several touches down a coal mine are the present limits. No one seems to be sufficiently ambitious to attempt a handbell peal either down in a submarine or up in an airplane. The coal mine would not be so bad. I have been down 1,000 feet, and except for the atmosphere, which is a bit musty, there should be no difficulty. Those London ringers who live almost continually in the 'Tubes' would be quite at home. The airplane is a different proposition. If anyone contemplates it, I advise a trial flutter first. Except in the tail of a Handley-Page, the roar of the 'Prop.' is like thunder, air sickness is worse than sea water, and if the pilot should decide to do a little stunting, such as 'the Falling Leaf,' 'Spiral nose dive,' or 'loop the loop'—well, the striking would get a bit mixed, to say nothing of the ringers.

There is a feat, however, that remains undone. I think I am right in saying that no peal has yet been rung on the Continent of Europe outside the British Isles. A handbell band could easily ring peals in France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany in a week's tour. Dunkerque, Ostend, and Shuis are all in a 50-mile radius. Cologne could be taken at leisure. There is—or was—a monster 35 ton bell at Cologne, with two wheels for swinging, and the cannons forming a royal crown. A call could be made at Brussels, and a tribute paid to the grave of Nurse Cavell. I should be glad to join such a party. This is looking forward, but when the younger ringers reach the 2,000th number of 'The Ringing World' in 1948, may they then look back on something attempted and something done.

Well, here we are at the end of the programme. Talking is dry work, and my bearings need lubrication. There is just another dose in the dispensary, and, as my private Muse is nudging my arm, I give you

A TOAST:—

Then 'Here's success to the Ringer's Press, the captain and the crew.
Who seeks for fame, must play the game. It's up to me and you

To help our boat to keep afloat; so with our sails unfurled
Let every man do all he can to speed "The Ringing World."'

MR. WILLIAM WILLSON.

ONE OF THE FIRST CONTRIBUTORS TO 'THE RINGING WORLD.'

There has been no more trenchant pen in ringing journalism than that of Mr. William Willson, who was a contributor to the first number of 'The Ringing World'—and many subsequent issues—and returns to-day in reminiscent vein.

In his many contributions to the ringing press, Mr. Willson, in serious mood, has been a caustic writer, and often a formidable antagonist to those with whom he disagreed. When he gets down to business he has a way of saying things which make his opponents sit up and think, for he never hesitates to call a spade a spade.

Born on August 12th, 1868, Mr. Willson began ringing at the early age of ten years, and he has now rung over 350 peals of 5,000, 6,000, 7,000, 10,000, 11,000, 17,000 and 18,000 changes, proving that he is as tenacious at the end of a bell rope as he is in debate. He conducted the first seven-method peal for the Midland Counties Association, and also peals of 7,001 Grandsire Caters, 10,176 Kent Treble Bob Major, 10,192 Bob Major, and 11,008 and 17,104 Double Norwich Major, while he was one of the band that cut a deep niche in ringing history when they rang the famous 18,027 Stedman Caters at Loughborough Parish Church. Among other notable performances in which he has taken part have been 'silent' peals of Stedman Triples, Caters, and Cinques (on handbells), and the first peals of Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise in Leicester.

Mr. Willson was for some years hon. treasurer of the Midland Counties Association, of which he is at present one of the representatives on the Central Council, and is Ringing Master at the Church of St. John-the-Divine, to which tower he gave two trebles to complete the ring of ten.

THE INFLUENCE OF THE RINGING PRESS.

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books on ringing, notably those of the Snowden series, have incorporated in their pages reprints of all the epoch-making articles in former issues of 'Bell News' and 'The Ringing World,' so that ringers of the present day are thoroughly and firmly set standing on their own feet in the science of ringing, and are able themselves to go ahead with any new views of their own, or to appreciate what is or what is not of real and permanent value in the ideas of others.

In fine, we may truly say that, while on the one hand the position and influence of the Exercise to-day are largely due to its own initiative and organisation, to its diocesan and county guilds and associations, to its supply of modern books and treatises, and, of course, to modern means of transport and intercourse, it has been and still is the case, that all these advantages have been made known and brought home to each and every individual ringer by the ringing press, and for many years past solely by 'The Ringing World,' to which with all our heart we wish every success and a long period of continued and increasing usefulness in the future.

THE REV. CHARLES D. P. DAVIES. INVESTIGATOR AND AUTHOR.

Although a ringer and conductor of no mean order, it is not so much for his work in this department of the Exercise that the Rev. C. D. P. Davies has made his imprint on the art. He is best known for his important labours in the investigation of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, the results of which solved many of the problems which baffled earlier composers, and which, embodied in the 'Snowdon' volumes, have become standard works upon the questions involved. In addition to his services in this direction, Mr. Davies has laid ringing under an obligation to him by the services he rendered as hon. secretary to the Central Council for twenty years. In addition Mr. Davies filled, for some four or five years, the position of editor of the ringing column in 'Church Bells.'

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies was born at Tewkesbury Vicarage, Glos. on September 12th, 1856, the eldest son of Canon C. G. Davies, who was Vicar of Tewkesbury from 1846 until his death in 1877, and who initiated a great scheme for the restoration of the Abbey—a work which he did not live to see finished. Last year his son preached at the jubilee celebration of the completion of the restoration, thus forging a memorable link in the history of the famous church.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies began his ringing at Tewkesbury tower, but progress was slow. By great perseverance, however, the company taught themselves to ring first Grandsire Doubles and then Grandsire Triples, and Mr. Davies eventually had the satisfaction of ringing a peal with the band on their own bells. After his father's death the family removed to Cheltenham, where, during vacations, Mr. Davies, who was then at Oxford University, rang with the Cheltenham company. At Oxford Mr. Davies practised with the University Guild, of which he became hon. sec. and afterwards Master.

Mr. Davies was ordained in 1880 at Lichfield Cathedral to the curacy of Whitchurch, Salop, where he worked up the local company to ring Stedman Triples. Going next to Chaceley, in Worcestershire, Mr. Davies completed and published his work on Grandsire, which was afterwards incorporated in Snowden's standard work upon the method. After filling curacies at Redmarley, Worcestershire and Whiteshill, Gloucestershire, he went to Ringmer, Sussex, where once more the existence of a ring of eight bells enabled him to coach a band. His next appointment—to the living of East Marden, a village among the South Downs—took him to a church without a ring of bells, but his association with the Exercise became more intimate than ever by his being elected hon. secretary and treasurer of the Central Council, on the death of the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer. This important office he occupied for no less than twenty years and filled with ability, punctiliousness and courtesy. When he retired in 1921 the Council presented him with a 'loving cup' as a small token of their appreciation of his long services.

In 1902 Mr. Davies accepted the living of Fretherne, Gloucestershire, where he remained for many years. He was again in a parish without a peal of bells, but he became Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, of which he had been one of the founders. He was in the office when the association celebrated its 25th year, and by a happy coincidence he was again Master in the jubilee year of the association. After a long period at Fretherne, Mr. Davies occupied for a few years the living of Deane, near Andover, and since his retirement has been living at Kemerton, Tewkesbury, where, despite physical handicaps with which illness has left him, he still keenly follows the developments of ringing, and has contributed to the literature of the art another useful publication under the title of 'Odds and Ends of Grandsire Triples.'

Mr. Davies has, unfortunately, no record of his peals, but they cover the standard methods on eight and ten bells, and include the 13,054 Stedman Caters at Cheltenham. There is, however, no yard stick by which his services to the Exercise can be measured. His researches fifty years ago laid the foundation of much of the knowledge which is the common property of ringers and composers to-day. Principles, which his painstaking labours discovered, are accepted facts from which modern investigators start; his compositions of Grandsire and Stedman are classics.

MR. J. A. TROLLOPE'S WORK FOR THE EXERCISE.

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Permouniergate, Norwich. This company, who are all well known in the Exercise, was made up of Mr. Trollope, the brothers Burton, Mr. C. E. Borrett, afterwards for many years secretary of the Norwich Diocesan Association, and now one of its vice-presidents, and Mr. Alfred W. Brighton, who later migrated to London and who has been a visitor to towers in every corner of the country. Three members of this band are to-day members of the Central Council.

Mr. Trollope's activities in the belfry have been very considerable, and his peals, from Doubles to Maximus in many methods, number nearly 400, the longest being 11,200 Bob Major on handbells, which stood for many years as the record length 'in hand.' He has rung a peal in each of 28 Major methods, which must be almost, if not quite, a record, in addition to another method in which the composition proved false, and two others which were included in the peal of ten Spliced Surprise Major methods, in which he took part, as well as in the peals of 4, 5, and 6 Spliced Surprise methods.

In the realm of method construction and peal composition and in his many short treatises on these and cognate subjects, as well as on the historical side of the art, contributed to ringing journals, Mr. Trollope has rendered lasting service to the Exercise. Articles from his fluent pen constantly appeared in 'Bell News' and 'Campanology,' while in 'The Ringing World' his contributions, always lucid and gifted, have been a feature of interest. His 'Notes by the Way,' which were published regularly for a time and now make occasional appearances, are often critically analytical and always informative and interesting.

These are among the things which are known to the ringing fraternity. What is not so generally known is the vast amount of work which Mr. Trollope has done in the interests of the science behind the door of his own study. A great deal of this has been in collaboration with the Rev. H. Law James and others, solely for the benefit of ringers in general. Some of the results of these years of labour have made their appearance through the Central Council in the shape of the 'Collection of Plain Major and Cater Methods' and in the revised 'Collection of Minor Methods,' which is awaiting publication. The Council and the Exercise are fortunate in having men like Mr. Trollope, and those with whom he has been associated, ready to give their time and knowledge to work of this kind, without any sort of personal reward. In addition, Mr. Trollope has also written one or two books on the science of ringing, which are in MSS. for private circulation.

Mr. Trollope's connection with the Central Council began in 1897, when he was elected as a representative of the Norwich Diocesan Association, and he has been an honorary member since 1900. He is thus one of the oldest members of the Council. He has served on the Methods Committee from 1899, and several other committees. He is now a vice-president of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING AT ABERGAVENNY.

A well-attended and successful meeting was held at Abergavenny on Saturday last, and will not soon be forgotten by those who paid the visit. Abergavenny, situated amongst beautiful scenery and hills at the north-west end of the diocese, possesses a ring of eight bells, and is a very different place to visit, from a ringer's point of view, to what it was a few years ago. Access to the tower was then almost impossible, but to-day the heartiest and most cordial welcome is given by a genial and enthusiastic band, amongst whom is Mr. W. Horsington, this year's Mayor of Abergavenny.

The bells were raised early in the afternoon and, contrary to the experience of a Yorkshire correspondent of 'The Ringing World,' as reported in the last issue, everyone had the opportunity of a ring. The Master, Mr. W. Pike, had charge of the tower, and saw to it that no one had to go away disappointed or had to wait long for a pull. Service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. M. E. Davies), whose address was much appreciated. A move was then made to the old Priory buildings, now owned by the church authorities, where a bountiful tea had been generously provided. At the outset, the Vicar extended a welcome to all, and this was followed by a cordial welcome by the Mayor. Seventy-three sat down to tea, and then followed the business meeting, over which the Vicar presided.

Augmentations and restorations, and instructors' reports were given, and places chosen for the next meetings.

Caerleon was selected as the place for the next Monmouth meeting, with Trevelin as an alternative.

A suggestion from Llanbradach that, instead of holding the next meeting there, as had been arranged, it should be held there in the autumn, was agreed to.

An invitation having been given by the Vicar of Llantwit Major to visit his parish, it was decided to hold the next Glamorgan meeting at that church.

A number of new members were elected, including three ladies from Bedwellty.

After the usual votes of thanks, the meeting closed, and a return made to the tower, and the bells kept going until late in the evening. The meeting was a huge success.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

TAUNTON.—At St. James' Church, on May 18th, for divine service, 560 of Grandsire Triples: S. Chaplain 1, T. Hancock 2, A. H. Reed 3, J. Hunt (conductor) 4, S. Priddle 5, W. G. Gigg 6, E. Priddle 7, S. Jarman 8. Longest length by ringers of 1 and 2 and longest 'inside' by 5th ringer.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church, on May 18th, for evensong, 1,287 Stedman Caters: G. E. Fearn 1, F. E. Haynes 2, H. H. Fearn 3, M. J. Morris 4, A. Walker (conductor) 5, F. Price 6, E. Mansell 7, W. Woodhead (Leeds) 8, J. Neal 9, G. F. Yendall 10. Longest touch on these bells for 25 years.

GUILDFORD.—At St. Nicolas' Church, on May 18th, for evening service, also as a birthday compliment to the conductor, 1,259 Grandsire Caters in 50 mins.: H. Mason 1, C. Hazelden 2, F. W. Radford 3, E. Etheridge 4, Mrs. C. Hazelden 5, T. Theobald 6, S. Radford 7, G. Tompsett 8, W. W. Thorne (conductor) 9, R. Radford 10.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, May 18th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,220 changes) in 48 mins.: T. Faulkner 1, W. Theobald 2, G. Dawson 3, W. Easter 4, C. Fenn (conductor) 5, G. W. Faulkner 6, R. Fenn 7, E. D. Smith 8. Composed by the late A. J. Perkins.

HOUNSLOW.—On Sunday, May 18th, at St. Paul's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: E. Lubbock 1, F. G. Goddard 2, H. Worsfold 3, W. Ellingham 4, S. Stilwell 5, F. E. Hawthorne 6, J. Kent (conductor) 7, C. J. Tricker, jun., 8.

GORSEINON.—At St. Catherine's Church, on Sunday, May 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: T. Willis (first quarter-peal) 1, R. Baird 2, Reg Dobbins 3, Wal Dobbins 4, J. Williams (conductor) 5, W. Dobbins 6, O. Wintmore 7, J. Hanson 8. First quarter of Triples 'inside' for ringer of 7th, who hails from Camerton, Somerset.—Also on a recent Sunday at Llanstephan, Carn, by the kind invitation of the Vicar, 1,246 Grandsire Triples and 360 Plain Minor, conducted by J. T. Williams, Morriston, with the same band as above.

TAUNTON.—On Sunday, May 18th, for evening service, at St. George's Church, Wilton, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: S. Wyatt 1, A. H. Hayward 2, D. F. Sheldons 3, H. E. Cawsley 4, S. A. Wyatt 5, S. G. Coles 6, A. J. Wyatt (conductor) 7, W. H. Coles 8. First quarter of Stedman by the Guild.

OVERSEAL.—At St. Matthew's Church, on Sunday evening, May 11th, 720 Bob Minor: G. Clayfield 1, L. Freeman 2, W. Curzon 3, A. Adams 4, J. W. Cotton (conductor) 5, G. Price 6.

WATFORD.—At the Parish Church, for evensong, on Sunday, April 27th, a quarter-peal of Superlative in 54 mins.: E. Palmer 1, S. Wyatt 5, S. G. Coles 6, A. J. Wyatt (conductor) 7, W. H. Coles 8. Oakley 7, H. Cashmore (conductor) 8. A birthday compliment to the towermaster, Mr. W. E. Oakley.

TRURO, CORNWALL.—On Easter Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 52 mins.: Miss L. Willoughby 1, F. W. Marshall 2, J. Seagley 3, A. S. Roberts 4, W. H. Southard 5, W. H. Sleeman 6, A. R. Pink, Dorking (conductor) 7, F. M. Roberts 8.

A MEMORIAL TOUCH.

Monday, which was St. Dunstan's Day, was the anniversary of the birth of the late Mr. J. F. C. Bayley, towerkeeper of St. Giles' Church, Cripplegate, London, whose death was recorded a few weeks ago. Permission was granted to the Ancient Society of College Youths to ring 'the whole pull and stand' on the bells which Mr. Bayley had so long tended, and this was done on the back eight, a course of Stedman Triples being afterwards rung. 'De Profundis' was said before the ringing.

One who had the privilege of ringing in this muffled peal writes: 'Friend Bayley was like St. Dunstan, a craftsman, who got the Devil by the nose with his tongs—Mr. Hubbard told me they were red hot. Dear old Bayley did better. He served at Holy Mass, so had a stronger grip.'

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A record meeting of the Western Division was held at Hemel Hempstead on Saturday, when over 40 ringers attended. The bells have been recently quarter tuned and rebung on ball bearings by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and the work does them great credit. Ringers came from Apsley, Harrow, Harpenden, Berkhamsted, Billington, Redbourn, King's Langley, Hitchin, Baldock, Edmonston, Linslade, St. Albans, Tring, Watford, and the local company.

The Vicar, the Rev. A. T. Robson, conducted the service, and gave an interesting address, dwelling upon the ancient history of the church, and how the rehung of the bells came about.

After service, by kind invitation of the Vicar, all sat down to a splendid tea in St. Mary's Hall, over which the Vicar presided.

At the meeting which followed the Secretary called attention to 'The Ringing World's' forthcoming 1,000th number, and it was the wish of the meeting that the paper should have further support from all ringers.

The tower was again visited until 8 p.m., when the bells were rung down in peal.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. DISAPPOINTMENT CHANGED TO SUCCESS.

A very successful meeting of the Peak District was held on Saturday at Bakewell, and not at Youlgreave, as had been arranged. On arriving at Youlgreave about 3 p.m., visitors were informed that no ringing could take place owing to illness nearby, and for a time it looked as if a great disappointment was in store for a large gathering. Thanks, however, to the kindness of Mr. A. G. Wallace, the use of the fine peal of bells at Bakewell, about four miles distant, was obtained, and eventually the whole of the visitors arrived there, and ringing took place from 4 to 8.30 p.m. Between 30 and 40 ringers arrived during the afternoon, and some very good ringing was accomplished, ranging from London and Superlative, through Double Norwich, Oxford Treble Bob, Stedman, Bob Major and Grand-sire, to rounds and call changes, so that all should be satisfied and no one should go short of the chance of a ring.

Ringers and friends were present from Bakewell, Baslow, Butterley, Chesterfield, Darley Dale, Dore, Duffield, Eyam, Great Longstone, Hathersage, Matlock and Ripley, and again, through the efforts of Mr. Wallace, a substantial tea was arranged at short notice at the Wheatsheaf, which was followed by a short business meeting, presided over by the Rev. W. P. Wright, of Eyam, and at which several items of business were disposed of.

The next meeting was arranged for the historic Church of Eyam, with its musical light ring of six, probably on June 14th, and an especially hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. A. G. Wallace and the Bakewell ringers for their efforts in converting what might have been a most disappointing afternoon into a very successful meeting.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on Sunday, May 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 49 mins.: H. J. Skelt 1, *E. Acok 2, *F. E. Mitchell 3, H. G. Humphries 4, J. E. Cooper 5, A. W. Clark 6, D. Cooper (conductor) 7, J. Rumble, jun., 8. *First quarter-peal. Rung in honour of the consecration of the Vicar (the Rev. Canon E. S. Woods) as Bishop of Croydon, which took place on Thursday, May 1st, at Westminster Abbey.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 27th, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 29th, 8. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brockenhurst on Saturday, May 24th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5. Those requiring tea please write to C. W. Tucker, St. Winifred's, Addison Road, Brockenhurst, Hants.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., Christchurch.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Witley on Saturday, May 24th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, near Guildford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—The first district quarterly meeting will be held at Derby on Saturday, May 24th. The bells of St. Luke's (8) will be available from 2.30 till 4.30 p.m., St. Alkmund's (8) will be available from 2.30 till 4 p.m., and the bells of St. Andrew's (10) will be available from 6 till 7.30 p.m. Business meeting at 4.30 in St. Luke's belfry. All ringers welcome. Will members who have not paid their subscription kindly do so at this meeting or send them. Reports for 1929 can be obtained? Seats can be reserved and tea obtained at King's Cafe, St. Peter's Street, on notice being given in the belfry during the afternoon.—George Freebrey, Local Hon. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Singleton (6 bells) on Saturday, May 24th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 6. A good attendance is requested.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 118, Dickson Road, Blackpool.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — A joint meeting of the Northern and North-Eastern Divisions will be held at Great Tey on Saturday, May 24th. Short service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5.15. — Mr. Ridgewell, Queen's Road, Earls Colne, R. W. Stannard, 12, Ireton Road, Colchester, hon. secretaries.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch. — A meeting will be held at Moorside, Oldham, on Saturday, May 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Spring meeting of above branch at Woodstock on Saturday, May 24th. Service 3 p.m. Preacher, Rector of Woodstock. — W. Evetts, jun., Hon. Sec., Hill Court, Tackley, Oxon.

BUSHEY. — Saturday, May 24th. Bells open from 3.30. Tea 6. Cheap tickets by train or motor coach from all parts. — C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey (City 4270).

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Shenfield on Saturday, May 24th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Tea 5. Meeting to follow.—E. J. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Jubilee celebrations at Wokingham on Saturday, May 24th. Ringing at All Saints' and St. Paul's Churches from 3 p.m. Thanksgiving service in St. Paul's Church at 5 p.m. Preacher, the Ven. Archdeacon of Berkshire. An offertory will be taken for Branch Restoration Fund. Tea by kind invitation of the Rector in the Rectory garden at 6 p.m.—W. J. Paice, Branch Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at East Retford on Saturday, May 24th, when East Retford (10), West Retford and Ordsall (6) will be open for ringing from 2 p.m. Short service at the Parish Church at 4.30. Tea 5, business meeting to follow. Good bus and rail service from all directions. A good attendance is requested. All requiring tea must notify R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Sec., 34, High Street, Ordsall, Retford.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Keysoe (5) and Riseley (5) on Saturday, May 24th. Ringing at Keysoe 2.30-4.30. Tea at Riseley 4.45. Ringing after tea. Please make an effort to support this meeting.—Percy C. Bonnett, Stagsden.

ST. CLEMENT YOUTHS.—St. Clement Danes, Strand.—The annual general meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 28th, at 8 p.m., the Rector presiding. It is hoped all members will attend.—Rev. W. Pennington-Bickford, M.A., Rector, F. W. H. Sergison, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Coln St. Aldwyns on Thursday, May 29th. Bibury bells (6) open 2.30. Coln bells (8) 4 o'clock. Tea, New Inn, 5, o'clock. Service 6 o'clock. Will those requiring tea please let me know by 26th? All ringers welcome.—F. J. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., 67, Chester Street, Cirencester, Glos.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Warnham on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at the Sussex Oak at 5. All those intending to be present advise me not later than Wednesday previous to meeting.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Tickhill on Saturday, May 31st. Bells (8) ready early. Usual arrangements for tea. A good attendance is requested.—Percy Gledstone, Hon. Sec., 34, Silverwood View, Conisborough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By the kind permission of the Rev. Canon Elnor, a bye-meeting will be held at Dover St. Mary's (8) on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available after 4 p.m. As this is the first meeting to be held at Dover since the war, it is hoped there will be a good attendance. Will those intending to be present, and requiring tea, please notify Mr. J. Eagles, 44, Clarendon Road, Dover, not later than Thursday, May 29th.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Canterbury.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—The annual general meeting will be held at Abingdon on Saturday, May 31st. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Please notify by the 27th.—A. E. Lock, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leigh on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Ewell on Saturday, May 31st. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea and meeting following. Those requiring tea please let me know not later than Tuesday, May 27th.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Our next meeting will be held at Darwen and Hoddlesden on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available at Darwen from 3 p.m. Meeting at Hoddlesden 6.30. Subscriptions due.—F. Hindle, Hon. Br. Sec., 58, Anvil St., Blackburn.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry will be held at Stapleford (6) on Saturday, May 31st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify Mr. A. E. Austin, 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs, by 29th.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Bickenhill, near Birmingham, on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock at a moderate charge. Midland Red Buses leave Birmingham (Bull Ring) and Coventry (Fleet Street) at 2.30 and every half hour following.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Pre-Whitsun meeting at Bishop Auckland on Saturday, May 31st. The bells of South Church and Shildon will be available after 2.30. Committee meeting at 4.30. Tea (1/3) at 5 o'clock at Peverells' Cafe, South Church. Will members intending to be present please advise me not later than Wednesday, the 28th.—George S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, May 31st. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions are now due. Reports, etc., to hand.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield, nr. Bury.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Ibstock on Saturday, May 31st. Bells ready 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The May meeting will be held at Benington on May 31st. The bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided by the Rector. Business meeting after in the Parish Hall. All will be made welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Grimsby on Saturday, May 31st. Service in the Parish Church 4.15. Tea in the Church House, Bull Ring, 5 p.m. (resident members free, non-members 1s. 9d.) for those who notify Mr. H. I. Mingay, 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby, by the 28th inst. Bells available: St. James' (8) 2 to 4.15, 8 to 9, St. Andrew's (8) 8 to 9. All welcome.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 43, Etherington Street, Gainsborough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing meeting has been arranged at Chalfont St. Giles on Saturday, May 31st. Bells (6) available at 3.30 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head, for those who notify me not later than May 26th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at West Deeping (6) on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available during the afternoon and evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Will those intending to be present for tea please notify me by Wednesday, May 28th?—C. T. M. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkington, Lincs.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Guiseley on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Teas can be obtained near the church.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Aldington on Saturday, May 31st, by kind invitation of the Rev. G. S. Long (Mr. Slingby's 93rd birthday party). Bells available 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea (free) 5 p.m. Bus leaves Ashford College Avenue 2.30. It is hoped as many as possible will attend this meeting as there is important business to transact.—A. J. Battin, Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Chiddingstone on Saturday, May 31st. Tower opened 3 p.m. Kindly let me know all those requiring tea by Wednesday, May 28th.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Huntingdon.—The next meeting will be held at Buckden on Saturday, May 31st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Will ringers requiring tea advise me as soon as possible.—Doris Clarke, Dis. Sec., Cromwell Gardens, St. Neots, Hunts.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Dunmow on Wednesday, June 4th, at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Service at 5.30. This is for the benefit of those who are unable to attend Saturday meetings. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea kindly advise me.—C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

CHURCH OAKLEY, HANTS.—The peal of bells (6) at the above church will be re-dedicated on Wednesday, June 4th, at 7 p.m. The Rector will be glad to welcome any ringers who care to attend the service and ringing afterwards.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Hagley on Saturday, June 7th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Tea and business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Horley on Saturday, June 7th. Tower open at 3, service at 5, tea and business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea must let me know by Wednesday, June 4th.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Dis. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Gosberton (6 bells) on Whit Monday, June 9th. Bells available all day. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by June 3rd?—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Portmadoc on Whit Monday, June 9th. Further details in next issue.—W. Cathrall, Hon. Sec., 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 51st annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, June 9th. Service at the Cathedral, with address by Rev. Canon W. E. R. Morrow, M.A., Sub-Dean, 11.30 a.m. Lunch (members 2/-) to be followed by the annual meeting at the County Hotel, Rainsford End, at 12.30 p.m. It is most important that notice of intention to be present should be sent to the Hon. Sec. not later than first post previous Tuesday, June 3rd, in order that proper provision for lunch can be made.—F. J. Pitstow, Gen. Sec. and Treas., 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

DEVON GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Exmouth on Whit Monday, June 9th. Service in Holy Trinity Church at noon. Dinner and meeting in the Church Hall, Rolle Street, 1 p.m. Tickets (2/- each to non-members) obtainable up to June 2nd. Towers open: Withycombe Raleigh and Littleham.—T. Laver, Gen. Sec., 21, Cross Park, Heavitree, Exeter.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Northampton on Whit Monday, June 9th. The central committee will meet at 11 a.m. in the Upper Vestry at St. Edmund's Church. The Guild form of service will be held at St. Edmund's Church at 12 noon. Lunch at the Plough Hotel, Bridge Street, at 1 p.m., followed by the meeting. Will those requiring tickets for lunch please make application (with remittance, 2/6) before Wednesday, June 4th, to Mr. T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton, or to the Gen. Sec. Bells available: St. Edmund's (8) 10 a.m. to 12 and 5.30 p.m. to 7, St. Giles' (10) from 10 a.m. throughout the day, St. Peter's (8), St. Sepulchre's (8), and Duston (6) after the meeting, Kingsthorpe (6) from 5.30 p.m. to 7.—R. G. Black, Gen. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Handsworth on Saturday, June 14th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea (1s. each person) and business meeting. Gentlemen cordially invited. Subscriptions due. Those requiring tea please notify Noel Cawthorne, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Handsworth Road, Handsworth, Sheffield.

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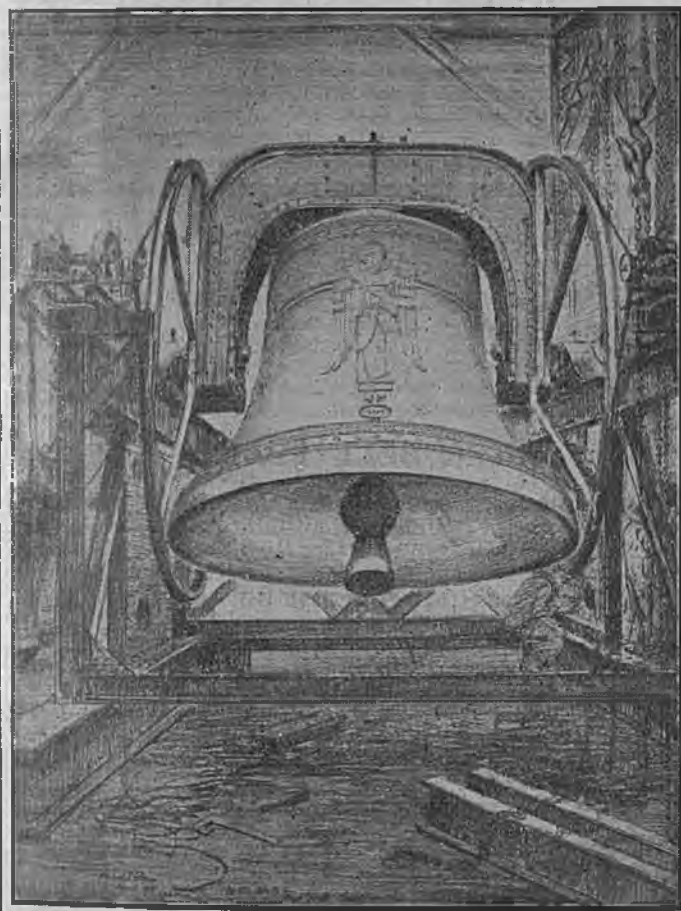
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PEALS AND PEAL RINGERS.

The peals analysis for the year 1929, which is published in this issue, again reveals a falling off in the number of peals rung. The difference between last year and the year before was only 37, but it followed on a much bigger decline in the preceding twelve months, and is the lowest total since 1921. The report of the committee and the tables which they have prepared will be perused and closely examined by those interested in peal ringing and who look upon the analysis as the barometer of the Exercise. There are many ringers who take the view that peal ringing is the least important part of the art. With this view we do not agree. It is true that the progress of change ringing cannot be entirely judged either by the number of peals or the quality and variety of the methods, but in our opinion these things do indicate to the observant whether enthusiasm for the art and enterprise in its application are advancing or suffering under a temporary cloud of apathy. It is usually in those associations which have the highest percentage of peal ringers that the standard of change ringing is best; and the greater the ambition for peal ringing among the members the keener they are upon attaining good striking, and, what is also important, discharging their Sunday duties in the belfry. The indications which can be gathered from a careful study of the peals analysis are, therefore, not unimportant in diagnosing the health of the Exercise generally, and it is for this reason that the tables and report have a value as well as an interest, especially when they are compared with those of the preceding year.

In the figures for 1929 there are certain disquieting features, apart from the reduced aggregate of peals, and the most striking of these seem to be the drop of nearly one hundred in the number of ringers who rang their first peal and the still greater fall of 366 in the number who rang their first in a new method or method on a larger number of bells. The drop in both these categories follows upon a fall of lesser extent in each in the preceding year. Is this an indication that fewer young ringers are taking an interest in peal ringing; that they are less ambitious, and is it another illustration of the now familiar story of 'other attractions'? Whatever the reason may be, it is, we suggest, a matter to which the ringing organisations should give close attention. In every association there are large numbers of ringers who have never rung a peal, and it will be worth while searching for and applying means of creating enthusiasm and ambition among these members of the Exercise. Success in a peal is often the factor which turns a man from indifference to keenness, and it is obvious that unless the supply of peal ringers is maintained there must ultimately be such a slump that the art itself will suffer badly.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS.

CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANCES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

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| EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble | EDWIN G. BUESDEN 7 |
| EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 2 | WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... 8 |
| JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 3 | *FREDERICK A. FAIRBEARD... 9 |
| MRS. G. W. FLETCHER ... 4 | FREDERICK WHITE ... 10 |
| HENRY T. WILSON ... 5 | GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 11 |
| STAFFORD H. GREEN ... 6 | HARRY PARKES Tenor |

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

* First peal of Maximus. This is the first peal rung of Canterbury Pleasure Maximus, and was arranged and rung in honour of Empire Day. Mr. F. M. Mitchell, the hon. secretary of the Kent County Association, unfortunately met with a bicycle accident, and was prevented from taking part in the peal.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 24, 1930, in Four Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL, IN THE TOWER OF ST. HUGH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

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| EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... Treble | JOHN HOLMAN 7 |
| GEORGE R. PYE 2 | RUFERT RICHARDSON ... 8 |
| SIDNEY T. HOLT 3 | JAMES BENNETT 9 |
| ALBERT WALKER... .. 4 | EDWARD JENKINS... .. 10 |
| CHARLES T. COLES ... 5 | ALBERT W. COLES ... 11 |
| ALBERT J. HUGHES ... 6 | WILLIAM PYE Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung in honour of Empire Day. The whole band join in thanking the sub-Dean and Chapter for allowing this peal to be rung, and the Cathedral ringers for the cordial welcome given to them.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

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| WILLIAM CLOVER Treble | *WILLIAM E. BASON ... 7 |
| GEORGE MAYERS 2 | *ARTHUR G. KING ... 8 |
| *EDWIN R. GOATE ... 3 | *CHARLES E. LOVETT... 9 |
| †JOHN C. DICKEN ... 4 | *GEORGE BAILEY... .. 10 |
| *WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... 5 | WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... 11 |
| *CHARLES F. SAYER ... 6 | JAMES F. DUFFIELD ... Tenor |

Composed by JAMES MOTTS.

Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

* First peal of Treble Twelve. † First peal on twelve bells. This was Mr. George Mayers' 200th peal.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 24, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS, LOMBARD STREET, CITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

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| HORACE BELCHER Treble | EDWIN F. PIKE 6 |
| CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 2 | CHARLES W. GRIMWOOD ... 7 |
| WILFRED WILLIAMS ... 3 | JOHN T. KENTISH... .. 8 |
| WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 4 | ERNEST BRETT 9 |
| RICHARD F. DEAL 5 | REUBEN SANDERS Tenor |

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by W. H. HEWETT

Rung to celebrate Empire Day. First Surprise peal on these bells, which formerly hung in the tower of St. Dionis', Fenchurch Street.

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

On Saturday, May 24, 1930, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

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| THOMAS TEBBUTT Treble | WILLIAM R. PARKER 6 |
| THOMAS LAW 2 | FREDERICK HOPPER 7 |
| JOSEPH C. DEAN 3 | WILLIAM ROGERS 8 |
| FRANK ROLLINGS 4 | JOHN J. TAYLOR 9 |
| *BERTIE O. SODEN 5 | HENRY MARLOW Tenor |

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES.

Conducted by J. J. TAYLOR.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal of Caters as conductor. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

GUISELEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 17, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

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| WILLIAM DIXON Treble | THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY ... 5 |
| JOSEPH BROADLEY 2 | HARRY MARSDEN 6 |
| CHARLES E. LAWSON 3 | GEORGE W. STEEL 7 |
| WILLIAM H. SENIOR 4 | FREDERICK W. DIXON ... Tenor |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (130). Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON

First peal in the method by the band. Rung on the occasion of the silver wedding of Mr. W. H. Senior.

HORLEY, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Sunday, May 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

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

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

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| GEORGE OLLIVER Treble | CECIL NICE 5 |
| KENNETH SNELLING 2 | NELSON ELLIOTT 6 |
| ROBERT SWIFT 3 | ALFRED J. BULL 7 |
| *EDGAR G. SWIFT 4 | OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor |

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First 'touch' in the method.

SHIFNAL, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 19, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

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| WILLIAM SAUNDERS Treble | *ARTHUR PRITCHARD 5 |
| ROBERT EVANS 2 | EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 6 |
| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3 | WILLIAM SHORT 7 |
| ALFRED S. BAYLEY 4 | CHARLES H. WATTS Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

* First peal of Stedman. A birthday peal for Mrs. F. J. Rodenhurst, of Hodnet, and Mr. W. Saunders, of Coalbrookdale. The visitors appreciate the Vicar's kind consent to attempt the peal, and Mr. Page's help in oiling the bells and splicing four ropes. This octave was cast by Pack and Chapman at Whitechapel in 1771.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE) CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 19, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5104 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

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| JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. ... Treble | JOSEPH H. RIDYARD 5 |
| *RICHARD E. JONES 2 | ERNEST BENNETT 6 |
| WILLIAM FERNLEY 3 | TOM WILDE 7 |
| WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 4 | JOHN W. HARTLEY Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST BENNETT.

* First peal in method away from treble. First peal in method as conductor, and rung as an 18th birthday compliment to him. This composition, which is now rung for the first time, contains the extent with 4-6-8 behind. Mr. J. H. Ridyard was elected a member of the Chester Guild prior to starting.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, May 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES

Tenor 16 cwt.

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| WILLIAM J. GROOM Treble | GEORGE BENNETT 5 |
| JAMES BENNETT, JUN. 2 | JOHN J. CREASY 6 |
| GEORGE PRYKE 3 | T. WILLIAM LAST 7 |
| GEORGE A. FLEMING 4 | LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... Tenor |

Composed by JAMES PAGETT.

Conducted by WM. J. GROOM.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD

On Monday, May 19, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6008 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

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| WILFRED WILLIAMS Treble | NORMAN S. BAGWORTH ... 5 |
| GEORGE DAWSON 2 | CECIL W. PIPE 6 |
| STEPHEN H. WOOD 3 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7 |
| ERNEST BRETT 4 | JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor |

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS

WHITCHURCH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 19, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

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| *BERT GARRETT Treble | REGINALD REX 5 |
| *OSCAR G. SMART 2 | D. CECIL WILLIAMS 6 |
| GEORGE WILLIAMS 3 | WILFRED ANDREWS 7 |
| OSCAR J. SMART 4 | *HENRY CLARKE Tenor |

Conducted by D. CECIL WILLIAMS.

* First peal. The first peal on the bells. Quarterly peal for the district.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 21, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

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| GEORGE ELLIS Treble | C. ERNEST SMITH 5 |
| KENNETH SNELLING 2 | KEITH HART 6 |
| ROBERT SWIFT 3 | NELSON ELLIOTT 7 |
| REGINALD V. JOHNSON 4 | OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor |

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

BARTON-UNDER-NEEDWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 21, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

G. LINDOFF'S SIX-PART, No. 3.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble | CHARLES DRAPER 5 |
| THOMAS MEREDITH 2 | E. HARRY STONELEY 6 |
| MAURICE SWINFELD 3 | JAMES GEORGE 7 |
| JOSEPH BAILEY 4 | JOHN CURTIS Tenor |

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This is the first peal on the bells since retuning and rehanging by Messrs. Taylor, the 'go' of them being excellent. This composition is now rung for the first time.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

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| NELSON ELLIOTT Treble | ROBERT SWIFT 5 |
| GEORGE OLLIVER 2 | REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 6 |
| GEORGE ELLIS 3 | ALFRED J. BULL 7 |
| KENNETH SNELLING 4 | OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, May 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 23½ cwt.

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| WILLIAM BLAKE... ..Treble | WILLIAM G. COLLETT ... 5 |
| MRS. A. E. LOCK 2 | VICTOR J. F. BENNETT ... 6 |
| ALBERT E. LOCK 3 | WALTER F. JUDGE 7 |
| *JOHN B. HOWES... .. 4 | GORDON CAUDWELLTenor |

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
* First peal of Major. Rung to commemorate the thirty-first anniversary of the 17,024 of the same method on these bells.

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

On Thursday, May 22, 1930, in Three Hours.

At the Church of St. Peter,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| *ARTHUR W. ROBINSON ...Treble | *JOSEPH C. DEAN 5 |
| FRED HOPPER 2 | *WALTER H. AUSTIN 6 |
| *HERBERT HOARE 3 | *WILLIAM ATTERBURY 7 |
| †WILLIAM R. PARKER ... 4 | W. JACK DOVETenor |

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by W. J. DOVE.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method away from treble. First peal of Major as conductor.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

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| *EDWARD J. AVERY ...Treble | JAMES E. LILLEY 5 |
| CHARLES R. LILLEY 2 | †ERNEST PARKER... .. 6 |
| ALEXANDER EVANS 3 | JAMES R. JONES 7 |
| †LEONARD G. TANNER ... 4 | ARTHUR PRINCETenor |

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by CHAS. R. LILLEY.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Major. First peal of Bob Major on the bells. Treble from Churchill, 3rd Burnham, 2nd and 5th Congresbury, tenor from Bath, the rest Weston-super-Mare. Rung on the 31st anniversary of the long peal of Double Norwich at Kidlington, in which the conductor took part.

ORAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 23, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| EDWIN A. BARNETT ...Treble | CYRIL BRETT-SMITH 5 |
| EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 2 | WILLIAM R. BOND 6 |
| CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 3 | THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7 |
| THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 4 | EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ...Tenor |

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

Rung after meeting short for Major.

OVER, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD,
AND THE BOY SCOUTS' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Chad,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

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| Rover Scout ALBERT V. REES 3rd Macclesfield Ch. Ch. Troop | Treble |
| Patrol Leader BRUCE BERRINGTON 1st Frodsham Troop | ... |
| Assistant Cub Master CYRIL VALENTINE 1st Frodsham Troop | ... |
| Patrol Leader FRANK L. RONAN 3rd Macclesfield Ch. Ch. Troop | ... |
| Troop Leader HARRY HOWARD 3rd Northwich Troop | ... |
| Cub Master ARTHUR BERRINGTON 1st Frodsham Troop | ... |
| Assist. Scout Master W. STEVENSON 3rd Macclesfield Ch. Ch. Tp. | ... |
| Assist. Scout Master JOHN WORTH 3rd Macclesfield Ch. Ch. Tp. | Tenor |

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

First peal by a band of Boy Scouts. Rung to commemorate Empire Day. First peal of Bob Major for all except ringer of 3rd.

HANDBRIDGE, CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 24, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary-without-the-Walls,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

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| JOHN HAYESTreble | WILLIAM SCONCE 5 |
| *HARRY LEWIS 2 | JAMES SWINDLEY 6 |
| MARTIN HARRIS... .. 3 | †PERCY SWINDLEY 7 |
| ARTHUR G. WATKIN... .. 4 | SAM JONES, JUN.Tenor |

Composed by J. PLATT. Conducted by SAM JONES, JUN.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung in honour of Empire Day. The above ringers are all regular Sunday service ringers at this church.

COCKERMOUTH, CUMBERLAND.
THE CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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| HOLT'S TEN-PART. | Tenor 12½ cwt. |
| *FREDERICK TICKLE ...Treble | THOMAS S. JEFFERSON ... 5 |
| EDWIN JENNINGS 2 | JIM TEBAY 6 |
| WILLIAM ROBINSON 3 | WILLIAM T. HOLMES ... 7 |
| FRANK WILSON 4 | †WILFRED BOWETenor |

Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal. The first peal in the method on the bells. Rung in honour of Empire Day. The ringers of 4th, 5th and 6th were elected members previous to starting.

IDLE, BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in F.

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| *ROBERT W. JENNISON ...Treble | HAROLD EDWARDS 5 |
| SAMUEL WARD 2 | FREDERICK SEAGER 6 |
| JOSEPH BROADLEY 3 | FRED HODGSON 7 |
| THOMAS B. KENDALL ... 4 | LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ...Tenor |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
* 50th peal. Specially arranged and rung on the 8th anniversary of Mr. F. Seager's wedding day, also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. R. W. Jennison, of Keighley, and Mr. E. A. Prince, of Horsforth, Leeds. This composition contains all combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 24, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

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| THOMAS A. TOWNSEND ...Treble | FRANK G. MEADOWS 5 |
| *BENJAMIN BOOTE 2 | ALBERT PRESTIDGE JUN. ... 6 |
| WILLIAM GREEN 3 | JOHN GOODMAN 7 |
| HARRY HILL 4 | BENJAMIN PRESTIDGE... ..Tenor |

Conducted by J. GOODMAN.

* First peal. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. Prestidge, sen., the esteemed leader of the Netherton band, also to the ringers of the 5th and tenor.

DORE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(PEAK DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, May 24, 1930, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5168 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

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| MISS MARY T. BENTON ...Treble | ARTHUR S. ROBINSON 5 |
| MISS ELSIE SMITH 2 | WALTER BINGHAM 6 |
| MISS NOEL CAWTHORNE ... 3 | J. E. LEWIS COCKEY 7 |
| MISS JESSIE DAVENPORT ... 4 | FRED WATKINSONTenor |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 75). Conducted by FRED WATKINSON.
Rung for Empire Day. First peal by Miss Mary Benton, aged 17. This calling, rung for the first time, contains 24 6.4.8's, 24 4.6.8's and 22 6.7.8's.

CRESWELL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 24, 1930, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6008 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| JOHN H. BROTEWELL Treble | GEORGE L. CHAMBERS 5 |
| LESLIE W. BACON 2 | ERNEST WAGSTAFF 6 |
| JESSE J. MOSS 3 | EDWARD E. ROBBINS 7 |
| THOMAS BRITTON 4 | JOHN FLINT Tenor |

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

ARKSEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 24, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5232 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt, 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

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| ERNEST COOPER Treble | EDWARD DALINGWATER 5 |
| J. EDWARD CAWSE 2 | ARNOLD HILL 6 |
| HARRY MORGAN 3 | JOHN R. BREARLEY 7 |
| WILLIAM A. WOOLER 4 | PERCY GLEDSTONE Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

Rung in honour of Empire Day. The conductor has now completed the circle in this tower.

RADCLIFFE, LANCASHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Saturday, May 24, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

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| ALFRED BARNES Treble | JOHN BOOTH 5 |
| JAMES W. GROUNDS 2 | WILLIAM SHARPLES 6 |
| JOHN POTTER 3 | WILLIAM HORAN 7 |
| WILLIAM H. SHUKER 4 | WILLIAM R. MADGWICK Tenor |

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by W. R. MADGWICK.

First peal of Major as conductor. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

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| ROBERT COLLINS Treble | ALFRED W. GROVES 5 |
| KENNETH SNELLING 2 | ALEC RICHARDSON 6 |
| DR. E. L. TAYLOR 3 | KEITH HART 7 |
| HERBERT MARKWELL 4 | OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor |

Composed by SIA A. P. HAYWOOD. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 24, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

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| ROLAND BIGGS Treble | JOHN EVANS 5 |
| HARRY WINGROVE 2 | THOMAS GOODCHILD 6 |
| *MISS D. R. FLETCHER 3 | GEORGE MARTIN 7 |
| MISS K. E. FLETCHER 4 | ARTHUR MARTIN Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First peal of Cambridge. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

WEDDING BELLS.

At Handsworth, Sheffield, on Saturday, May 24th, for the wedding of Miss Eva Hopkin (a member of the local band) and Mr. Francis Rodgers, 720 Plain Bob Minor was rung by: Miss N. Cawthorne 1, E. Palmer (first 720) 2, J. Garth 3, Miss D. Turner 4, W. Taylor 5, F. Watkinson 6.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
JOHNSON'S VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

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| C. HENRY WEBB Treble | JOHN OLDHAM 5 |
| COLIN HARRISON 2 | JOSEPH H. W. WHITE 6 |
| JOSEPH A. FENTON 3 | FRANK E. PERVIN 7 |
| FRANK W. PERRENS 4 | FREDERICK H. DEXTER Tenor |

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

First peal of Major on the bells.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

PURTON, WILTS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 14, 1930, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt, 14 lb.

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| *RALPH SHAILES Treble | *REV. NORMAN S. WILLIS 4 |
| *ERNEST J. WEBBER 2 | MAURICE TUCK 5 |
| LOUIS A. WILSON 3 | *ALBERT MABBUTT Tenor |

Conducted by LOUIS A. WILSON.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

CAXTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(OVER SOCIETY.)

On Sunday, May 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10 cwt, 2 qr. (approx.).

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| DENNIS ADAMS Treble | FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 4 |
| CHARLES ROBINSON 2 | ARTHUR J. GINN 5 |
| FRED C. GINN 3 | FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor |

Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

First peal in seven methods by all except conductor. First 720 Woodbine by 4th ringer. The Vicar kindly entertained the band after the peal. Rung for the 'Thanksgiving' for restoration of sanctuary, chancel, nave and tower.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 19, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 11 cwt, 9 lb. in G.

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| G. RONALD EDWARDS ... Treble | JOHN COOKE 4 |
| *WALTER J. BATTLE 2 | JAMES F. SMITH 5 |
| JOSEPH LESLIE 3 | JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor |

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal 'inside' in seven methods.

SHIPHAM, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 21, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

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| GEORGE E. SHALLISH ... Treble | RICHMOND ROBERTS 4 |
| EDWIN J. AVERY 2 | CHARLES R. LILLEY 5 |
| WILLIAM F. WEBB 3 | GEORGE BRANCH Tenor |

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

First peal of Bob Doubles by all and on the bells. The conductor has now called a peal of Plain Bob on from 5 to 12 bells. The above was rung after meeting short for Oxford Minor, Mr. G. Branch kindly taking the vacant rope.

OVER, CAMBS.—On Monday, May 12th, at the Parish Church, 720 London Surprise Minor: A. W. T. Ginn 1, C. Robinson (first inside) 2, F. C. Ginn 3, Francis G. Gleaves 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6.

BLO' NORTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 10 six-scores each of St. Simon's and Plain Bob and 22 of Grandsire with ten variations of calling in each method.
Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

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| ALPHEUS J. BERRY | Treble | CHARLES F. GOODMAN | 3 |
| NOLAN GOLDEN | 2 | GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL | 4 |
| ERIC G. BENNETT | Tenor | | |

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Ring after meeting short for Surprise Minor. This was A. J. Berry's 200th peal for the Norwich Association.

RIPLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 24, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine 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 Oxford Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt.

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| DENNIS MORRIS | Treble | FRED HAWKES | 4 |
| FRANK LAWRENCE | 2 | CYRIL TANSELL | 5 |
| WILLIAM RANFORD | 3 | CHARLES CAMM | Tenor |

Conducted by C. CAMM.

HANDBELL PEALS.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 17, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. E. LANHAM,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

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| GEORGE WHITING | 1-2 | GEORGE WIGHTMAN | 5-6 |
| WILLIAM WIGHTMAN | 3-4 | ERNEST E. LANHAM | 7-8 |

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

First peal of Treble Bob 'in hand' by all the above.

STOCKPORT.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT 23, GREEK STREET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

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

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

Umpire: ERNEST BENNETT.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TONBRIDGE DISTRICT ELECTS 29 MEMBERS.

The spring meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Marden on Saturday, May 17th, and was attended by about 30 members. Ringing commenced about three o'clock in methods ranging from Grandsire to Cambridge with rounds for the young beginners. An agreeable surprise was the arrival of the hon. general secretary, Mr. F. M. Mitchell, and his visit was much appreciated by the members. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. J. A. Finch), while Mr. W. E. Pitman, of Canterbury, presided at the organ. Tea was partaken of in the Hill Tea Rooms. The business meeting was held in the vestry, Mr. F. M. Mitchell presiding, when 29 new practising members were elected, including 19 members of the local band.

The District Secretary announced that the next meeting would be held at Hever early in July, and Mr. G. Edwards would endeavour to obtain permission to view the Castle and grounds.

In replying to a vote of thanks for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, the Vicar extended a hearty welcome to the members. This was the first time he had had the pleasure of meeting them, he said, but he hoped it would not be the last. He was very glad that his ringers had joined the association. The reverend gentleman then proceeded to give a humorous description of an expected call on the telephone when he arrived home, from a lady living opposite the church who, he said, had not yet developed an ear for bell music.

This ended the meeting, and the members then indulged in more ringing.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The First Session of the Fourteenth Council (38th Annual Meeting) will be held by the courtesy of His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, in the Guard Room at Lambeth Palace, London, on Whitsun Tuesday, June 10th, 1930, 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.

AGENDA.

1. Election of president, hon. secretary and treasurer, and hon. librarian.
2. Minutes of the last meeting.
3. Apologies for absence.
4. Statement of accounts and sale of publications.
5. Election of honorary members.
6. Presentation of new members to the president.
7. To receive and discuss the reports (if any) of the following committees, viz.:—
 - (a) Standing.
 - (b) Peal Collection.
 - (c) Literature and Press.
 - (d) Methods.
 - (e) Peals' Analysis.
 - (f) Towers and Belfries.
 - (g) Records.
 - (h) Legal Liability.
 - (i) Broadcasting.

MOTIONS.

8. That the Council do further revise the incidence of the annual subscriptions. (Mr. E. Alexr. Young and Rev. C. D. P. Davies.)
9. That a collection of lantern slides be formed by the Council to illustrate ringing in its various aspects. (Rev. H. Drake and Mr. C. J. Sedgely.)
10. All notices of motions to be laid before the Council shall be sent in the names either of individual members, or of affiliated societies, and shall reach the secretary in time for them to be published a week before Easter, as a preliminary agenda. Within a fortnight after Easter other resolutions or amendments may be sent to him, but in this case only in the names of societies. (Rev. H. Drake and Mr. C. J. Sedgely.)
11. To initiate a discussion on the subject of alterations in the rules of the Central Council as suggested in 'The Ringing World' on October 18th, 1929 (No. 969, page 665), and, if thought advisable, to move one or more resolutions thereon. (Rev. C. D. P. Davies, per hon. secretary, and Mr. W. A. Cave.)
12. To call attention to the Council's statement on 'Regular Methods' contained in the 'Rules and Decisions of the Council,' and, if necessary, to move a resolution. (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith and Mr. G. Grover.)
13. To fix the place of next year's meeting.
14. Other business, if any.

E. ALEXR. YOUNG,

Hon. Secretary.

155, Rushey Green, Catford, S.E.6.

SOCIAL ARRANGEMENTS.

In connection with the above meeting the following arrangements have been made on behalf of members visiting London over the week-end, viz.:—

The headquarters will be at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C. Members may stay at this commodious and centrally situated hotel at the reduced rate of 7s. 6d., bed and full breakfast (please mention C.C.C.B.R.). All those present in London will please enter their names and addresses upon the Council's visitors' roll for mutual reference.

Ringings for Sunday morning and evening service will be arranged at St. Clement, Danes, St. Andrew's, Holborn, and St. Lawrence Jewry, and at a 12-bell tower if sufficient names are previously given in.

Social meetings.—The Royal Cumberland Youths have kindly placed their room at the King of Denmark, Old Bailey, at the disposal of members on the evenings of Sunday and Monday at 7 p.m. On Tuesday a social will be held at Anderton's Hotel at 7.30 p.m.

The hon. secretary will be pleased to assemble a party at Anderton's at two o'clock Saturday for a visit to Westminster. On Sunday afternoon a visit will be arranged to inspect the Carter ringing machine at the Victoria and Albert Museum (particulars will be given later).

Members and their friends coming to London in connection with this meeting are reminded that early application should be made to the hon. secretary for vouchers enabling them to travel by rail at reduced rates.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. PENZANCE BRANCH FESTIVAL.

A very successful minor ringing festival of the above branch was held on Saturday, May 17th, at St. Keverne, between sixty and seventy ringers attending, representing the towers of Truro Cathedral, Gulval, Phillack, St. Hilary, Helston, St. Anthony, Manaccan, Towednack and St. Keverne. The church at St. Keverne is the happy possessor of a fine peal of eight (tenor 18 cwt.) by Messrs. Taylor and Co. Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m., and continued until 4.30, when a short service, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. C. Norris, was held. The address was given by the diocesan secretary (the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella). He spoke of the duties of ringers as churchworkers, and emphasised that they were very important as such, as by their example they might be the means of bringing others to the church who never at present showed near.

After the service a substantial tea, kindly provided by the Vicar and churchwardens of St. Keverne, was partaken of. A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, also for his help and the churchworkers in providing the tea, was proposed by the Ringing Master (Dr. John Symons), who, in the course of his speech, gave a few helpful hints to the ringers.—This was seconded by the diocesan secretary.—The Vicar, in replying, said it was a pleasure to be able to help in any way to the welfare of ringing. He appreciated what his own men did, and he was sure these festivals helped and stimulated ringers immensely.

The Vice-Master (Major C. F. Jerram) was also present, and helped considerably to the success of the meeting. Among the visitors were the Rector of Phillack, the Vicar of Manaccan and the genial secretary of the Truro Branch.

After tea the bells were started again and kept going until about 8 p.m. At the committee meeting following, it was decided to hold the next festival at Ludgvan about the third week in September.

BOY SCOUTS' PEAL.

We record to-day a peal rung by members of the Boy Scouts' Association at Over on Saturday to commemorate Empire Day.

Frequent complaints are heard, writes Mr. W. Bibby, of Frodsham, that recruits cannot be obtained to fill vacancies in the belfry. I think the peal of Bob Major rung at Over, Cheshire, on Saturday last, by eight Scouts, points the way. Frodsham is pleased to have had three members of their company included in the band.

AN OCTOGENARIAN RINGING CLERGYMAN.

DEATH OF THE REV. O. S. WALFORD.

On the day before his 82nd birthday, the Rev. O. S. Walford passed away at Haslemere, Surrey, on May 14th. The deceased clergyman, whose father was second master at the Old Charterhouse in London, was educated at Charterhouse and Trinity College, Cambridge, and received his theological training at Wells College, from which he went to Haslemere in 1871 as curate. Subsequently he filled curacies in other places, and became Vicar of Holy Trinity, Gosport, where he stayed for five years before going to the Rectory of Liss in 1899. Here he remained until 1922, when he retired from active ministerial work and went to reside again in Haslemere, where he was always ready to give assistance in the services of the Church.

The Rev. O. S. Walford was greatly interested in ringing, and was an active ringer for some time, although his opportunities were few. He was a life member of the Winchester Guild, and one of the foundation life members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild. As long as he was able, he delighted to sit in the churchyard at Haslemere and listen to the ringing of peals, and his personal interest in the Haslemere band was shown by the fact that he regularly had the young members at his house and taught them change ringing on handbells—he could ring two either to Grandsire or Stedman Doubles.

The deceased was buried by the side of his wife at Liss on May 17th, and on Sunday the bells at Haslemere were rung half-muffled for all three services, a touch of 1,115 Grandsire Caters being rung in the evening by H. Furlonger 1, R. Hayes 2, R. Overy 3, F. Bowden 4, J. S. Goldsmith (conductor) 5, B. Elliott 6, J. H. B. Hesse 7, M. Smither 8, A. J. Barlett 9, W. Eldridge 10.

RINGING ON THE CONTINENT.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Mr. Willson, in his remarks last week, mentions the fact that he has no recollection of a peal on the Continent. In my forthcoming 'History' I have noted the following: 'The College Youths crossed the Channel to Calais June 2nd, 1732, and there rang a course of Cinques, and "another when they were half seas over."' Also the Cumberlands record 'the first peal ever accomplished on the Continent of Europe' when on handbells they rang Holt's ten-part Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 35 mins. at the 'Boulevard Bon Nouvelle à Paris' on Sunday, July 15th, 1855, viz.: Edward Sawyer 1-2, John Cox (conductor) 3-4, Cornelius Andrew 5-6, George Banks 7-8.—Yours sincerely,

ERNEST MORRIS.

Leicester.

John Taylor & Co.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

It is impossible to thank individually all the host of friends and well-wishers who have sent us their congratulations upon our one-thousandth number. Will they therefore kindly accept this expression of our indebtedness to them?

It is gratifying, indeed, to know that not only was last week's number particularly welcomed, but that the work which 'The Ringing World' has striven to do for nearly twenty years has met with such general appreciation.

Many of our correspondents are proud to remind us that they have every copy from the first to the one thousandth. For this evidence of their loyal and continued support we ask them to accept our thanks.

The peal at St. Luke's, Wolverhampton, on May 16th, was rung for the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

After being silent for some time, the fine-toned peal of ten bells at St. Paul's Church, Bedford, were heard on Friday evening last when being given a 'trial spin' after being overhauled and rehung on ball bearings. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have carried out the work.

The first peal of New Cumberland Surprise Major was rung at Burton-on-Trent on May 31st, 1886. It has never been very popular with ringers, and it is some years now since a peal in the method was rung.

On June 1st, 1912, a peal of Stedman Caters, 14,031 changes, was rung on handbells at Guildford in 7 hrs. 3 mins. Later in the year the same band extended this record length 'in hand' by ringing 19,738.

The first 12-bell peal in Birmingham was rung on June 3rd, 1773. It was a peal of 5,324 Grandsire Cinques. St. Martin's is one of the few old towers which has anything like a complete record of the peals rung on the bells.

'The new peal of ten bells' at the famous Church of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside—which are still silent while money is being collected in their name for the restoration of the church as well as the bells—were rung for the first time on June 4th, 1762.

Letters from Mr. J. A. Trollope and the Rev. H. Drake, replying to our article on 'A Lead and a Challenge,' as well as a number of peals, are unavoidably held over.

A RINGERS' PILGRIMAGE TO MENIN GATE?

To the Editor.

Sir,—It gave me great pleasure to read Mr. Willson's suggestion of a ringers' pilgrimage to the Menin Gate, and I wish he, or someone, would arrange it. Why not the Central Council? Perhaps Canon Coleridge or the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn would go. As ringers, we should hold a short service at the Menin Gate and then visit Tyne Cot, Passchendaele, and there in that terrible but beautiful place, and in full view of the Salient, with the handbells give our farewell salute to our late friends. As a non-ringer once said, handbells at the graves of the dead are the most touching expression he had ever heard.—Yours,

A. H. PULLING.

ORIGINAL MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Having read Canon Coleridge's article on the Central Council, I would like to ask how many of the original representatives at that first meeting are still with us? At the annual meeting of the Lancashire Association in 1889, the Rev. H. J. Elsee and Mr. G. Longden were elected to represent us at the first meeting, and to-day Canon Elsee is still one of the members. Mr. Longden passed to his rest some years ago, and I am afraid that the bulk of the original members have gone from us.—Yours, etc.,

W. H. SHUKER.

THE PEAL AT LINCOLN.

The second peal on the twelve at Lincoln Cathedral was rung by a mixed band on Saturday last. The visitors were welcomed by the sub-Dean, who made the long ascent into the belfry to wish success to the ringers.

Eight of the band were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson at Surfleet for the week-end, and on Sunday enjoyed some excellent Cambridge Royal and Spliced Surprise Major on the Surfleet bells. The latter is, by the way, the first touch of Spliced Surprise rung at the church of the inventor of the system.

It is estimated that about 2,800 miles were travelled by the band who rang the peal.

MUFFLED BELLS.

On Friday evening, May 18th, at St. Mary's Church, Hitcham, Bucks, 720 Grandsire Doubles in 35 mins.: P. Jaycock 1, C. Bunce 2, G. J. Berry (conductor) 3, H. Webb 4, T. Newcomb 5, T. Bunce 6. Rung with clappers half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Rev. W. H. George, who had been Rector at this church for the past seven years, and who died while on holiday at St. Leonards-on-Sea after a short illness, and was interred in the churchyard earlier in the day.

Compiled by the Committee appointed by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

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Lincolnshire, Yorkshire, Norfolk, New Gloucester

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rung during the year 1929.

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| Bath and Wells | 4 | 1 | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 6 | 21 | 2 | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 25 | 31 |
| Bedfordshire | 5 | — | 1 | 1 | 4 | — | — | — | — | — | 16 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 17 |
| Cleveland & N. Y. | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 1 |
| Chester Diocesan | 0 | — | 3 | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | 14 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 15 |
| Devonshire Guild | 1 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2 | 8 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 3 | 5 |
| Dur. and Newc. | 1 | — | 1 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 4 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 4 | 4 |
| E. Derbys. & N'ts | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 8 | 2 | 3 | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 7 | 15 |
| Ely Diocesan | 11 | — | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 18 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 18 | 18 |
| Essex | 5 | — | 2 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 6 | — | — | — | 20 | 2 | 1 | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 4 | 24 |
| Guildford Dio. | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2 | 3 |
| Hereford Dio. | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 9 | 4 | 4 | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 20 | 21 |
| Hertford County | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 13 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 14 |
| Kent County | 8 | — | 1 | 1 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | 12 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 12 | 12 |
| Lancashire | 5 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | 15 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 15 | 15 |
| Lincoln Diocesan | 3 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 3 | — | — | — | — | — | 26 | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 27 |
| Llandaff & Mon. | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 1 |
| Middlesex County | 2 | 1 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 4 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 4 | 4 |
| Midland Counties | 8 | 4a | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 14 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 20 | 34 |
| North Notts | — | — | 1 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2 | 2 |
| Norwich Dio. | — | — | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | — | — | — | — | 7 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 7 | 7 |
| Oxford Diocesan | 4 | 1 | 4 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 11 | 4 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 4 | 15 |
| Peterborough Dio. | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | 15 | 3 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 4c | 23 |
| Salisbury Dio. | 8 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 8 | 5 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 5 | 13 |
| Stafford Arch. | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2 | 4 | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 5 | 7 |
| Suffolk Guild | 6 | — | 16 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 4 | — | — | — | 32 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 33 |
| Surrey | 1 | — | 2 | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | 8 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 8 | 8 |
| Sussex County | 2 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 5 | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2 | 7 |
| Swansea and Bre. | 5 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 5 | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 6 |
| Troo Diocesan | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 1 |
| Warwickshire | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2 | 2 |
| Winch. & P'm'h. | 3 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 8 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 4 |
| Worcestershire | 7 | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 21 | 4 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 5 | 26 |
| Yorkshire | 1 | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 8 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 6 | 6 |
| Ind. Societies | 3 | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 7 | 9 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1b | 10 |
| TOTAL | 118 | 16 | 55 | 27 | 18 | 5 | 77 | 1 | 1 | 318 | 80 | 19 | 12 | 7 | 8 | 126 | 444 | | | | | | |

(a) Includes 1 peal Spliced Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles.

(a) one in 5 methods. (b) one in 7 methods. (c) one in each of 6, 7, 9, & 10 methods.

HANDBELL PEALS.

| Associations. | CINQUES | | ROYAL | | CATERS | | MAJOR | | | TRIPLES | | MINOR | TOTAL |
|----------------------------|---------|-------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------|------------|---------|-----------|--------|-------|
| | Stedman | Oxford Treble Bob | Plain Bob | Stedman | Grandsire | Kent Treble Bob | Oxford Treble Bob | Plain Bob | Little Bob | Stedman | Grandsire | Method | |
| Bedfordshire | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2 |
| Cambridge Univ. Guild | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2 |
| Chester Diocesan | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2 |
| Durham and Newcastle | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2 |
| Ely Diocesan | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 |
| Essex Association | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 10 |
| Hertford County | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 |
| Lancashire | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 9 |
| Lincoln Diocesan | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 7 |
| Middlesex County | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 |
| Midland Counties | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 |
| St. Martin's Guild, B'ham. | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2 |
| Suffolk Guild | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2a |
| Winchester & Portsmouth | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 |
| TOTAL | 3 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 24 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 55 |

(a) Includes 7,200.

DEATH OF A BRABOURNE RINGER.

The Ashford District and East Kent have sustained a loss by the death of Mr. Ernest Cheesman, one of a well-known ringing family. He died in the Victoria Hospital on April 30th, aged 55 years.

The funeral took place at his native village of Stowting, on May 5th, the bearers being the local ringers.

As illness prevented ringing at Stowting, the bells at Brabourne (of which band he had been captain for several years) were later in the day half-muffled, and Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor rung by local ringers, assisted by Albert Tanton, an old friend from Lymington, a broken rope preventing a peal. The deceased was a good striker and had taken part in peals in various parts of the county.

REPORT OF THE ANALYSIS COMMITTEE.

The total number of peals rung during 1929, as shown by the analysis, was 1,665, a decrease of 37 as compared with 1928.

The following table shows the various fluctuations:—

| | 1929. | | 1928. | |
|---------|--------|-------|--------|-------|
| | Tower. | Hand. | Tower. | Hand. |
| Maximus | 23 | — | 14 | 6 |
| Cinques | 23 | 3 | 19 | 6 |
| Royal | 49 | 4 | 52 | 9 |
| Caters | 83 | 9 | 80 | 3 |
| Major | 629 | 51 | 621 | 16 |
| Triples | 359 | 5 | 381 | 5 |
| Minor | 318 | 3 | 336 | 6 |
| Doubles | 126 | — | 146 | 2 |
| | 1,610 | 55 | 1,649 | 53 |

Tower Bells.—As will be seen, the peals of Maximus have increased, there being 6 more of Surprise and 3 in other methods. Cinques show 4 more, 3 of Stedman and 1 of Grandsire. Peals of Surprise Royal have decreased by 4, whilst other methods have increased by 1, making the total decrease 3. The increase of 3 in Caters is made up of Stedman 6, Double Norwich 1, whilst Grandsire have decreased by 4.

In Major the total increase is 8. Peals of Surprise have increased by 25, of which Cambridge alone accounts for 23. Treble Bob and Plain Methods have decreased by 17. Triples have decreased by 22, made up of a decrease in Stedman of 34 and other methods 3, and an increase of 15 in Grandsire. Minor have decreased 18 peals, the chief variation being decreases in peals in 1 and 2 methods 37, and increases in 3, 4, and 5 methods 20. The decrease in Doubles is 20, which is more than accounted for by peals in 1 method.

Handbells.—The decrease of 3 peals in Cinques is represented by Stedman; that of 5 in Royal by Plain Bob 3 and Treble Bob 2. Stedman Caters are 7 more and Grandsire Caters have decreased 1. Major have increased by 15, there being 11 more of Plain Bob and 4 more of Treble Bob. Triples, although being equal, show one more peal of Stedman and one less of Grandsire. Minor have decreased by 3 peals.

Yorkshire Surprise Maximus, Melton Surprise Royal, Loughborough Bob Major, Wellington Little Court Bob Major, and Spliced Treble Bob in the Worcester variation have been rung for the first time.

Again the Midland Counties Association have rung most peals, their total being 128, a decrease of 25 peals on last year's total. The Lancashire Association and Kent County come next with 104 and 100 respectively. Both totals are less than last year, Lancashire being 15 and Kent 9 down. Twenty-eight societies show a decrease in peals, the most serious being the Warwickshire Association, which has dropped from 34 to 6.

On the other hand 16 associations show an increase. The Suffolk Association, with 99 peals, have increased by 22; the Essex with 90 peals have increased by 40. The Lincoln, Stafford Archdeaconry and Chester have increased by 19, 13 and 17 respectively.

Without doubt the outstanding performance of the year is the long peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, 15,312 changes, at Ash-ton-under-Lyne, rung under the auspices of the Lancashire Association. This surpasses all previous records on 12 bells, and was a truly wonderful feat.

No other long length was rung on tower bells, but a peal of Minor of 7,200 changes was rung on handbells by the Suffolk Guild.

Other peals worth noting are a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 6 methods, and one in 10 methods by the Middlesex Association; Spliced Superlative and Cambridge Maximus by the Essex Association; a non-conducted peal of Double Norwich, one of Cambridge Surprise Major and one of Superlative Surprise Major by the Kent County; a peal of Grandsire Triples by 4 fathers and 4 sons for the Surrey Association; a Surprise peal by police officers for the Middlesex Association; a 'William' peal of Kent Treble Bob Major and an 'Edward' peal of Stedman Triples for the Kent County; and a 'James' peal of Double Norwich for the London County Association.

Following are the number of peals rung each month in 1928 and 1929:—

| | 1928. | 1929. | | 1928. | 1929. |
|----------|-------|-------|-----------|-------|-------|
| January | 124 | 113 | July | 118 | 118 |
| February | 145 | 118 | August | 116 | 148 |
| March | 144 | 92 | September | 144 | 137 |
| April | 127 | 141 | October | 154 | 150 |
| May | 164 | 148 | November | 152 | 197 |
| June | 125 | 132 | December | 189 | 171 |

The footnotes show a considerable decrease in the number of ringers who have scored their first peal. This year there are 499, as against 593 in 1928. Ringers of peals in a new method, or method on a different number of bells total 869, a decrease of 366 on last year's total. Ringers of their first peal inside number 62; away from the tenor 10; in the method inside 83; Maximus 18; Cinques 5; Royal 17; Caters 21; Major 72; Triples 39; Minor 89; Doubles 30; on twelve bells 27; on ten 60; on eight 36; on six 23; on five 10; Surprise 57; in hand 11; in method in hand 31.

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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. DERBY DISTRICT.

About thirty members and visitors were present at the district quarterly meeting held at Derby on Saturday last, which turned out to be very successful. Among the visitors were Messrs. E. C. Gobey and H. Harrison (Ilkeston), E. H. Bagworth (Leicester), J. H. Swinfield (Burton), and James George (Birmingham), etc. During the afternoon the bells of St. Luke's and St. Alkmund's were made good use of, various methods being rung and others attempted, everybody having an opportunity to test their ability. The fine ring at St. Andrew's was reserved for the evening, and the ringers were welcomed by Mr. A. H. Ward, Ringing Master (in the absence of Mr. C. E. Hart). The methods rung were Cambridge, Treble Bob, and Stedman Caters, the latter method proving more difficult than was first anticipated, but was, however, successfully brought round at the third attempt.

At the business meeting the chair was taken by the vice-president (Mr. Henry Fletcher), who was supported by the hon. secretary (Mr. Geo. Freebrey), Mr. P. H. Tate, Mr. E. H. Clarke, Mr. F. Coxon, and Mr. J. Bailey. One life member (Mr. H. Joiner), of Stonehouse, Glos, was elected, and the members were pleased to welcome, on the proposition of Mr. Geo. Freebrey, the Rev. Dr. W. H. Irwin, Vicar of Duffield, as an hon. member of the M.C.A.

Mention was made of the death of Ald. J. H. Grant (late Mayor of Derby), who was one of the hon. members, and the chairman asked all present to stand in silence as a mark of respect to his memory. The next two places decided on for the quarterly meetings were West Hallam and Belper respectively, due notice of which will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. John Swinfield proposed a vote of thanks to the clergy for the use of the bells, and to the towerkeepers for having everything ready.

At the subsequent tea, which was provided at King's Cafe, the arrangements gave every satisfaction, an enjoyable hour being spent in a room specially set out for the occasion.

LORD DAVIDSON'S DEATH.

The death of Archbishop Lord Davidson has removed a great figure from the Church and State.

While he was Archbishop of Canterbury he was president of the Kent County Association, and as ex-president he was one of those who signed the illuminated address recently presented to the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore.

Lord Davidson's last appearance among ringers was in March, 1928, at the great 'rally' at Croydon, attended by a company of about 2,500. He and Mrs. Davidson were photographed in the Bell Foundry with Canon Coleridge and the Mayor of Croydon in front of the 18½ ton bell destined for the Riverside Church, New York. He afterwards addressed the great gathering assembled at the Baths.

Throughout this week the bells in many places have been rung muffled in memory of the late Primate.

At Chiddington, Kent, on Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins., with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Lord Davidson: A. Wiles 1, F. Longley 2, J. Weller, Westerham (first quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples) 3, J. Cruwys 4, H. Huntley 5, A. Longley 6, E. H. Everest (conductor) 7, L. Everest 8.

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There are 54 new conductors, and 73 conductors in a new method. On the occasion of national thanksgiving for the King's recovery 66 peals were rung.

Other footnotes show that 51 peals were the first on the bells; 46 since restoration or augmentation; and 158 the first in the method on the bells. Muffled and half-muffled peals number 58; birthday peals 241; weddings (including silver and golden) 59; church festivals and dedications 44; Empire Day 4; Armistice Day 14; anniversaries 63; welcome and farewell peals 46; and royal birthdays 12.

The ladies still figure largely in the peal reports, and 91 have rung peals this year. Three appear among the conductors, and one peal of Bob Major was rung for the Ladies' Guild.

We conclude our report with the number of peals rung in each of representative years since 1881, the total for the whole period being 53,206.

| | | |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1881 ... 156 | 1909 ... 1,628 | 1921 ... 1,632 |
| 1885 ... 500 | 1913 ... 2,358 | 1923 ... 1,885 |
| 1889 ... 797 | 1914 ... 1,415 | 1926 ... 1,867 |
| 1894 ... 859 | 1915 ... 259 | 1927 ... 1,841 |
| 1898 ... 1,002 | 1917 ... 130 | 1928 ... 1,702 |
| 1902 ... 1,313 | 1919 ... 1,048 | 1929 ... 1,665 |
| 1905 ... 1,519 | 1920 ... 1,471 | |

Signed,

EDITH K. FLETCHER.
GEORGE R. PYE.
JAMES GEORGE.
GEORGE WILLIAMS.
E. ALEXR. YOUNG.

Hon. Secretary.

NOTE.—Mr. George resigned from the committee at the beginning of the year, and Mr. C. Dean took his place.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. RINGING COMPETITION.

The sixth annual ringing competition of the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild was held at Llanelly, Carmarthenshire, on Saturday (Empire Day), where, by kind permission of Canon Watcyn Morgan (Vicar) the bells of the Parish Church (St. Elli) were in use. The competitors were favoured with delightful weather. Some teams had journeyed very long distances to compete, and all were delighted that Mr. W. H. Fussell, of Slough, had been able once more to honour the Guild as the adjudicator of the competition. His award met with full approval of all competitors.

In former competitions, the 'test piece' was confined to raising the bells in peal, ringing 120 changes Doubles, falling the bells in peal. In order, however, to encourage towers to interest themselves in other methods it was decided that teams ringing Stedman or Minor methods should have the benefit of five points, and it was pleasing to note that of the nine teams that entered the competition five took advantage of such benefit.

The order of ringing and the points obtained by the several teams were:—

| | |
|---------------------------|-----|
| Talgarth | 226 |
| Llanelly, Carmarthenshire | 210 |
| Brecon (St. Mary's) | 216 |
| Cadoxton, Neath | 233 |
| Neath | 215 |
| Cefn Coed | 228 |
| Gorseinon | 231 |
| Llanelly, Breconshire | 232 |
| Morrison | 209 |

The maximum number of points obtainable was 240, and the figures set out above include points earned for ringing methods other than Doubles. It should be noted that the local team (Llanelly, Carmarthenshire) were handicapped nine points for the privilege of ringing on their own bells.

Mr. W. H. Fussell, in his report, complimented the teams on their general proficiency, and stated that the competition had been keener than in previous years, and the standard of ringing had greatly improved. Most teams lost points because the fourth bell was kept rather wide on back-stroke.

Cadoxton, Neath, the holders, managed to retain the shield by one point. Certificates were presented to the first three teams.

A cold luncheon was served in the Parish Hall at 1 p.m., and tea was taken at 5 p.m.

Canon Watcyn Morgan presided at the tea table, and he was supported by the Rev. J. T. Davies (Vicar of St. Paul's, Llanelly), Rev. E. J. Kingsbury (Llanelly), Rev. W. Gurnos Davies (Vicar of Llanelly, Breconshire), Minor Canons Gomer Davies and David J. Jones (Brecon), the Rev. D. Thomas (Cadoxton, Neath), and other clergy.

After tea, Canon Morgan referred to the death of Dr. T. Price Thomas, Brecon, the donor of the shield, and the company present stood and observed a few minutes' silence. Dr. Thomas took a great interest in the bells and ringers at Brecon. It was at his suggestion that this competition was to be held on Empire Day, or the Saturday nearest thereto.

Canon Morgan gave the company a very warm welcome into his parish, and hoped they had as much pleasure out of their visit as he had in having the ringers there in such strong numbers. There were 80 ringers present at lunch, but by tea time there was a muster of about 100. Mr. Fussell was then called upon to deliver his adjudication referred to above, after which Canon Morgan presented the shield and certificates to the successful teams.

The thanks of the company were given to Canon Morgan and his band of lady workers for the welcome, and the very excellent luncheon and tea provided free of charge, on the proposition of the Rev. W. Gurnos Davies, seconded by Rev. J. T. Davies. The proposer then called for three cheers, and these were heartily given.

Canon Morgan, responding, said the work of providing luncheon had been attended to by Mr. Harding, his churchwarden at All Saints' Church, whilst the ladies were responsible for providing tea, and Mr. Harding was thereupon asked to speak. He expressed his pleasure in being able to do a small service to the ringers, and hoped they had enjoyed themselves.

Mr. Fussell was heartily thanked for his services also.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. JOINT DISTRICT MEETING.

On Saturday (Empire Day) the North-Eastern and Northern Divisions of the Essex Association held a meeting at Great Tey, when about 50 members from 17 churches, and a lady ringer and other visitors from Cambs attended and rang touches. A special service was held, conducted by the Rev. Saint, who welcomed the ringers, and also spoke on the Empire Day spirit.

Afterwards tea was served at the hotel adjoining, when the Rev. Saint presided, supported by Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the association), Mr. W. J. Nevard, Mr. Ridgewell (Earls Colne), Mr. Stannard (Colchester), and other prominent ringers from the districts.

Mr. Howard proposed a vote of thanks for the use of the bells, and to the Vicar for his address, also to the choir and organist for their help in making the meeting a success.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**WAR MEMORIAL FUND COMPLETED.**

In accordance with the rule of the Guild requiring the annual meeting to be held in the area of the different branches in rotation, the festival of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at Calne, Wilts, on Saturday, May 17th. Some doubts had been expressed as to the advisability of holding it at a point somewhat difficult of access and far removed from the greater part of the diocese. All such misgivings, however, were completely dissipated by the result. Some ninety members assembled in the grand old Parish Church, with its fine bells and magnificent organ, at 12.30 p.m., and took part in one of the most inspiring ringers' services ever held. The singing was led by twenty surpliced choristers with exquisitely trained voices, and the special psalms and hymns were accompanied by the organist with thrilling effect. The office was intoned by the honorary secretary of the Guild, and the lesson read by the senior assistant priest. The Ven. Archdeacon Coulter, Vicar of Calne, in the course of an intensely interesting address, spoke of the ancient history of Calne Church and its close connection with Salisbury Cathedral, and quoted a very early reference to the ringing of the bells, while the Te Deum was sung, on the appointment of a former Vicar of Calne as Archbishop of Canterbury. In extending a hearty welcome to the Guild, the Archdeacon commended the wisdom of occasionally visiting the extreme points of the dioceses, in spite of the cost and sacrifice entailed, and aptly remarked that the activities of the body are not confined to the region round the heart but extend to the fingers and other extremities.—A collection taken in aid of the war memorial fund amounted to £2 0s. 7d. At the close of the service a beautifully struck touch of Grandsire Triples was rung, and the company then sat down to luncheon in the Town Hall, which was most attractively decorated with flags and flowers. The catering was undertaken by Maslen's Cafe, and the arrangements made reflected great credit on the firm.

After the King's health had been drunk with musical honours, the annual meeting ensued, under the presidency of the Master, Rev. R. H. Gundry.

The statement of accounts was approved, showing a working balance in hand of £97 16s. 1d. The Rev. R. H. Gundry was re-elected Master, and Rev. F. L. Edwards secretary. Mr. F. Green was elected assistant secretary, Rev. R. E. G. Newman and Mr. H. R. Hopkins auditors, the Bishop of Sherborne, the Dean of Salisbury and Mr. T. Horvey Beams vice-presidents, and Rev. F. L. Edwards and Messrs. T. H. Beams, S. Hillier and C. H. Jennings representatives on the Central Council. Messrs. C. H. Jennings, W. Townsend and L. A. Wilson were appointed bellfry inspectors in addition to Mr. S. Hillier.

The Master and Secretary both expressed the general regret at Mr. Beams' enforced retirement from office on account of failing health, and spoke in eulogistic terms of his valuable services to the Guild.

Mr. Beams had the satisfaction of reporting that his great labour of love, the raising of £200 for the ringers' war memorial in the Cathedral, had been brought to a successful conclusion. Not only had the full amount been subscribed, but he was able to produce as the finishing touch to the memorial the Guild badge, skilfully carved in oak by Mr. Northover, of Bridport, and handsomely gilded and coloured. The Master expressed the cordial thanks of the Guild both to Mr. Beams and Mr. Northover.

It was agreed to make two additions to the rules, and a grant of two guineas was voted towards the restoration of the grand peal of bells at Heytesbury.

Mr. C. D. Heginbotham proposed a vote of thanks to the Archdeacon, organist and choristers, for their respective parts in the service, to the ladies and gentlemen responsible for the decoration of the hall, and to the incumbents of the various churches for allowing the use of the bells. The Archdeacon briefly replied, and the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the chairman, proposed in a witty speech by the Rev. A. H. T. Clarke.

Eleven towers were open for ringing, and touches in the standard methods were enjoyed by visitors from all parts of the diocese, many of whom had travelled sixty or seventy miles to take part in the festival.

LEARNERS AT DISTRICT MEETINGS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I think our ringing friend, Mr. Harrison, of Conisborough, would have acted more wisely had he brought his complaint re ringing arrangements at Rotherham on Easter Monday before members of his association at a district meeting (instead of the whole Exercise). Personally, I cannot think the Yorkshire Association care less for the learner than other guilds or associations. My experience of over fifty years' of guild and association meetings is that over two-thirds of the ringing time is given up to the learner, and if the opportunity is not seized when, say, a 'first eleven team' are in the tower, the meeting goes off without a touch 'on the top line.'

We, as officers, know that we have to cater for all—that is, from rounds to the top-line ringer.

GEORGE WILLIAMS,
Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**BEDFORD DISTRICT VISITS TWO FIVE-BELL TOWERS.**

On Saturday last a successful and enjoyable meeting of the Bedford District was held at the two five-bell towers of St. Mary's, Keysoe, and All Saints', Riseley. Keysoe was first visited, and the bells were raised about three o'clock and rung until 4.30 to touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob and St. Simon's Doubles. An excellent tea awaited the company on arrival at Riseley, to which full justice was done.

At the business meeting Mr. Harry Chapman (a welcome and regular attendant at the Bedford District's meetings) took the chair. Before calling upon the secretary to read the minutes of the last meeting, Mr. Chapman said he had with him the annual report of the association for 1886-1887, and, now, after being away from the neighbourhood for many years, he was back amongst them, and, looking back over forty years, he was proud of the progress the association had made. In that year only about eight or nine towers in the county belonged to the association in the neighbourhood of Bedford and Woburn. In those days Luton, Leighton Buzzard and Dunstable did not belong, but to-day the Luton District was a stronghold of change ringing. Continuing, Mr. Chapman said he would like to mention one or two names of men who by their keenness and enthusiasm in the early years had done much work—the late Mr. I. Hills, and Mr. Herbert, of Woburn, and Mr. C. W. Clark, who was still amongst them. To-day they were reaping the benefit of what these men did. He was pleased to see at the annual meeting of the association that a district ought to be formed in the Amphilph area, and he appealed to members to support the meetings when held there. This was a sure sign of progress, and he was glad the five-bell towers were being visited, as it was by holding meetings as they were doing on that day that enthusiasm could be created.

Mr. J. Church, of St. Paul's, Bedford, was re-elected a member of the association, while Norman Inskip and Ronald Ford, of Kempston, were elected new members.

It was decided that the next meeting be held at Stagsden, and it is hoped there will be a good attendance, as the association has never paid a visit to this tower before.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicars of Keysoe and Riseley and to Mr. Harry Chapman for taking the chair at the meeting, was heartily accorded.

Ringings were indulged in at Riseley until eight o'clock in Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and St. Simon's Doubles. Twenty members were present during the day from Bedford (St. Paul's and St. Peter's), Kempston, Turvey, Keysoe, Riseley, Great Staughton, Clapham and Stagsden, with visitors from Woolaston and Rushden.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**NEW RINGING MASTER IN GUILDFORD DISTRICT.**

Between 30 and 40 members attended the Guildford District meeting of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at Witley on Saturday, where they were welcomed by the Vicar-designate (Rev. P. G. Holden), who was inducted to the living two days later. The new Vicar, before the war, learnt to handle a bell at Runcorn, Cheshire, and was inducted to make a fresh start in his new parish. The Rev. P. G. Holden will, it is hoped, prove an acquisition to the Guild, which is badly off for 'ringing parsons.'

He conducted the Guild's service and delivered an address based upon the precept, 'Practise what you preach.'

At the meeting following tea in the Parish Room, the Master (Major J. H. B. Hesse) presided, supported by the Vicar-designate and Admiral T. P. Walker (hon. treasurer).

The resignation of Mr. A. H. Pulling as Ringing Master of the district was received with regret, and Mr. R. Hayes (of Haslemere) was elected to fill the vacancy, subject to his agreeing to act.

It was decided to transfer Dunsfold tower from the Haslemere group to the Guildford South group for the purposes of combined practices.

A resolution of deep regret was passed upon the death of the Rev. O. S. Walford, of Haslemere, a life member of the Guild.

On the motion of the Master, congratulations were accorded to the Editor of 'The Ringing World,' who is also general hon. secretary of the Guild, upon the completion of one thousand issues of this journal. The Master expressed the hope that all the members of the Guild would support it.—Mr. Goldsmith acknowledged the motion, remarking that his greatest recompense had been the many friendships he had made and retained among ringers throughout the country.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar-designate and organist concluded the meeting, and further ringing was done.

LLANTRISANT, GLAM.—On Thursday, May 15th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: J. Westcott 1, F. J. Thyer 2, W. Pike 3, P. Jones 4, C. H. Perry (conductor) 5, J. Darch 6, J. Evans 7, W. Westcott (first quarter-peal) 8. Rung after meeting short for a peal. Mr. Evans took the vacant rope, but too late for a peal.

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Warnham on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at the Sussex Oak at 5. — A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By the kind permission of the Rev. Canon Elnor, a bye-meeting will be held at Dover St. Mary's (8) on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available after 4 p.m. As this is the first meeting to be held at Dover since the war, it is hoped there will be a good attendance.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Canterbury.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—The annual general meeting will be held at Abingdon on Saturday, May 31st. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. — A. E. Lock, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leigh on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. — Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Ewell on Saturday, May 31st. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea and meeting following.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Our next meeting will be held at Darwen and Hoddlesden on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available at Darwen from 3 p.m. Meeting at Hoddlesden 6.30. Subscriptions due.—F. Hindle, Hon. Br. Sec., 58, Anvil St., Blackburn.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry will be held at Stapleford (6) on Saturday, May 31st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. The gardens of Minglepen and Sunnyside will be open to visitors.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Bickenhill, near Birmingham, on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock at a moderate charge. Midland Red Buses leave Birmingham (Bull Ring) and Coventry (Fleet Street) at 2.30 and every half hour following.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Pre-Whitsun meeting at Bishop Auckland on Saturday, May 31st. The bells of South Church and Shildon will be available after 2.30. Committee meeting at 4.30. Tea (1/3) at 5 o'clock at Peverells' Cafe, South Church. — George S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The May meeting will be held at Benington on May 31st. The bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided by the Rector. Business meeting after in the Parish Hall. All will be made welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, May 31st. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions are now due. Reports, etc., to hand.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield, nr. Bury.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Ibstock on Saturday, May 31st. Bells ready 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Grimsby on Saturday, May 31st. Service in the Parish Church 4.15. Tea in the Church House, Bull Ring, 5 p.m. (resident members free, non-members 1s. 9d.) Bells available: St. James' (8) 2 to 4.15, 8 to 9, St. Andrew's (8) 8 to 9. All welcome.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 43, Etherington Street, Gainsborough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing meeting has been arranged at Chalfont St. Giles on Saturday, May 31st. Bells (6) available at 3.30 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at West Deeping (6) on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available during the afternoon and evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting.—C. T. M. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lincs.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Aldington on Saturday, May 31st, by kind invitation of the Rev. G. S. Long (Mr. Slingby's 93rd birthday party). Bells available 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea (free) 5 p.m. Bus leaves Ashford College Avenue 2.30. It is hoped as many as possible will attend this meeting as there is important business to transact.—A. J. Battin, Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Chiddingstone on Saturday, May 31st. Tower opened 3 p.m.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Sharnford on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available from 3.45 p.m. Tea provided. All ringers and friends are welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Shillingstone (5) on Saturday, May 31st. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting to follow. Other towers available: Okeford Fitzpaine (6), Childe Okeford (6).

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Huntingdon.—The next meeting will be held at Buckden on Saturday, May 31st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Will ringers requiring tea advise me as soon as possible.—Doris Clarke, Dis. Sec., Cromwell Gardens, St. Neots, Hunts.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Whilton (6) on Saturday, May 31st; also the annual meeting will be held at Daventry (8) on Saturday, June 28th. Will members please note? — W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meetings for June: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, the 1st, at 10 a.m.; Monday, 2nd, 16th and 30th, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 10th, at 8 p.m.—S. C. Moye, Gen. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Dunmow on Wednesday, June 4th, at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Service at 5.30. This is for the benefit of those who are unable to attend Saturday meetings. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea kindly advise me.—C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637.)—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on June 5th and 19th, St. Paul's Cathedral on the 10th, Southwark Cathedral on the 12th, *St. Giles', Cripplegate, or the Coffee Pot on the 24th; all at 7.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 26th; 8 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Hagley on Saturday, June 7th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Tea and business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Horley on Saturday, June 7th. Tower open at 3, service at 5, tea and business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea must let me know by Wednesday, June 4th.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Dis. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Ellastone on Saturday, June 7th. Tea will be provided for all who notify Mr. R. G. Lewis, 36, Heath Cross, Uttoxeter, not later than June 4th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Barton-in-Fabis (6 bells) on Saturday, June 7th. Bells ready 2.30. Tea can be arranged for. Will members please look up London, Cambridge and Double Oxford for this meeting?—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The annual festival of the above branch will be held at Whaddon on Saturday, June 7th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service, with address, at 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Important: Those requiring tea please notify not later than May 31st. All visitors welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Urchfont on Saturday, June 7th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Guild Service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea. Market Lavington bells also available in the evening.—F. Green, Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A meeting will be held at Gayton on Saturday, June 7th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Will all who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, June 3rd? — T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—A meeting will be held at Thames Ditton on Saturday, June 7th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Members are particularly urged to attend this meeting and support from other districts will be valued. Notifications for tea must reach me Tuesday, June 3.—H. Hancock, Hon. Sec., 3, Chobham Rd., Ottershaw, Chertsey

LANCASHIRE.—The Westhoughton Parish Church new bells will be dedicated at 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 7th, by the Bishop of Manchester, assisted by the Rev. Canon Elsee, M.A., Rural Dean of Bolton. Teas, 5 p.m., will be provided at 1s. each for those who send their names to Fred F. Rigby, 3, Andrew's Terrace, Westhoughton, not later than June 4th.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at Whiston on Saturday, June 7th. Bells available early. Tea 1s. Please notify Mr. F. Roddis, Reveill Villa, Whiston. A good attendance is desired for business re Cup Contest.—H. Thorpe, Hon. Sec., 104, Petre Street, Sheffield.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 51st annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, June 9th. Service at the Cathedral, with address by Rev. Canon W. E. R. Morrow, M.A., Sub-Dean, 11.30 a.m. Lunch (members 2/-) to be followed by the annual meeting at the County Hotel, Rainsford End, at 12.30 p.m. It is most important that notice of intention to be present should be sent to the Hon. Sec. not later than first post previous Tuesday, June 3rd, in order that proper provision for lunch can be made.—F. J. Pitstow, Gen. Sec. and Treas., 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

DEVON GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Exmouth on Whit Monday, June 9th. Service in Holy Trinity Church at noon. Dinner and meeting in the Church Hall, Rolle Street, 1 p.m. Tickets (2/- each to non-members) obtainable up to June 2nd. Towers open: Withycombe Raleigh and Littleham.—T. Laver, Gen. Sec., 21, Cross Park, Heavitree, Exeter.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Northampton on Whit Monday, June 9th. The central committee will meet at 11 a.m. in the Upper Vestry at St. Edmund's Church. The Guild form of service will be held at St. Edmund's Church at 12 noon. Lunch at the Plough Hotel, Bridge Street, at 1 p.m., followed by the meeting. Will those requiring tickets for lunch please make application (with remittance, 2/6) before Wednesday, June 4th, to Mr. T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton, or to the Gen. Sec. Bells available: St. Edmund's (8) 10 a.m. to 12 and 5.30 p.m. to 7, St. Giles' (10) from 10 a.m. throughout the day, St. Peter's (8), St. Sepulchre's (8), and Duston (6) after the meeting, Kingsthorpe (6) from 5.30 p.m. to 7.—R. G. Black, Gen. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddingdon, Kettering.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Northallerton on Whit Monday, June 9th. Bells of the Parish Church (8, tenor 17 cwt.) are available for ringing all day. Committee meeting will be held in Russell's

Café at 11.30 p.m. Service in the Parish Church at 12 noon. The address will be given by the Vicar (the Rev. W. A. Blackwell). Lunch will be provided at Russell's Café at 1 p.m. Members 2s., non-members 2s. 6d. Those intending to be present please notify the hon. secretary not later than Wednesday, June 4th. Annual business meeting to follow. It is hoped that members will make a special effort to attend. The meeting will be most interesting to the members.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Portmadoc on Whit Monday, June 9th. A service will be held in the Parish Church at 2 p.m., followed by business meeting. The bells (8) will be available. Good attendance requested.—W. Cathrall, Hon. Sec., 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival at Hereford, Whit Monday, June 9th. Service in the Cathedral 12.15. Dinner, 1 p.m., at the Booth Hall Hotel, price 2s. 6d. Dinner tickets from Mr. A. W. Davis, 102, Ryelands Street, Hereford. Business meeting afterwards. Towers open: S. Nicholas' (6) and All Saints' (8), 10.30-12, and 3-6; Cathedral (10), 6.30-8.30 p.m. Entrance by west door of nave.—H. S. T. Richardson, Hon. Sec., S. Nicholas' Rectory, Hereford.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Gosberton (6 bells) on Whit Monday, June 9th. Bells available all day. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by June 3rd?—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Handsworth on Saturday, June 14th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea (1s. each person) and business meeting. Gentlemen cordially invited. Subscriptions due. Those requiring tea please notify Noel Cawthorne, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Handsworth Road, Handsworth, Sheffield.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Grundisburgh (8 bells) on June 14th. Tea in Parish Room at 4.30 p.m., 9d. each. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Wethersfield on Saturday, June 14th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than morning of June 10th?—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Scothern (6), Saturday, June 14th. Tower open 2 p.m. Notification for tea to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

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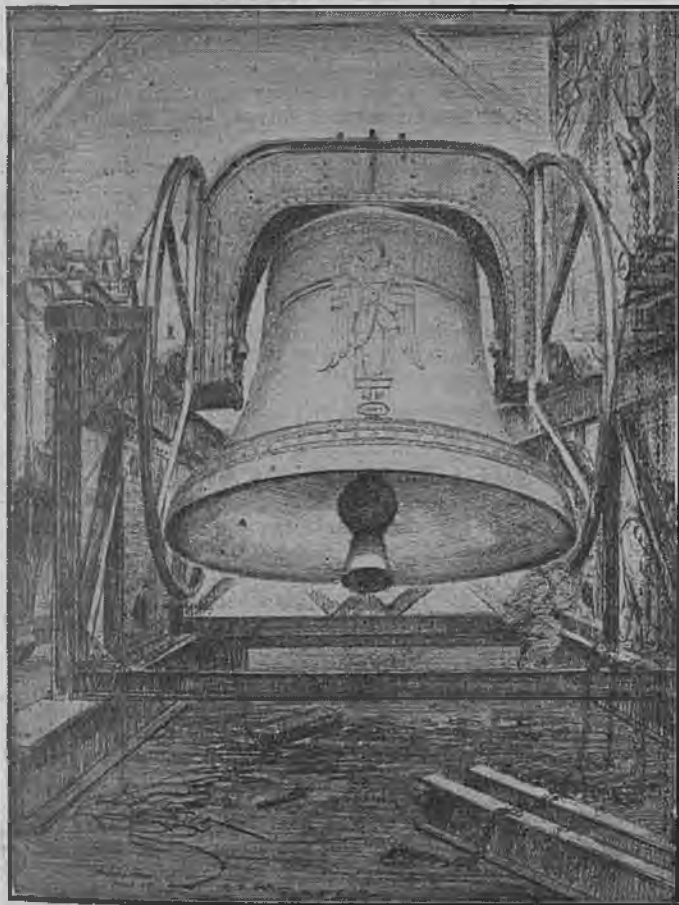
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NEXT TUESDAY'S BUSINESS.

The dearth of motions put down for discussion at the Central Council meeting next Tuesday revealed in the first publication of the agenda, and which was commented upon by the President in his article in our one thousandth number, has been remedied by the inclusion of items permitted by an elastic interpretation of the rules. It did not, however, follow, because there were no motions for debate, that the Council would have little business to transact. The first session of every new Council always provides an additional amount of routine business which cannot be lightly passed over and this year, at least, the retirement of the President, and the election of a new occupant of the office, is hardly likely to be a purely formal affair. Then, too, there are the reports of the Committees to claim attention. Although this year there is not in view at the moment any burning question, like the Peals of Minor disputation which was brought to a head twelve months ago in the Methods Committee's report, the Council have an important question to decide in regard to the publication of the 'Collection of Minor Methods.' The issue of the complete work will be a costly affair, for in the revision of the Collection the Committee's anxiety to make the volume as full as possible has led them to expand it to more than twice the size of the original, and the Council have got to decide how far they can go in its printing, not only in regard to initial outlay, but also in providing a volume at a price that will be within reach of all who desire to possess it.

Three of the five motions on the agenda are put down in indefinite terms, and it is unlikely that any of them will go through without discussion. The suggestion that the Council should form a collection of lantern slides to illustrate ringing in its various aspects will surely commend itself to the members. The question of opening the door to motions in the name of affiliated societies is one which we hope will be supported, at least in principle, even if its application may need modification. Of the other motions, the most important—indeed, the most important of all—is that by which discussion will be initiated on the subject of alterations in the rules of the Council, as suggested in 'The Ringing World' last October. These suggestions were put forward as a means of drawing tighter the bonds between the Council and the associations, and of enabling the societies to have a direct voice in the affairs of the Council. There is a difference between a Council formed of persons chosen by associations, which are under no obligation to observe the decisions, and a Council formed of affiliated societies, who are pledged to accept the Council's rulings. There

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is a principle here which may well divide the Council, as also, probably, will be suggested alterations of the term of a member's election from three years to one year. While, of course, it is desirable that the practice should be uniform, it is not absolutely essential, and a satisfactory compromise, if one is needed, might be found in permitting societies to decide for themselves the period for which they elect their representatives. This motion is going to provide the widest scope for debate next Tuesday as far as can be judged from the printed agenda.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

CHELTENHAM, GLOS.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 31, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5081 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

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| WILLIAM T. PATES Treble | * DENNIS R. MORRIS 7 |
| * THOMAS W. LEWIS 2 | WILLIAM C. JONES 8 |
| † SIDNEY T. HOLT 3 | * WILLIAM RANFORD 9 |
| JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 4 | GORDON W. CHECKETTS 10 |
| * FRANK LAWRENCE 5 | † CHARLES CAMM 11 |
| * FRED HAWKES 6 | * CYRIL TANSELL Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.
* First peal on twelve bells. † First peal of Grandsire Cinques.

TEN BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 31, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

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| * HORACE BELCHER Treble | RONALD BULLEN 6 |
| * MRS. R. F. DEAL 2 | JAMES E. DAVIES 7 |
| WILLIAM H. HEWETT 3 | * JOHN T. KENTISH 8 |
| * WILFRED WILLIAMS 4 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS 9 |
| * STAFFORD H. GREEN 5 | REUBEN SANDERS Tenor |

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by W. H. HEWETT
* First peal of Yorkshire Royal. The first peal of Yorkshire Royal rung in London and by the association. Rung with half-muffled clappers to the memory of the late Archbishop of Canterbury (Lord Davidson). Mr. Belcher was proposed a member previous to start of peal. The band (eight of whom are St. Clement Youths) wish to thank the Rector (Rev. W. Pennington-Bickford) for the use of his bells at short notice. The attempt was originally to have been made at Rochester Cathedral.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 20, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

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| EDWARD J. BROWN Treble | GEORGE H. CROSS 5 |
| THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2 | LEONARD H. BAYBUTT 6 |
| CHARLES W. ROBERTS 3 | Cecil W. PIPE 7 |
| RONALD H. BULLEN 4 | ARTHUR D. BARKER Tenor |

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.
Rung on the 20th anniversary of the conductor's first peal as conductor.

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EALING, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD

On Wednesday, May 21, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE BOB MAJOR, 5104 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

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| JAMES H. HONNISETT ... Treble | GEORGE R. PYE ... 5 |
| ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 2 | ALBERT W. COLES ... 6 |
| *JAMES BENNETT ... 3 | STEPHEN H. WOOD ... 7 |
| WILFRED G. WILSON ... 4 | J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Tenor |

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by E. C. S. TURNER.

* 500th peal. First peal in the method by all, and by the association.

ABERAVON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 23, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A. J. PITMAN'S TWENTY-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

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| *GEORGE CHAPPELL ... Treble | GWYN I. LEWIS ... 5 |
| WILLIAM WILLIAMS ... 2 | ALBERT J. PITMAN ... 6 |
| WALTER J. NURTON ... 3 | ERNEST STITCH ... 7 |
| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 4 | JOHN WEATHERSEY ... Tenor |

Conducted by E. STITCH.

* First peal, and made a member at a previous attempt. Arranged for Mr. W. H. Fussell, of Slough.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
At the Parish Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

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| CHARLES H. BRIGGS ... Treble | ALFRED BALLARD ... 5 |
| REV. R. P. FARROW ... 2 | REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 6 |
| CECIL E. CARR ... 3 | WILLIAM H. CLARKE ... 7 |
| JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... 4 | ERNEST MORRIS ... Tenor |

Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.

Rung to celebrate Empire Day.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 24, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

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| *WILLIAM M. STONE ... Treble | PETER CHARMAN ... 5 |
| ALFRED H. PULLING ... 2 | C. ERNEST SMITH ... 6 |
| WILLIAM WATTS ... 3 | WALTER CHARMAN ... 7 |
| *CHARLES W. DENVER ... 4 | WILLIAM T. BEESON ... Tenor |

Composed by FRED A. HOLDEN. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of Empire Day. W. Watts was proposed a member of the Guild prior to the commencement of the peal.

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

On Saturday, May 24, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicolas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

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| JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... Treble | FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 5 |
| GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 2 | D. CECIL WILLIAMS ... 6 |
| *WILLIAM ROWE ... 3 | FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 7 |
| *ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 4 | EDWIN J. HARDING SEN. ... Tenor |

Conducted by D. CECIL WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Grandsire 'inside.' † First peal of Grandsire Triples. The ringer of the 3rd kindly stood in after the rest of the band had 'met short,' Grandsire being rung as a compliment to him on his retirement on pension from the Royal Engineers after 24 years' service.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Alkmund,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

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| FLORENCE HARTLE ... Treble | CHARLES DRAPER ... 5 |
| ALBERT WARD ... 2 | GEORGE TANDY ... 6 |
| REGINALD BOULTON ... 3 | SYDNEY DAWSON ... 7 |
| ELIZABETH FOULK ... 4 | CHARLES BRADLEY ... Tenor |

Conducted by REGINALD BOULTON.

Rung to celebrate Empire Day. First peal as conductor. The treble ringer is to be congratulated on the way she rang throughout this, her first peal.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 24, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

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| GEORGE BASFORD ... Treble | *FREDERICK J. TITE ... 5 |
| ROBERT G. BLACK ... 2 | THOMAS R. HENSHER ... 6 |
| CHARLES W. BIRD ... 3 | ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... 7 |
| JOHN R. MAIN ... 4 | ARTHUR TOMPKINS ... Tenor |

Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

* First peal of Triples. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

BUCKINGHAM.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 24, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 27 cwt.

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| THOMAS E. ROBERTS ... Treble | FREDERICK C. CASE ... 5 |
| EDWIN YATES ... 2 | ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... 6 |
| LEONARD A. SMITH ... 3 | ALBERT J. GREEN ... 7 |
| HARRY CASHMORE ... 4 | *HERBERT JONES, SEN. ... Tenor |

Conducted by A. J. GREEN.

* First peal on eight bells. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

ROTHWELL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 24, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

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| *GEORGE COPLEY ... Treble | CHARLES E. LAWSON ... 5 |
| ARTHUR G. WOOD ... 2 | ALBERT WORMALD ... 6 |
| WILLIAM H. SENIOR ... 3 | HARRY MARSDEN ... 7 |
| THOMAS WM. STRANGEWAY ... 4 | GEORGE WM. STEEL ... Tenor |

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by T. W. STRANGEWAY.

* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Alfred Chapman, for many years a ringer at the above church.

GRUNDISBURGH.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, May 25, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

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| FREDERICK J. CRAPNELL ... Treble | JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... 5 |
| WILFRED WILLIAMS ... 2 | RONALD BULLEN ... 6 |
| GEORGE BENNETT ... 3 | WILLIAM T. LAST ... 7 |
| CECIL W. PIPE ... 4 | JOSEPH BOTWRIGHT ... Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM T. LAST.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Albert W. Pipe, one of the local ringers of this tower, who was laid to rest the previous day amid heartfelt sympathy of his friends and fellow-ringers. The ringer of the 2nd was elected a member of the above Guild in the tower.

SIBLE HEDDINGHAM.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

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| ROBERT H. YOUNG Treble | HARRY W. CATTERWELL 5 |
| BERNARD W. PETTITT 2 | OLAVE E. BROYD 6 |
| CECIL J. BARKER 3 | FRANK WARRINGTON 7 |
| * FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 4 | ALBERT CATTERWELL Tenor |

Composed by H. JOHNSON.

A. Conducted by CATTERWELL.

* Proposed a life member of the Essex Association previous to starting. First peal of Major as conductor. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

SWANSEA, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 26, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

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| * ALBERT W. EDWARDS ... Treble | † OWEN WRINTMORE 5 |
| JOHN T. WILLIAMS 2 | ERNEST STITCH 6 |
| * REGINALD DOBBINS 3 | ALBERT J. PITMAN 7 |
| WILLIAM H. FOSSELL 4 | ALBERT G. RICHARDS ... Tenor |

Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples and hails from Camerton, Somersetshire. 2nd from Morriston, 3rd from Gorseinon, 4th from Slough, 6th and 7th from Aberavon, treble and tenor are local. Rung in honour of Queen Mary's birthday.

SALFORD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 27, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BANKS' SIX-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

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| HAROLD HOLLINGWORTH ... Treble | * RICHARD LONGDEN 5 |
| JOSEPH HALL 2 | FRANK STONELEY 6 |
| WILLIAM FITTON 3 | WILFRED J. MOSS 7 |
| JOSEPH SLATER 4 | † WILLIAM BOLTON Tenor |

Conducted by F. STONELEY.

* First peal on a working bell. † First peal. The ringers of third and tenor were elected members before starting. A wedding peal for the treble ringer; also a birthday compliment to Mr. H. S. Kellett.

WATFORD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 27, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

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| * RONALD W. R. PICTON ... Treble | † STANLEY E. EDWARDS 5 |
| STEPHEN H. HOARE 2 | * RICHARD G. BELL 6 |
| † ERNEST P. PALMER 3 | HAROLD G. CASHMORE 7 |
| HARRY L. LONG 4 | FREDERICK H. CROOK ... Tenor |

Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

* First peal in method. † First peal. All are regular Sunday service ringers. Mr. Crook was elected a member of the association before starting the peal, which was rung half-muffled as a memorial to the late Archbishop Lord Davidson.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, May 27, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

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| GEORGE PINCOTT Treble | JOHN NUTTALL 5 |
| * MISS ANNIE POTTER 2 | PETER CROOK, JUN. 6 |
| PETER CROOK 3 | JOHN POTTER 7 |
| MATTHEW BERRY 4 | ARTHUR BURTON Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

* First peal. Great credit is due to Miss Potter for the manner she handled her bell. Rung as a birthday peal for the Vicar, and for the wedding anniversaries of the conductor and ringer of the 3rd.

LINTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 27, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

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| THOMAS E. SONE Treble | WILLIAM BIDNELL 5 |
| MRS. H. BAKER 2 | HARRY BAKER 6 |
| CHARLES W. PLAYER 3 | WILLIAM WENBAN 7 |
| CHARLES H. SONE 4 | ALBERT RELFE Tenor |

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE

Rung in honour of the birthday of Lord Cornwallis, C.B.E., of Linton Park.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 28, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

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| ERNEST DUMPER Treble | CHARLES J. FRAY 5 |
| JOHN W. FAIRFULL 2 | JOHN R. RODWELL 6 |
| WILLIAM G. EDWARDS 3 | GEORGE WILLIAMS 7 |
| WALTER G. ROWE 4 | WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled for the late Archbishop Lord Davidson.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOB DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Thursday, May 29, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

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| LEONARD H. WRIGHT ... Treble | STEPHEN MADDISON 5 |
| MISS DORIS CLAY 2 | ARTHUR J. FARR 6 |
| JOHN T. BROWN 3 | WILLIAM HOLLINGWORTH ... 7 |
| GEORGE W. SIMPSON 4 | JOHN G. AMES Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by JOHN G. AMES,

Rung as a compliment to Mr. George Jarvis, churchwarden, on his 94th birthday.

HUNGERFORD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NEWBURY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 31, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F.

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| HENRY T. E. CURTIS ... Treble | ERNEST W. SMITH 5 |
| MISS DOROTHY R. FOTTER ... 2 | REGINALD W. REX 6 |
| * EDWARD T. SNELLER 3 | HENRY W. CURTIS 7 |
| MISS STELLA DAVIS 4 | EDWARD CROCKER Tenor |

Conducted by HENRY W. CURTIS.

* First peal. First peal on the bells, which were augmented to eight in 1927 by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Ringers of 2nd and 4th are from Bucklebury, 3rd from East Ilsley, 6th from Woolton Hill, the remainder from Newbury.

RADWINTER, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 31, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

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| CHARLES T. COLES Treble | FRANK CLAYDON 5 |
| * ROBERT HEAZEL 2 | ERNEST J. BUTLER 6 |
| * FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON ... 3 | ARTHUR SAUNDERS 7 |
| GEORGE R. PYE 4 | WILLIAM PYE Tenor |

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal in the method. First peal on the bells for 35 years and the first Surprise peal. The band wish to thank the Rector for giving permission, and also Mr. Underwood, leader of the local band, for having everything in readiness for them.

WOKING, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 31, 1930, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

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

Tenor 19½ cwt.

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| WILLIAM J. ROBINSON Treble | C. ERNEST SMITH 5 |
| JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 2 | CHARLES HAZLEDEN 6 |
| GEORGE E. CLODE 3 | GEORGE GILBERT 7 |
| GEORGE WILSON 4 | ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor |

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of the late Archbishop Lord Davidson. The conductor's 950th peal.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 31, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

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| *ALBERT RAINBIRD Treble | WILLIAM KEEBLE 5 |
| PERCY GREEN 2 | WILLIAM DUDLEY 6 |
| WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3 | HENRY T. WILSON 7 |
| *FRANK G. RINGE 4 | ERNEST W. FURBANK Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the 3rd anniversary of the institution of Canon S. L. Brown, D.D., as Rector of St. Thomas and as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Rainbird, wife of the treble ringer.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 31, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

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|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| JAMES HUNT Treble | S. GEORGE COLES 5 |
| *SYDNEY J. WYATT 2 | PERCY MERSON 6 |
| ALFRED J. WYATT 3 | WILLIAM H. COLES 7 |
| *ARTHUR H. REED 4 | *WILLIAM H. LLOYD Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

* First peal in the method. W. H. Lloyd's 50th peal.

PATTINGHAM, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 31, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Chad,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

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| JOSEPH FLAVELL Treble | ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 5 |
| ALBERT D. COLLINS 2 | HARRY BOSWELL 6 |
| HAROLD L. FLAVELL 3 | ALFRED FALLON 7 |
| HERBERT E. BOOTH 4 | JAMES SHAW Tenor |

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. James Monkton, a ringer at the above church for over fifty years, also to Mr. T. Roden, a member of St. Peter's company, Wolverhampton.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 31, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

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| JOHN J. LAMB Treble | HARRY HOVERD 5 |
| WILLIAM R. BOND 2 | FREDERICK A. COLEY 6 |
| ROBERT COLLINS 3 | FREDERICK J. COLLUM, JUN. 7 |
| BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE 4 | WILLIAM C. DARKE Tenor |

Conducted by FREDERICK J. COLLUM, JUN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Lord Davidson, former Archbishop of Canterbury, and for many years president of the Kent County Association.

BOYNE HILL.—On the eve of Ascension Day, a quarter-peal of London Surprise Major: E. Eldridge 1, W. E. Taylor 2, Miss S. Davis 3, W. Henley 4, J. Eldridge 5, W. Walker 6, G. Martin (conductor) 7, G. Gilbert 8. First quarter in the method by ringers of 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6.

SIX BELL PEALS.

DODLESTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Sunday, April 20, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 8 cwt.

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| HERBERT ROBERTS Treble | CHARLES DRYLAND 4 |
| GEORGE CASE 2 | JOHN TILSON 5 |
| JOHN HUGHES 3 | THOMAS GUEST Tenor |

Conducted by THOMAS GUEST.

First peal on the bells. First peal for all the band; all are Sunday service ringers.

GUISBROUGH-IN-CLEVELAND.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 21, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, called differently.

Tenor 9 cwt.

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| *S. PYE Treble | G. P. KEMBALL 4 |
| *MISS N. GARNER 2 | *B. PYBDS 5 |
| *M. T. PEACOCK 3 | C. ROBINSON Tenor |

Conducted by C. ROBINSON.

* First peal, and rung at first attempt. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells since their rehanging.

BURSLEM, STAFFS.

On Thursday, May 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

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| F. SHUKER Treble | H. BOX 4 |
| C. S. RYLES 2 | E. GATER 5 |
| T. HURD 3 | H. WHITEFIELD Tenor |

Conducted by E. GATER.

Rung in connection with the Wedgwood Bicentenary.

LANGPORT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Empire Day, Saturday, May 24, 1930, in Two Hours & Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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| *H. J. LUCAS Treble | R. MILLS 4 |
| T. W. CREED 2 | †T. LOCK 5 |
| W. TODT 3 | H. G. WESTLAKE Tenor |

Conducted by T. W. CREED.

* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell.

BICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 24, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Swithin,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

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| STANLEY E. BENNETT Treble | FREDERICK PEARSON 4 |
| MISS DORIS CLAY 2 | WILLIAM WILKERSON 5 |
| FRANK P. HARWOOD 3 | WILLIAM E. CLARKE Tenor |

Conducted by W. E. CLARKE.

BRIDEKIRK, CUMBERLAND.

THE CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bridget,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

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| WILLIAM ROBINSON Treble | FRANK WILSON 4 |
| JIM TEBAY 2 | THOMAS S. JEFFERSON 5 |
| EDWIN JENNINGS 3 | WILLIAM T. HOLMES Tenor |

Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

First peal on the bells. First peal of Minor for the tenor ringer for eighteen years.

CROFTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 24, 1930, in Four Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 7200 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Canterbury, York, Lancashire, Wells, Newcastle, Durham, Stamford, Ringers' and Cambridge.
Tenor 15½ cwt.

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| ARTHUR WALKER... .. Treble | HAROLD CHANT 4 |
| WILLIAM GREEN 2 | ARTHUR GILL 5 |
| ARTHUR PANTHER 3 | ALBERT NASH Tenor |

Conducted by ALBERT NASH.

Rung to commemorate Empire Day and A. Walker's 40 years as a ringer. Longest length by all except the conductor. Record length of Surprise Minor for the Yorkshire Association.

BRUTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with ten callings. Tenor 25 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb.

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| THOMAS WHITE Treble | WALTER J. TILLY 4 |
| CHRISTOPHER C. HOLLWEY 2 | WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5 |
| EDWARD G. L. COWARD 3 | P. C. RICHARD STUCKEY ... Tenor |

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

BETLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 24, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

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| * JOHN TRIMMIS Treble | JOHN MATTHEWS 4 |
| ERIC B. ALLMAN 2 | ARTHUR ALLMAN 5 |
| JOHN BRASSINGTON 3 | * GEORGE ASBURY Tenor |

Conducted by J. BRASSINGTON.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

RINGSTEAD, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 24, 1930, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

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| ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... Treble | † ALBERT W. BODDINGTON ... 4 |
| * CHARLES M. WHITNEY ... 2 | GEORGE W. JEFFS 5 |
| WILLIAM CHENEY 3 | WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM J. WHITMORE.

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

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 26, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Single Court and Oxford Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt.

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| JOHN TARGETT Treble | FREDERICK TARGETT 4 |
| FRED A. COWARD 2 | RONALD G. BECK 5 |
| EDWARD G. COWARD 3 | JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor |

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal of Minor on the bells.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Canterbury Pleasure, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Single Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and St. Clement's Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 0 qr. 11 lb.

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| WILLIAM E. TAYLOR ... Treble | LEONARD STILWELL 4 |
| MISS STELLA DAVIS 2 | WILLIAM HENLEY 5 |
| GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 3 | GEORGE GILBERT Tenor |

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

Rung with the bells half-muffled for the late Archbishop Lord Davidson.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD.)

On Monday, May 26, 1930, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
At 1, SALTERS ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

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| JOHN ANDERSON 1-2 | WILLIAM H. BARBER 5-6 |
| WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 3-4 | ADAM DEAS 7-8 |

Composed by E. C. S. TURNER. Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Two Minutes,

At 396, MEANWOOD ROAD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6040 CHANGES;

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| JOHN AMBLER 1-2 | WILLIAM BARTON 5-6 |
| PERCY J. JOHNSON 3-4 | LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 7-8 |

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. First peal in the method on handbells by ringer of 7-8.

COVENTRY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, May 29, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At 45, ENGLETON ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

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| * H. ERNEST SIBLEY 1-2 | JOSEPH H. W. WHITE 5-6 |
| FRANK W. PERRENS 3-4 | FRANK E. PERVIN 7-8 |

† WILLIAM HIBBERT 9-10

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal on handbells. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor 'in hand.' A birthday compliment to W. Hibbert.

ENFIELD.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 30, 1930, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,

At 45, WALSHINGHAM ROAD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

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| GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 1-2 | E. MAURICE ATKINS 5-6 |
| MRS. E. K. FLETCHER ... 3-4 | STEPHEN H. WOOD 7-8 |

Composed and Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

ALTON DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting held at Liss on May 10th was a pleasant one in spite of the cold and showery weather, and was attended by ringers from Blackmoor, Bramshott, Petersfield, Rogate and Winchester. Most of the ringing was done at the 'old' Church of St. Peter, where there is a ring of six. Liss is a growing place. There is a new church, near the railway station, where a tower is being built, and the suggestion has been made that the bells should be transferred there from the old church, now but little used. Mr. J. P. Fidler, of Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, happened to be present at the meeting, and was able to give the Rector some valuable advice on this matter. During the afternoon some of the party visited Hawkey, two miles distant, and tried the bells there. The Guild service was conducted by the district secretary, and the Rector (Rev. S. N. Sedgwick) was at the organ, and also gave one of his characteristic addresses, brief, thoughtful and inspiring. Tea was served at the Spread Eagle, where the chairman (Rev. F. G. Eyres) presided over a company of twenty-three, which included the Master (Mr. G. Williams) and Mrs. Williams, Rev. S. N. Sedgwick, Mr. F. S. Bayley (Titchfield) and Mrs. Bayley, Mr. W. Andrews (Winchester), Mr. J. P. Fidler (Loughborough), and Mr. W. Read and Mrs. Read.

At the meeting which followed, the Chairman referred to the recent death of Rev. E. Dennett, Rector of East Worldham. He was an hon. member who had always taken great interest in the Guild, and had been district auditor, an office which he only resigned last January on account of failing health.

Three new members, all of Liss, were elected, which seems to show that there is a good prospect of the band being re-formed there. The incumbents of Liss, Hawkey and Newton Valence were also proposed for election as hon. members. In proposing a vote of thanks to the chairman, the Master commented on his regular attendance at the meetings, which he considered a shining example worthy of record.

FATALITY TO BEDWAS RINGER. A COLLIERY ACCIDENT.

We regret to announce the death of a most respected member of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, Mr. Geo. H. Martin, of Bedwas, who was killed on Sunday, May 18th, 1930, whilst following his employment at Bedwas Colliery. He fell about 25 feet from a ladder and was killed instantly.

He was laid to rest on Thursday May 22nd, at Bedwas Parish Churchyard, and after the funeral the bells were rung half-muffled in Grandsire and Stedman Doubles by the following: Geo. Cooke, W. Pike, T. Jones, A. Addicott, T. Love, Caerphilly, W. Hurford, Bedwas, A. E. Slatter, Machen. A peal could not be attempted owing to the bad state of the bell frame. A wreath was sent from the members of the Caerphilly tower.

Mr. Martin was greatly respected by all who came in contact with him. He was a member of the association for about twelve years, and had rung about half a dozen peals in the four standard methods. He was always willing to lend a helping hand to beginners, and will be greatly missed by the Caerphilly band, as he was a regular ringer there on practice nights. He was master of the association for the year 1929.

To his sorrowing widow, sons and daughter the members of the association tender their deepest sympathy.

G. C.

PRESENTATION AT MYTHOLMROYD.

The ringers of St. Michael's Church, Mytholmroyd, Yorks, have presented Mr. John Wilcock, one of their members, with a suitably inscribed ringer's badge in recognition of his 55 years' association with ringing in the tower. The presentation was made on Ascension Day at a gathering in the belfry, by Mr. W. Carter, and the Vicar expressed the thanks of the church and himself to Mr. Wilcock for his loyal service. The gift was suitably acknowledged by Mr. Wilcock.

TWENTY-SIX SURPRISE METHOD PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May we tender heartiest congratulations to the Lamberhurst band? Their peal in 26 Spliced Surprise Minor methods is a splendid performance, which needs to be attempted to be fully appreciated. It is a record fully worthy of its 'record' in your 'one thousandth.'—Yours sincerely,

GEO. DAWSON,

Hon. Secretary,

St. John-the-Baptist Association.

Leytonstone.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A LONG-SERVICE BAND STILL UNAFFILIATED.

A very enjoyable meeting of the North-Western Division was held at Radwinter on May 17th. Members and visitors arrived from Harlow, Potter's Street, Matching, Nazcing, Stansted, Bishop's Stortford, Roydon, Trumpington, Saffron Walden, Finchingfield, Ickleton, Sawston, Stapleford, Melbourn, Braintree, Springfield, Long Melford and Sudbury. The bells were rung to various methods during the afternoon. Mr. G. Dent took control of the belfry and saw that everyone had a pull set to his or her particularly desired method.

A service was held in the church at 5 p.m., and a very substantial tea was afterwards served to 37 at the nearby Red Lion Hotel.

Following tea, a brief business meeting ensued, Mr. G. Dent being in the chair.

The following meetings were announced: Dunmow on Wednesday, June 4th; a joint meeting with the Ely Association at Ickleton on Saturday, June 21st; and at Hatfield, Broad Oak, on some Saturday in August.

Mr. L. Peacock, of Matching, was accepted as a ringing member.

Mr. C. H. Howard moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar, to the organist and especially to the blower (the reason he emphasised the blower being that the office was a most important one, and the official a most important person, and not being seen he did not always receive the credit due to him).—The Vicar, Rev. Whitworth, thanked Mr. Howard. He was more than pleased to welcome all ringers. His local band (seven of whom have been ringing for over thirty years and one for fifty years) were not members of the association, and he hoped they would be induced to join. The vote of thanks he would convey to the organist, and would be sure to express to the blower the appreciation of the meeting. This latter person was one of his Scouts, aged 12, and would think himself a more important person than ever—Ringing was continued during the evening.

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL, 1130-1930.

On Sunday, May 4th, at St. Leonard's Church, Hythe, Kent, to commemorate the dedication of Canterbury Cathedral, May 4th, 1130, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins., for morning service: W. Bidnell 1, W. Fright 2, R. J. Birch 3, W. J. Bidnell (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 4, W. Binfield, Folkestone, 5, A. Amos 6, S. A. Gower 7, W. J. Prebble 8. And for evening service, to coincide with the 800 years, a touch of 800 Bob Major in 32 mins.: W. J. Prebble 1, A. Wratten 2, R. J. Birch 3, W. J. Bidnell 4, W. Fright 5, A. Amos (first touch of Bob Major) 6, W. Bidnell 7, S. A. Gower 8. Both conducted by S. A. Gower.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Owing to the lamented death of the Vicar of Thames Ditton, the meeting of the Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, which was to have been held at Thames Ditton to-morrow, has been cancelled.

We understand that only one nomination for president of the Central Council has been sent in, and that is Mr. Edwin H. Lewis, who has been proposed by the retiring president (Canon Coleridge) and seconded by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn.

Members of the Central Council who attend next Tuesday's meeting would do well to take with them their copy of 'The Ringing World' for October 18th, 1929 (No. 969). They may need it when item No. 11 on the agenda is reached.

Messrs. Taylor and Co. are to instal a new peal of 12 bells, tenor 12½ cwt., at Frimley Parish Church, Surrey, but unfortunately the bells are not to be hung for ringing in full swing—they are to be played from a keyboard.

The new peal of eight bells which is to be dedicated at West-houghton Parish Church, Lancs, on Saturday next, June 7th, at 3 p.m., was cast by Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and Lancashire will thus have yet another of those fine and melodious rings which are the product of the Loughborough Foundry.

'A Short History of Bells,' the first instalment of which appeared in the May number, is being written for 'The Accessory' (a monthly trade journal for the Radio and allied industries), by Mr. J. E. Nichols, of Stamford, author of 'Bells Through the Ages.' Mr. Nichols has also in hand a short series, entitled 'Britain's Bell Foundries,' which is to appear in 'The Metal Industry.'

To-day is the 38th anniversary of the 18,608 Oxford Treble Bob Major rung, in 10 hrs. 32 mins., at Debenham, Suffolk.

That number—it has previously been rung in the Kent Variation—was the longest peal of Treble Bob until June 8th, 1906, when 16,880 was rung at Mottram, Cheshire. This longer length, however, was rung on lighter bells, and occupied the shorter time of 9 hrs. 40 mins.

It is 80 years ago next Monday that the first peal was rung in America. It was a landmark in ringing history. The peal was Holt's ten-part and was rung at Christ Church, Philadelphia, on Sunday, June 9th, 1850.

A party of ringers was in the States on a handbell music ringing tour, and finding two or three other English ringers living in America they made up their band: T. H. Lesage 1, C. Rahill 2, F. (i) Wada 3, H. W. Haley (conductor) 4, J. Hewett 5, W. Lobb 6, E. Sawyer 7, R. Dodd and J. Davey 8. Dodd, who was a one-legged man, rang the tenor for 2 hrs. 15 mins., when he handed it over to Davey.

RINGING PAPERS FOR MORE THAN 60 YEARS.

Mr. T. E. Slater, of Glemsford, in congratulating 'The Ringing World' upon reaching its one thousandth number, informs us that he has in his possession a thousand numbers each of 'Church Bells,' the first issue of which is dated New Year's Eve, 1871, and 'Bell News.'

Before 'Church Bells' appeared, his father, Samuel Slater, used to take 'Bell's Life,' cut out the portions relating to ringing and paste them into a pocket book.

How many instances, asks Mr. Slater, are there of a father and son taking a ringing paper without a break for so long?

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

GRANT TOWARDS A PEAL BOARD.

A very successful meeting of the Southern Branch of the Lincolnshire Diocesan Guild was held at West Deeping on Saturday, about 40 ringers being present from Peterborough, Bourne, Spalding, Stamford, Surfleet, Edenham, Rippingale, Morton, Folkingham, Billingborough, Wymondham, Edenmonthorpe, South Norwood, Market Deeping, Deeping St. James, Deeping St. Nicholas and the local band. The musical and good-going peal of six were available during the afternoon and evening, and a variety of both Surprise and Plain methods were brought round.

The Rev. G. Dudley, Rector of West Deeping, conducted the service and gave a helpful address to the members. Tea was served in the schoolroom, thirty sitting down, and was followed by the business meeting, with the Rev. H. Law James (Master of the Guild) presiding. The Rev. G. Dudley, Rector of West Deeping, and Rev. H. Williams, Rector of Rippingale, were unanimously elected hon. members of the branch. Nine performing members and two non-resident life members were also elected.

After a lengthy discussion, it was decided to hold the next meeting at Billingborough. It was thought by the members present that a peal board should be erected in West Deeping Church, recording the 10,080 changes of Minor in 14 methods, rung there in 1927. Subsequently it was agreed upon that a grant of £2 from the branch funds be made towards the erection of a peal board.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. Law James for presiding at the meeting, and to the Rector of West Deeping for the use of the bells and the service, to the organist and to those who had made such excellent arrangements for the tea. Further ringing was continued until 9 p.m., when a most successful meeting concluded.

C. T. H. B.

THE BELLS OF ARKLOW.

Many ringing visitors to Ireland have made a pilgrimage to Arklow, Co. Wicklow, where, in the sylvan surroundings of a beautiful park, the fifth Earl of Carysfort erected the beautiful Protestant church dedicated to St. Saviour, and presented it to the parish of Arklow in the year 1899. The handsome building was erected at a cost of some £40,000, and Earl Carysfort installed in the lofty tower a fine peal of eight bells cast at the Loughborough Foundry.

It was to this church that the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook went as instructor to a young band, and here he rang on more than one occasion two bells to a peal.

Next Monday the Irish Association will visit Arklow for their annual meeting. The first occasion on which the association went there for its annual gathering was in 1901, when the late Earl, the donor of the bells, was himself present and presided over the gathering, which was attended by the late Mr. R. R. Cherry, K.C., who afterwards became Lord Chief Justice of Ireland, and several English ringers, who at that time were touring in Ireland.



ST. SAVIOUR'S CHURCH, ARKLOW.

The bells, which have a tenor of 22 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E, and a total weight of 88 cwt. 8 lb., bear the following inscriptions:—

- Treble.—William, 5th Earl of Carysfort. Born January 18th, 1836. Donor, William, 5th Earl of Carysfort.
- No. 2.—Theodosia Gertrude Baillie. Born January 10th, 1833. Donor, William, 5th Earl of Carysfort.
- No. 3.—Isabella Proby. Born November 19th, 1830. Died January 10th, 1866. Donor, William, 5th Earl of Carysfort.
- No. 4.—Hugh Proby. Born August 27th, 1828. Died August 30th, 1852. Donor, William, 5th Earl of Carysfort.
- No. 5.—Granville Leveson, 4th Earl of Carysfort. Born September 14th, 1824. Died May 18th, 1872. Donor, William, 5th Earl of Carysfort.
- No. 6.—John Joshua Lord Proby. Born April 3rd, 1823. Died November 19th, 1858. Catherine Proby. Born April 3rd, 1823. Died April 29th, 1827. Donor, William, 5th Earl of Carysfort.
- No. 7.—Elizabeth Emma Hamilton. Born March 10th, 1821. Donor, William, 5th Earl of Carysfort.
- No. 8.—Francis Proby. Born August 3rd, 1819. Died May 15th, 1863. Donor, William, 5th Earl of Carysfort.

On each of the eight bells is also the inscription: 'John Taylor, of Loughborough. Me fecit 1898.'

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THE QUESTION OF REAFFILIATION WITH CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The annual general meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association took place at Lydney, Glos, on Saturday, May 31st. There was an attendance of about 75. The hon. secretary and hon. treasurer gave reports of an excellent year's work.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted on the motion of Mr. Dyson (Tewkesbury), seconded by Mr. Thomas (Forest): 'That this meeting strongly supports the resolution circulated by the executive committee to all branches and accepted by them with a very large majority, and in addition proposes that a small sub-committee be formed to approach the Central Council in due course for re-affiliation in accordance with the resolution. Furthermore, the sub-committee be asked to prepare recommendations and report to executive, management and general meetings for discussion and decision.'

This means that the association will reaffiliate to the Central Council as soon as the recommendations printed in 'The Ringing World,' October 18th, 1929 (No. 969, page 665), are placed upon the official agenda of the Central Council in strict accordance with the rules of the Central Council. It was accepted that, although an item appears in a belated agenda, it would not be discussed by the Central Council according to their rules, not even under Rule 9, as this question is one affecting the rules.

A committee was formed to draw up regulations for future affiliation, and to decide how far the association should go in questions of finance and accepting rules and decisions of the Council in future.

The following alteration to Rule 5 was carried unanimously, on the motion of Mr. A. Wright (Stroud), seconded by Mr. T. Baldwin (Gloucester):—

'Rule 5.—That branches of the association shall be established in suitable areas and shall consist of one or more rural deaneries, members of which shall elect their own chairman and secretary, and be conducted in accordance with the rules set out under "Rules for Local Branches." The executive committee may decide to transfer a tower from one branch to another, but their action must be approved at the following general meeting.'

The following resolution to alter Rule 15 was then discussed:—

'That any alterations in, or additions to, the above rules shall only be made at an annual or special meeting. Not less than two months' notice must be given of any proposed alteration, addition or deletion to any of the above rules, or part thereof. If, in the opinion of the management or executive committee, such alteration, addition or deletion is of vital importance, the hon. secretary shall be requested to obtain a ballot throughout the branches upon such a point. (The ballot to be expedited so that returns shall be ready for presentation to the duly convened general or special meeting for confirmation.)'

This was proposed by Mr. Hopper (Swindon) and seconded by Mr. Jeffries (Bristol).

A suggested amendment was made following a letter read from Rev. C. D. P. Davies, that if less than 150 members attended the general meeting then all business carried out by them should be ratified by the branches. It was announced that 75 per cent. of the associations adopted the rule as it stood at present, and it was felt that this was sufficient guidance, and the resolution was therefore rejected by unanimous vote, consequently Rule 15 stands as before.

Mr. J. Gould and Mr. W. Lansdown were elected as vice-presidents, and Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Rev. Thorold, Rev. E. J. Phillips, Mr. F. K. Howell and Mr. Hale were re-elected as vice-presidents. The Master (Rev. E. S. Saleby) was re-elected, as were all the other officials.

It was decided to hold the annual meetings in future by rotation in each branch area. The next annual meeting will take place at Cheltenham on Easter Monday, April 3rd, 1931.

A vote of thanks to Rev. Jones, Vicar of Lydney, was warmly accorded, whilst a message from the chairman of the branch, Mr. Dewdney, extended the welcome of Lydney to the association, even though (as he humorously put it) it was in the absence of a Mayor.

An excellent meat tea at the Feathers Hotel concluded the meeting, and ringers (who had time before their trains) had a good ring on the peal of eight at St. Mary's Church.

DEATH OF MR. F. W. BOXELL, WYCOMBE.

The High Wycombe belfry has sustained a loss in the death of Mr. Frank William Boxell, who passed away on Empire Day at the age of 47. Mr. Boxell had been indifferent health for a long time, but early in the year his illness took a serious turn and he gradually grew worse, complications arising which caused his death despite medical skill and careful nursing.

Mr. Boxell had been a member of the Wycombe belfry for many years, and he had rung a good number of peals.

At the funeral at the Parish Church, on Wednesday of last week, handbells were rung by Messrs. J. W. Wilkins, F. Hayes, F. Boreham and F. D. Boreham as the mourners entered the church, and again at the graveside. On the Sunday evening after his death, 1,174 Stedman Cinques (conducted by F. Hayes) was rung on the muffled bells, and on the evening of the funeral the bells were again rung muffled.

FOUNDATIONS OF THE OXFORD GUILD. JUBILEE OF SONNING DEANERY BRANCH. ENTHUSIASTIC GATHERING AT WOKINGHAM.

From 1880 to 1930 is a far cry, but both these dates were happily linked together at the jubilee celebration of the Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild in St. Paul's Parish Church, Wokingham, on Empire Day, Saturday, May 24th, when veterans of the first committee, with their successors through the years down to the juniors of the present time, united in union and reunion. The event follows closely on the jubilee of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch.

The Sonning Deanery Society was founded in 1880 with Mr. J. Walter, M.P. (of 'The Times') as president, Rev. R. H. Hart Davis, who afterwards for so many years did magnificent work for the Oxford Guild in various offices, as treasurer, and the Rev. J. F. Llewellyn, hon. secretary. The first towers to join were Arborfield, Sonning, Wargrave and All Saints' and St. Paul's, Wokingham. In 1881 the society became affiliated to the Oxford Diocesan Guild, which was founded in that year and became known as the Sonning Deanery Branch. For ten years the chairman was the Rev. Dolben Paul. From 1901 to 1924 the Rev. R. H. Hart Davis filled the office except from 1908-10, when the Rev. F. E. Robinson was chairman and Mr. Hart Davis vice-chairman. Canon Coleridge succeeded Mr. Davis in 1924, so that from 1881 the branch has had only four chairmen. It has been equally fortunate in its secretaries, of which it has had only five, among them the Rev. E. E. Broome, who filled the office from 1892 to 1918.

The feature of the jubilee celebration was a thanksgiving service in St. Paul's Parish Church, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. H. M. Walter (a son of the first president), and was well attended. Mr. A. H. Lusty, A.R.C.O., A.T.C.L., the organist, played suitable voluntaries and led the singing with the organ. The National Anthem was sung, it being Empire Day, then the hymn, 'Bright the vision that delighted,' the massed voices combining with fine effect, as they did in the Creed which followed. Psalm 150 was then chanted, after which the Rev. A. F. Sheffield read the lesson from Hebrews xiii. 7-21. After several prayers, the ringers' hymn, 'Unchanging God Who livest,' was rendered with spirit and fervour.

The Ven. Archdeacon of Berkshire, the Rev. R. Wickham Legg, gave a very fine address from the pulpit. Dispensing with a formal text, he said the first thing they wanted was to 'strike' the note of thanksgiving for all those engaged in the life and work of their own Guild from the beginning, for those gone to their rest who had done so much for them, also thanksgiving that they were able to keep their jubilee. They could congratulate themselves upon the fact that the Sonning Deanery Society preceded the larger body, the Diocesan Guild. Usually the procedure was the reverse, the smaller body growing out of the larger. They were further to be congratulated that the jubilee was being kept at St. Paul's, Wokingham, the same parish where their society started. Also, they were glad to see amongst them their beloved chairman, Canon Coleridge, and they thanked God for his wonderful recovery from very serious and dangerous illness.

A TRAINING PLACE.

The Archdeacon proceeded to say that the belfry was first of all a training place. Many people imagined on seeing the ringers at work, so natural, simple and spontaneous their efforts seemed, that all was done quite easily and readily. But skill in bellringing depended upon several things—upon being thorough and punctual, and upon perseverance and practice—even drudgery, without which no good work was really done, as in the case of the artist's picture and the sermons of the clergy. So with ringing, skill depended on that wonderful essential quality of the Christian life—steady perseverance.

A remarkable thing about bellringers was the delightful and wonderful and extraordinary fellowship, camaraderie, existing among them not only from belfry to belfry, but the world over; and, further, that same and ever-growing sense of fellowship between the bellringer and the church, especially shown when by the Enabling Act ringers might choose as to whether they came under the rule of the incumbent or of the Parochial Council, they unanimously decided for the parson, which showed the increasing sympathy, fellowship and understanding between bellringers and clergy. Another very touching exhibition of brotherhood was the way in which older members of the belfry looked after the younger members they were training, not only in ringing but in character and self-control and self-discipline in order to make life worth living.

The Archdeacon referred to the brotherhood of the British Empire—a great responsibility—and added that they were members also of another brotherhood, greater than that of the British Empire—the Christian Church, spread all over the world with increasing power and dominion, in spirit and corporate worship with other Christian men and women, as well as in their own homes. Bellringers had often other duties on Sunday, and could not always attend the church service. Ringing meant often a severe amount of physical and bodily strain, but the ideal of the bellringer was not only to call others to worship God in His church, but to join in that worship with them.

'May God bless you in your work; may you realise more and more the dignity of it, that it is a real vocation and a real privilege to which you are called; that the service you can render to the glory

of God and to His Church, and that by the ringing of the bells and your varied character and conduct in life you may be able to set forth the mystery of the love of God through Jesus Christ our Lord.'

The address made a deep impression upon the large congregation, and showed a remarkable insight and sympathy on the part of the speaker, who confessed himself as 'not having the pleasure and privilege' of being himself a ringer.

'Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven,' sung to the fine setting by Goss, was the concluding hymn, sung while an offertory was taken (realising £1 16s. 3d.) for the Branch Restoration Fund. The Blessing was then pronounced by the Rector, the Rev. H. M. Walter, who had conducted the service. The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Guild, was also present and robed.

LINKS WITH THE PAST.

A move was next made to St. Paul's Parish Room (in lieu of the Rectory garden as arranged). All enjoyed tea, by the kind invitation of the Rev. H. M. Walter and Mrs. Walter. Mrs. Houlton was in charge of the arrangements, and was assisted by the churchwardens and Mesdames Newberry, Hyde, Parker, Harwood and Miss Webb. Among the party which tightly filled the room were Canon G. F. Coleridge (chairman, Sonning Deanery Branch), the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Guild), the Rev. H. M. Walter, the Rev. B. Long (Rural Dean), the Revs. J. A. Anderson, W. T. Stubbs, A. Manday, A. F. Sheffield, L. R. Majendie, Mr. W. J. Paice (hon. sec., Sonning Deanery Branch), also Mr. A. J. Wright (treasurer) and Mr. R. T. Hibbert (secretary of the Guild), Mrs. Broome and Miss Roe, and Mr. A. Hill, of Wokingham, and Mr. T. Attwell, of Chiddingfold, late of Arborfield, the last-named the two survivors of the original committee, Mr. J. Fuller (Wargrave) and other old members, Mr. W. Houlton, and Dr. Joyce (Reading).

The Rector welcomed the company and regretted that the weather prevented the garden meeting as intended.

Canon Coleridge, after tea, presided at a very pleasant gathering. Mr. W. J. Paice (hon. secretary) announced apologies from Mr. John Walter, who said it would have been a very great pleasure to have attended, and who congratulated the branch upon its well-maintained tradition since it started under the presidency of his late father, and he wished the society every prosperity. Mr. Walter also sent a telegram of best wishes. Other apologies were from the Vicar of Wargrave, the Rector of Finchampstead, Mr. A. J. Mackey, J.P., Miss Wedderburn, Mr. A. Riddell, etc.

The Chairman referred to his 25 years' connection with the deanery. He had, he said, recently attended four ringing jubilees. He welcomed the two members present who were on the original committee of fifty years ago (applause)—Mr. Albert Hill and Mr. Tom Attwell, whom he asked to stand up, as younger members might not know them.

Both gentlemen then rose, amid great enthusiasm, and briefly expressed pleasure and thanks. Mr. Hill said he was pleased to be present and to see so many of the old faces of past years. He was pleased to see the younger generation growing up to fill their places (hear, hear), and to see the Guild advanced.

The Chairman proceeded to thank the Rev. H. M. Walter for the service in his church and for the tea. He referred to the presence of Mrs. Broome (whose husband, the late Rev. E. E. Broome, was for so many years the branch secretary), and Miss Roe, who had journeyed from Bath to be present (applause).

The Rev. H. M. Walter said it was a special pleasure to him to do what he had for the Guild, as he was so connected with their tradition. He remembered the late Rev. Dolben Paul, the Rector of Bearwood, and the two bells of that church. The influence of church bells was peculiarly touching—their very sound revived so many memories. This was undoubtedly a poignant source of grief to many in the unhappy country of Russia. He thanked them for their appreciation, and regretted that Mrs. Walter was unable to be present.

The Master of the Guild then thanked the Archdeacon for his address; the two Wokingham incumbents for the use of their bells that day; also the organist and the organ blower of St. Paul's for their services. They were fortunate as a branch to have two rings of eight bells and two Rectors who so cordially welcomed bellringers (hear, hear). The Master referred to a paper read by Rev. H. C. Sturges at the Ruri-decanal Chapter, which was productive of something really good and great. The Rev. R. H. Hart Davis took it up with a letter to the 'Reading Mercury,' and the result was the Sonning Deanery Society, followed by the Oxford Guild.

Mr. Fuller, of Wargrave, said the Master was a very old member, though not one of the first, and Mr. Wright, of Sonning, was not far behind. He was glad to see present so many links with the past, and also to see the ladies already mentioned.

CANON COLERIDGE'S RECOVERY.

The Rural Dean, the Rev. B. Long, then expressed pleasure at their chairman's recovery and return, at which they could express their delight more fully than in church (great applause). Canon Coleridge had done so much for bellringing that he had endeared himself to the heart of every bellringer. Almost his first afternoon after a long convalescence he spent with them. He hoped he would keep well for a long time (applause).

The Rural Dean then went fully into the records of the branch, which was founded on May 26th, 1880, with a committee of four

clergy and two laymen. This took place at St. Paul's Parish Room, Wokingham, at the Terrace opposite where they were now assembled. In 1873, at All Saints', Wokingham, there was started the Society of Honorary Change Ringers to encourage change ringing. They started, first, with handbells in 1874. In 1876, those ringers went to Bristol, and the 'Bristol Mercury' accorded them high praise. Their Guild had done something to promote change ringing since the early days.

The Rural Dean proposed thanks to the ladies and helpers at the tea.

The Mayor of Wokingham, Alderman A. E. Priest, who was enthusiastically received, responding, asked to be allowed to speak not as Mayor but as one who, baptised, confirmed, and married at St. Paul's, Wokingham, was very much attached to that church and parish, and was also a churchwarden and secretary of the Parochial Council, etc. It was a real, deep pleasure to feel that, fifty years ago, such a society of bellringers was formed in the parish. He did not know much about bellringing, but one could serve their church in other ways. For thirty-nine years, from a boy, he had been connected with St. Paul's. He knew Mr. Hill and Mr. W. Houlton and many others. He had learnt from the Archdeacon's excellent address that, fortunately for the Parochial Council, it was not concerned with the bellringers; that was the Rector's duty (laughter). He wished the branch and the Guild the very best success (applause).

Mr. R. T. Hibbert, in a racy speech, said he hoped in a few years to become a 50 years' member of the Guild, and referred to the fact that this branch had been as well served by its officers as any branch in this or any other Guild, notably by their succession of secretaries—the Rev. E. E. Broome, Mr. F. Dentry and now by Mr. W. J. Paice (applause). He wished the branch success—it had not much to fear. Might they wipe out the marks of their predecessors in energy and campanology, in good living and churchmanship. 'I hope I will come to the centenary of this branch' (laughter and applause).

Mr. A. J. Wright also expressed his pleasure. The Sonning Branch was one of the most progressive in the whole Guild, spending its money well and wisely. He hoped that gathering would prove a great incentive to the 'young faces' present. He hoped they would see the next jubilee, more prosperous even than they were to-day (applause).

The Secretary then said the collection would give an impetus to their Restoration Fund now considerably depleted. He had tried his hardest to get many old members present. Those and the younger members together were tremendously inspiring, causing them to 'thank God and take fresh courage' (applause).

In concluding the assembly, the Chairman thanked Mr. Paice for his encouraging letters during his (the chairman's) recent illness. He thanked them all for their kind thought and congratulations.

Canon Coleridge then called attention to the 1,000th number of 'The Ringing World' with its deeply interesting articles. For upwards of nineteen years had that periodical been regularly and punctually delivered. One could not say too much in praise of the proprietor of that paper when considering how much ringers were indebted to him for the bond of union among them. That meeting would be reported in it.

At the chairman's suggestion, the meeting instructed the secretary to send a letter of congratulation to the editor of 'The Ringing World.'

The two town churches were kindly opened for ringing.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the North-Western District of the Surrey Association was held at St. Mary's, Ewell, on Saturday, when ringers attended from Banstead, Beddington, Chelsea, Croydon (St. John's and St. Peter's), Ewell, Hillingdon, Kensington, Merstham, Mitcham (SS. Peter and Paul's), and Streatham (St. Leonard's). Ringing began with Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and as numbers increased some good practice was obtained in various methods up to Cambridge Surprise Major. A short and enjoyable service was conducted by the Vicar, who welcomed the ringers to Ewell, and regretted very much he was unable to join them at tea. Tea was served in the Parish Hall and thoroughly enjoyed by a company of some 20 ringers.

A short business meeting of the usual routine nature was held after tea, the District Master (Mr. A. W. Clark) taking the chair.

Mr. H. Wills, of Croydon, spoke of the slackness all over the country of ringers notifying their intention of being present to tea at association meetings, and he thought all ringers ought to make it a point of honour to do this.—Mr. E. Reeve, of Chelsea, also spoke on this matter, and there was a short discussion, in the course of which various opinions were expressed.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and conducting the service, the organist for playing at the service, and to Mr. Read for making all arrangements.—Mr. Read replied, and said he was always glad to do all he could when the association visited Ewell.

The tower was again visited, and ringing continued until nine o'clock, methods practised including London Surprise and Spliced Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major.

DOUBLES AND MINOR.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

I imagine that those people who are asking for a new rule for peals on five and six bells think that it is quite an easy thing to draw one up. I have seen several attempts; I have yet to see one worth anything. Men know quite definitely certain things which they want to allow, or (and more usually) certain things which they want to disallow. But when they come to set their rule down in words it is ten to one that it will say something quite different from what they mean, and forbid what they want to allow, or allow what they want to forbid.

The new rule of the Midland Counties Association is interesting. The truth seems to be that there are certain influential members of that body who want to forbid the ringing of the Morris and Pitman arrangements of Grandsire Doubles and the Bankes James arrangement of Cambridge Minor. Instead of saying so straight out, they have produced this new rule. If that is the best that can be done, the Central Council needs no justification for leaving the question for the present an open one.

Were I an ordinary member of the association I should enter an objection to Mr. Willson's last peal of Treble Ten on the grounds that it does not comply with the new rule. As I am only a life member, I may be told that this is none of my business and be invited to keep my paws out of their platter. I must run the risk. The M.C.A. is one of our leading associations, and what they do cannot but affect us others. Besides, I rather enjoy giving Mr. Willson good advice. It costs me nothing, and makes me feel good, like when one gives a penny to a beggar in the street.

The rule says that 'on seven bells a peal must consist of not less than 5,040 true and complete changes.' When the old ringers talked about ringing a true and complete peal, they knew what they meant and said what they meant, and we know what they meant. But what, in the name of common sense, is a true and complete change? The statement is nonsense. The rule also allows you to add one 'shorter touch fulfilling the above conditions'; one of which (there are only two) is that it must not be less than 5,040 changes.

Then the splicing of odd and even bell changes is forbidden. You may not splice Doubles and Minor, or Triples and Major, or Caters and Royal. And pray, why not? Because, I presume, these gentlemen do not like it. I do not know that I, personally, have much use for this kind of splicing; but other people have rung it, and I cannot see why, if once you concede the principle of splicing you have any right to forbid a band to ring, say, spliced Grandsire Caters and Bob Royal.

It is proverbially unsafe to prophesy, but I think the tendency in the future will be rather to loosen the rigid rules which for a long time have controlled method ringing. Time was, and not so long ago, when you had a Plain Course built up in rigid fashion with a definite number of leads all alike, and you were allowed one sort of bob and one only. No deviation from this was permissible. There were reasons for this, and those reasons can never be set aside, but they may be applied to different circumstances. Splicing has given us a Plain Course quite different from the old sort of Plain Courses, and there seems no reason why further development should not take place on those lines. A method has been rung (at least in touches) where the tenor is alternatively a working bell and a cover. Why should such be forbidden? Or again, it is quite good practice to ring Bob Minor and every time 5.6 dodge at home to interpolate a six-score of Grandsire Doubles. No one would say that these things are likely to be very common, but they are very interesting as a variation of ordinary ringing. And if a band choose to ring them, why on earth should they not?

Of course, it is against the Grandsire Doubles and the Cambridge Minor compositions that the rule is really directed. I have already said a lot about them and need not repeat. But this I will say to the five and six bell ringers: 'If you find these compositions useful and want to ring them: if you would rather not be tied down to the monotony of the old restricted callings, or if you would rather ring Cambridge Minor with 5.6 the right way and not with a multitude of 6.5's—why, then, ring them? Don't let a lot of eight and ten bell ringers, who do not understand your needs, dictate to you and rob you of your rights. It is you that can settle this matter, not they.'

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

This year the half-yearly meeting of the Lancs Association was revived, the place chosen being Southport. As it was between seasons, the place was not overcrowded. The bells of Christ Church were at liberty from 12 noon, and were kept going until 8.30, except during the short service, at which the Rev. J. L. Coursey gave a helpful address. A tea was provided in the schools at the expense of the churchwardens, to which some 56 sat down.

Canon Elsee (president) thanked the donors, and was supported by Mr. G. R. Newton. The wardens replied, and the Vicar also said a few words of welcome, and hoped the ringers would come again.

As the tower and bells are small (tenor 10½ cwt.) the visitors could not all get into the belfry at once, so while some were ringing others went out to try and discover the sea, but it had gone out for the day and was not expected back before midnight, but, taking all things together, no one was sorry for going to Southport.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

The Central Council, as already announced, will meet at the Guard Room, at Lambeth Palace, London, at 11 a.m. on Tuesday.

THE ACCOUNTS.

RECEIPTS.

| | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
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| Balance at Bank | | | | 31 | 19 | 6 |
| Rev. Teape, donation | | | | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Affiliation Fees: | | | | | | |
| Arrears | | | 7 | 6 | | |
| Current | | | 27 | 10 | 0 | |
| | | | | 27 | 17 | 6 |
| Interest on Stock: | | | | | | |
| £50 of 5 per cent. War Loan | | | 2 | 10 | 0 | |
| £71 of 3½ per cent. Conversion Loan | | | 2 | 10 | 0 | |
| | | | | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | £65 | 18 | 0 | | | |

EXPENDITURE.

| | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
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| Librarian, Loss on Sales of Publications | | | | 4 | 14 | 1 |
| Hon. Secretary, Postage and Stationery | | | | 2 | 11 | 0 |
| 'The Ringing World,' Printing and Advertising | | | | 6 | 7 | 6 |
| Balance at Bank | | | 38 | 5 | 6 | |
| Cash in Hand | | | 13 | 19 | 11 | |
| | | | | 52 | 5 | 5 |
| Total | £65 | 18 | 0 | | | |

In connection with the meeting the following arrangements have been made on behalf of members visiting London over the week-end, viz.:—

The headquarters will be at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C. Members may stay at this commodious and centrally situated hotel at the reduced rate of 7s. 6d., bed and full breakfast (please mention C.C.C.B.R.). All those present in London will please enter their names and addresses upon the Council's visitors' roll for mutual reference.

Ringling for Sunday morning and evening service will be arranged at St. Clement Danes, St. Andrew's, Holborn, and St. Lawrence Jewry, and at a 12-bell tower if sufficient names are previously given in.

Social meetings.—The Royal Cumberland Youths have kindly placed their room at the King of Denmark, Old Bailey, at the disposal of members on the evenings of Sunday and Monday at 7 p.m. On Tuesday a social will be held at Anderton's Hotel at 7.30 p.m.

The hon. secretary will be pleased to assemble a party at Anderton's at two o'clock Saturday for a visit to Westminster. On Sunday afternoon a visit will be arranged to inspect the Carter ringing machine at the Victoria and Albert Museum.

A CARILLON RECITAL.

In connection with the meeting of the Central Council in London this year, a special recital on the Wellington (New Zealand) War Memorial Carillon, now in Hyde Park, will be given by Mr. Clifford Ball (whose services have been lent by Messrs. Cadbury) and Mr. Stephen H. Wood, a change ringer, on Whit Monday, June 9th, at 6 p.m.

Mr. Ball will give specially selected items, to be announced later, and Mr. Wood will chime out the lowest diatonic ten bells to represent actual changes on a ringing peal of ten.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the founders of the bells, invite all ringers (who may be accompanied by a friend), whether members of the Central Council or not, to tea at 5 p.m. at The Ring Tea House, Hyde Park (admission by ticket only).

Will ringers desiring to attend the tea write to Mr. E. A. Young, 155, Rushey Green, Catford, London, S.E.6, so that their application arrives not later than to-morrow (Saturday) morning? Those whose names are on the list of applications will be able to obtain the tickets at the Carillon Tower, Hyde Park, between 3 and 5 p.m. on Whit Monday.

THE FIRST C.E.M.S. PEAL.

Several correspondents have written to point out that the peal at Earl Shilton recorded a fortnight ago was not the first rung by a band of members of the C.E.M.S.

Mr. E. H. Spice, of Tunstall, Kent, writes that the first was a peal of Minor (seven different 720's) rung at Tunstall on March 12th, 1912, conducted by Wm. Spice.

Mr. H. Sheppard, of Dudley, calls attention to a peal of Grand-airs Caterers at Dudley on September 23th, 1912, conducted by J. Goodman, jun., and Mr. A. Rowley, of Brierley, in addition to quoting particulars of this peal, gives details of a peal of Grandairs Triples at Tipton on December 23rd, 1912.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

AN APPEAL FOR 'YOUNG BLOOD.'

At Retford, on Saturday, May 24th, the North Notts Association held their 42nd annual meeting. It was attended by 50 members hailing from Anston, Barlborough, Bolsover, Cuckney, Edwinstowe, Gainsborough, Gamston, Laneham, Lincoln, Misterton, East Markham, Ordsall, East Retford, West Retford, Sutton-on-Trent, Shireoaks, and Treeton. The towers of East Retford, West Retford, and Ordsall were visited by ringers during the afternoon and evening, when some excellent touches were rung in various methods.

A service was held in East Retford Church at 4.30 p.m., conducted by the Vicar, Rev. A. Parkinson, and the Rev. R. V. Dodd, of Shireoaks, gave a most interesting address. Mr. H. Blagg, of Retford, kindly played the harmonium for this service.

After the members had partaken of a splendid tea, served by Messrs. Cook and Sons, of Carlegate, the Rev. A. Parkinson presided over the business meeting, supported by Mrs. A. E. Rowsell, Rev. R. V. Dodd, Rev. R. E. Rogerson, Mr. H. Haigh (hon. treasurer), Mr. H. Rooke (hon. cup secretary), Messrs. M. Revill and R. W. Stockdale (hon. general secretaries).

The balance sheet for 1929 was considered very satisfactory, as it showed a balance in the Worktop Savings Bank of £37 lls. 8d., and £4 9s. 11d. in the treasurer's hands, the gain on the year's working being £7 18s. 2d. This is a record, and the committee wish to thank everyone who has helped to secure this excellent result.

BELLS THAT ARE NOT RINGING.

The secretary's report for 1929 stated that the membership increased by 23, and all meetings were well attended, but the association needed more young blood to fill the positions in years to come held by the older members of to-day. In the matter of bell restoration, not much progress was made during the year, but Shireoaks and North Collingham had since made improvements. Harthill was doing no ringing, as the bells were in bad repair. One vice-president had been trying to persuade a parish to have their bells rehung, recast and made into a ring of six, but success had not yet attended his efforts. Whilst the progress of the association was gratifying to all, a considerable number of church bells were frequently only chimed, and some not rung at all; some were only able for Sunday service to ring rounds and a few call changes. It could hardly be said that the art of change ringing was making the progress desired. They all knew the patience and forbearance that were required, first in teaching learners how to ring rounds well, and afterwards in teaching them the art. When they got to this stage he should be glad if they would bear in mind that change ringing was never completely learnt, and that they would always welcome new conductors. By the time the next report was published everyone would like to see some towers, who have lately dropped out, back again in the ranks. He appealed to every ringer to help forward the association's objects and bring back the losses.

The officers were re-elected en bloc for 1930.

Mr. A. Johnson, in proposing that Shireoaks and North Collingham be granted £2 10s. towards their respective bell funds, said that the association was always pleased to help any church which was trying to obtain a better peal of bells, and in these days it was very difficult to raise the amounts required for the various restorations. He added that credit was due to these towers for what they had accomplished, and he hoped a few more churches would follow the example they had set.

The arrangements for the Crawford silver cup was an item of great interest. It was decided to hold it again at East Markham early in September, and the rules were altered so that the home team could compete, and that six-bell ringing should be handicapped a little.

Edwinstowe was proposed by Mr. H. Haigh and seconded by Mr. A. E. Midwinter as the place of the next meeting, and this was unanimously carried.

Mr. H. Haigh, of Worktop, for 17 years the hon. secretary, and now the hon. treasurer, was elected a vice-president, on the motion of Mr. H. Revill, seconded by Rev. A. Parkinson.

Mr. A. Johnson proposed a vote of thanks to all the officials for carrying out their duties so well during the past year. It was also resolved that a vote of thanks be accorded to 'The Ringing World,' 'The Newark Advertiser,' 'The Retford Times,' and 'The Worktop Guardian' for publishing the reports of the meetings of the year, and 'The Ringing World' was congratulated upon reaching its one thousandth number.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the incumbents and wardens of East Retford, West Retford and Ordsall, to Rev. V. Dodd, the Rev. A. Parkinson, Mr. H. Blagg, to the caterers and everyone who had made the day so enjoyable to all.

MUFFLED BELLS.

On Thursday, May 29th, at St. John's Church, Blackpool, 650 Grandairs Triples in 25 mins.: W. Wilde 1, W. K. Bovill 2, W. Strickland 3, J. Parker 4, L. Green 5, F. Foster 6, F. Greenwood (conductor) 7, G. Maries 8. Rung after an attempt for a quarter-peal of Stedman had come to grief, with bells half-muffled as a token of respect to William Birks, a ringer at the above church for the past six years, who was interred the day previous at Pudsey, Yorks.

DEDICATION OF GREAT BROMLEY CHURCH BELLS. AN ESSEX SIX RESTORED.

For many years the six bells in Great Bromley Church tower, Essex, have been in a bad state although ringable; in fact, it could hardly have been expected that learners would stay long. Early last year the churchwardens were approached, and one of them, the late Mr. Percy Crossman, of Great Bromley Hall, who had already done much in the church and village, agreed to bear the expense of the complete rehanging. Unfortunately, he was taken ill and passed away before the work could be started, but it was his wish that the work should go on, and as the tenor was cracked it was decided to recast it. However, a faculty could not be obtained for this without considerable restrictions, so the widow decided to have a new tenor cast and hang the old one for tolling only.

On Wednesday, May 28th, a service was held to rededicate the bells, which have been rehung on steel and iron frames with modern fittings and plain bearings. The new tenor, which weighs 15 cwt., and is in the key of E, bears the inscription: 'Alfred Bowell, Founder, Ipswich. The gift of Percy Crossman of this parish, 1929. God bless all whom we call.'

Owing to the very inconvenient hour of the service (3.30 p.m.), not many ringers could be present, but after tea several came from surrounding districts. Among those at the service were some from Great Bentley, Thorington, Thorpe, Mistley, Ardleigh, Ipswich, Edmonton, Clacton and Tendring. After service, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob were rung, one by P. Almond (Great Bentley) 1, W. J. Hazell (Edmonton) 2, S. Davey (Ardleigh) 3, Jos. Bowell (Great Bromley) 4, G. A. Andrews (Thorington) 5, W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley) (conductor) 6; the other by Roy Woodard (Ipswich), 1 E. Bloomfield (Ipswich) 2, J. Bowell 3, S. Davey 4, Geo. Moss (Mistley) 5, Fredk. Bowell (Ipswich) (conductor) 6.

The entire work has been carried out by Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich, who also tuned the whole peal, which was much needed, and everyone agreed that an excellent job had been made both in tone and 'go.' It is hoped to hold a meeting there shortly, when a good attendance is desired to revive local interest in ringing.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. DISAPPOINTMENT TURNED TO PLEASURE.

Members who journeyed to the small, picturesque village of Bickenhill on Saturday, May 31st, appeared doomed to be disappointed, as the bells of the old Norman church could not be rung owing to illness near. However, the reception accorded by the Vicar (Rev. G. Hood) turned a disappointing experience into an enjoyable one. The Vicar escorted the members round the church, pointing out interesting architectural features, particularly the Norman pillars and arches and the old Norman doorway. An object of interest was a framed list of Vicars of Bickenhill from 1320, extending in unbroken sequence up to the present time. The names of Vicars before that date are not known. On the south side of the tower, which is topped by a spire, is an old sundial in addition to a clock which has only one hand, the hour hand.

A splendid tea was partaken of at the Vicarage, kindly prepared by ladies of the parish. The Vicar expressed his delight in welcoming the Guild to Bickenhill, and remarked that what struck him most was the good fellowship which existed among ringers and the philosophy they showed in overcoming disappointments. When the Guild paid its next visit to Bickenhill, which he hoped would be in the not too distant future, the Vicar said he would promise the use of the bells, as anyone who was ill would be taken to the workhouse, even if he were the sick person.

Mr. J. H. W. White (Coventry) thanked the Rev. G. Hood for the great interest he had taken in the visit of the Guild and for his hospitality at the tea. He had great pleasure in proposing the Vicar as an honorary member of the Guild. The ladies, too, were thanked for arranging the tea and for looking after the comfort of the ringers.

Permission had been obtained to ring the bells of Hampton-in-Arden Church during the evening, and thither the members wended their way, some on wheels by road, others on foot across the fields—'a "country" mile and a half,' as some remarked upon arrival at Hampton. For about an hour and a half the six bells were kept going to various methods, including Grandsire, Stedman, Kent, Double Court, Cambridge and London.

Thus ended a most enjoyable meeting, which proved that, as far as Guild meetings are concerned, disappointments can be turned into pleasures by the reception accorded by the incumbent.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

THANET.—At St. Laurence's Church, on Thursday, May 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: L. Porritt 1, J. Blythman 2, T. W. Scott 3, A. W. Friend (first quarter-peal as conductor) 4, S. Gee 5, F. Philpott 6, A. E. Jarman 7, W. Hollands 8. First quarter-peal by the treble, 5th, and tenor ringers.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on June 19th, St. Paul's Cathedral on the 10th, Southwark Cathedral on the 12th, *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 24th; all at 7.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 26th; 8 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Hagley on Saturday, June 7th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Tea and business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Horley on Saturday, June 7th. Tower open at 3, service at 5, tea and business meeting to follow.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Dis. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Barton-in-Fabis (6 bells) on Saturday, June 7th. Bells ready 2.30. Tea can be arranged for. Will members please look up London, Cambridge and Double Oxford for this meeting?—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The annual festival of the above branch will be held at Whaddon on Saturday, June 7th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service, with address, at 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All visitors welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at Whiston on Saturday, June 7th. Bells available early. Tea 1s. Please notify Mr. F. Roddis, Reveill Villa, Whiston. A good attendance is desired for business re Cup Contest.—H. Thorpe, Hon. Sec., 104, Petre Street, Sheffield.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The meeting arranged for Thames Ditton to-morrow (Saturday) is CANCELLED, owing to the lamented death of the Vicar.—H. Hancock, Hon. Sec.

LONGTON, ST. JOHN'S, STAFFS.—Peal of eight, restored by Taylor & Co., of Loughborough, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Lichfield on Sunday next, June 8th, at 3 p.m.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Northallerton on Whit Monday, June 9th. Bells of the Parish Church (8, tenor 17 cwt.) are available for ringing all day. Committee meeting will be held in Russell's Café at 11.30 p.m. Service in the Parish Church at 12 noon. The address will be given by the Vicar (the Rev. W. A. Blackwell). Lunch will be provided at Russell's Café at 1 p.m. Members 2s., non-members 2s. 6d. Annual business meeting to follow. It is hoped that

members will make a special effort to attend. The meeting will be most interesting to the members.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

DEVON GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Exmouth on Whit Monday, June 9th. Service in Holy Trinity Church at noon. Dinner and meeting in the Church Hall, Rolle Street, 1 p.m. Towers open: Withycombe Raleigh and Littleham.—T. Laver, Gen. Sec., 21, Cross Park, Heavitree, Exeter.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Northampton on Whit Monday, June 9th. The central committee will meet at 11 a.m. in the Upper Vestry at St. Edmund's Church. The Guild form of service will be held at St. Edmund's Church at 12 noon. Lunch at the Plough Hotel, Bridge Street, at 1 p.m., followed by meeting. Bells: St. Edmund's (8), 10 a.m. to 12 and 5.30 p.m. to 7, St. Giles' (10) from 10 a.m. and throughout the day, St. Peter's (8), St. Sepulchre's (8), and Duston (6) after the meeting, Kingsthorpe (6) from 5.30 p.m. to 7.—R. G. Black, Gen. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Portmadoc on Whit Monday, June 9th. A service will be held in the Parish Church at 2 p.m., followed by business meeting. The bells (8) will be available. Good attendance requested.—W. Cathrall, Hon. Sec., 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival at Hereford, Whit Monday, June 9th. Service in the Cathedral 12.15. Dinner, 1 p.m., at the Booth Hall Hotel, price 2s. 6d. Dinner tickets from Mr. A. W. Davis, 102, Ryelands Street, Hereford. Business meeting afterwards. Towers open: S. Nicholas' (6) and All Saints' (8), 10.30-12, and 3-6; Cathedral (10), 6.30-8.30 p.m. Entrance by west door of nave.—H. S. T. Richardson, Hon. Sec., S. Nicholas' Rectory, Hereford.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Gosberton (6 bells) on Whit Monday, June 9th. Bells available all day. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45. Business meeting afterwards.—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 51st annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, June 9th. 11.30 a.m., Service at the Cathedral, with address by the Rev. Canon W. E. R. Morrow, M.A., Sub-Dean. 12.30 p.m., lunch (members 2s.), to be followed by the annual meeting at the County Hotel, Rainsford End. Towers open for ringing during day: Cathedral (12), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Galleywood (8), Great Baddow (8), Great Waltham (8), Springfield (6), Broomfield (6), Boreham (8).—F. J. Pitstow, Gen. Sec. and Treasurer, 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Handsworth on Saturday, June 14th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea (1s. each person) and business meeting. Gentlemen cordially invited. Subscriptions due. Those requiring tea please notify Noel Cawthorne, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Handsworth Road, Handsworth, Sheffield.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Grundisburgh (8 bells) on June 14th. Tea in Parish Room at 4.30 p.m., 9d. each. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Wethersfield on Saturday, June 14th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than morning of June 14th?—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Scothern (6), Saturday, June 14th. Tower open 2 p.m. Notification for tea to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—A joint meeting of the Dorchester and Wimborne branches will be held at Milton Abbey on Saturday, June 14th. Bells (also Bere Regis, Hilton and Puddletown) available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Permission has been given to visit the gardens, etc. Motors leave Bournemouth and Weymouth at 1.45.—C. H. Jennings, Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Capenhurst on Saturday, June 14th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in schoolroom.—H. S. Brocklebank, 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Jarrow on Saturday, June 14th. Bells of Christ Church and St. Peter's; also St. Andrew's, Hebburn, available. Meet Christ Church at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at Co-operative Café, and please inform Mr. Hy. Hall, 49, Gladstone Street, Hebburn, by June 12th. All are welcome, and please don't 'dodge' the meeting, but 'dodge' at it.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Water Street, West Hartlepool.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Arlesey on Saturday, June 14th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Parbold on Saturday, June 14th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. A good attendance requested. Subscriptions are now due.—James W. Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next quarterly meeting for ringing only will be held at Silverdale Church on June 14th. Bells (6) will be ready at 2 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The second quarterly meeting will be held at Hallaton on Saturday, June 14th. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Fox Hotel at 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. A special bus will leave Victoria Park Gates, Leicester, at 2.45 p.m. Will those requiring bus or tea please let me know by Wednesday, June 11th? Let's have a good meeting!—Alban Disney, Dis. Hon. Sec., 3, Highgate, Aylestone Lane, Leicester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Hungerford on Saturday, June 14th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at 1s. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify Mrs. T. Geater, Church House, Hungerford, Berks, not later than Wednesday, June 11th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Crofton on Saturday, June 14th, by special invitation of the Vicar (Rev. H. Brownrigg), who hopes to have a good 'ringers' rally on the last day of the week's Quincentenary Celebrations of the Parish Church. Bells ready for all day. Those requiring tea please notify G. H. Cooke, 16, North Yard, Crofton, near Wakefield, by Tuesday, June 10th. All ringers and friends are welcome.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon, on Saturday, June 14th. Bells available from 3.15. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow in Schools. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by June 11th. — N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting, at Hillesdon, Saturday, June 14th. Service 4 p.m. Preacher: The Rev. H. Chapman, Vicar-designate of Wotton Underwood. Tea, 5 p.m., 1s. each. Ringing from 2 p.m. Please send numbers for tea to hon. sec. on Monday, June 9th.—Rev. J. F. Amies, Edgcote Rectory, Aylesbury.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual joint meeting of the societies in the above area will be held at Conisborough, near Doncaster, on Saturday, June 21st. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Tea at 5.30. Meeting after tea. Names for tea will be appreciated by Mr. S. Harrison, 11, Church Street, Conisborough, by the 18th inst. Subscriptions for 1929-30 are now due, and should be paid, if possible, at this meeting.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

WHITTLESEY, CAMBS.—The re-opening of the rehung and augmented peal of 8 at St. Andrew's Church will take place on Saturday, June 21st, at 3 p.m. Tea in Parish Room at 4.15 p.m. Tickets for tea (1/- per head) should be obtained from the Rev. A. E. T. Newman, St. Andrew's Vicarage, Whittlesey, Peterborough, not later than June 14th. The bells will be available for ringing after tea.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Chorley on Saturday, June 21st. The bells at Chorley Parish and St. Mary's R.C. Churches will be available from 2.30. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by Wednesday, June 18th. — Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

DEVON GUILD.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cruwys-Morchard on Saturday, June 21st. Bells available 2.30. Committee meeting 4.15. Service 4.30. Tea, tickets 1s., 5. All requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, June 17th.—A. G. Selby, Hon. Sec., The Square, Silvertown.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Stand, Whitefield, on Saturday, June 21st. Bells ready 6 p.m. Subscriptions due.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver St., Miles Platting.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Longwood, near Huddersfield, on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea provided at a charge of 1s. 3d. per head to those who send in their names to Mr. A. Rothery, 75, Cliffe End Road, Longwood, Huddersfield, not later than Thursday, June 26th.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual summer festival will be held on the Thames-side, with Egham as the centre, on Saturday, July 5th. All visitors will be welcome. Further particulars later.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec.

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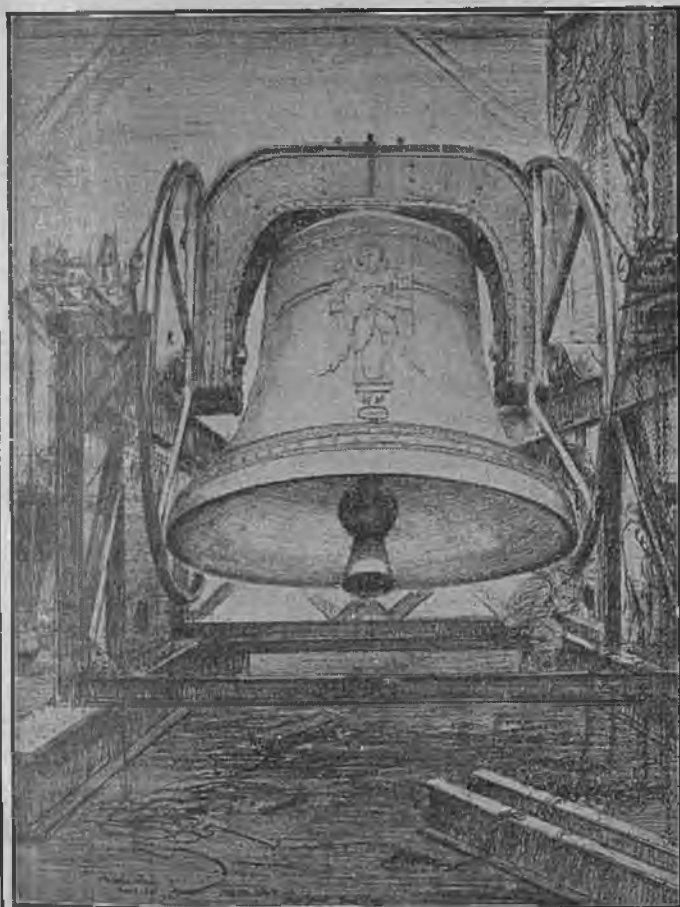
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TO LEAD, OR NOT TO LEAD?

The article which appeared in this column a month ago, describing the action of the Midland Counties Association, in laying down its own rules as to what, in future, the association will record as a peal, as a 'lead and a challenge' to the Central Council, elicited two replies which we regret it has not been possible to publish until to-day. They are both arguments justifying the attitude of the Council in adopting a 'do nothing' policy on this question of what should constitute a peal. Obviously, of course, we do not agree that it is wise of the Council to refuse to express an opinion on this subject even though it be a thorny one. If the Council had never laid down any rules governing peals it might have been a different matter. But almost from the days of its inception the Council has, and rightly so, concerned itself with the standard that should be required for peals. It has not hesitated from time to time to lay down rules, and these rules are to be found in the official "Decisions" under the heading of 'Conditions required for peals.'

Our point is that the Council, having set up a standard—a minimum standard if you like—should not be afraid to amend these conditions as and when required. Our previous article did not attempt to suggest what those conditions should be, but to emphasise the need that the Council should be the body which should define the regulations and thus lead the Exercise, instead of being led by it. It will be far easier for the Council to retain the lead which it has set in the past than to regain it, once the associations have established their own standards for peals—standards which might possibly be extremely difficult to reconcile.

Unless the standard of peals is to fall, there can surely be no objection to specifying a minimum, but once lose the hold upon a standard of some kind and chaos may creep in which will undo all the good which forty years of work has done in the way of creating uniformity in the Exercise. If the Council is to wait indefinitely upon circumstance; if it is to wait to see which way the cat jumps, then it cannot be said that the Council is any longer the head of the Exercise, and the existing 'conditions' required for peals would be better expunged from the 'Decisions.' Either they exist to unify practice or they are useless; and unless the Council is prepared to move with the times and amend its rules where necessary and reinforce its own definitions when called upon to express an opinion, its operations lose the force of authority and the Council will lose prestige among those who only have a superficial knowledge of its work but look to it to give a lead to the Exercise.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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BIRMINGHAM.

On Tuesday, June 3, 1930, in Three Hours and Forty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

| | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| GEORGE E. FEARN Treble | WILLIAM WOODHEAD 7 |
| ALBERT H. WARD 2 | *CYRIL TANSSELL 8 |
| ALBERT WALKER 3 | A. PADDON SMITH 9 |
| JAMES GEORGE 4 | REV. C. W. O. JENKYN 10 |
| SYDNEY T. HOLT 5 | RICHARD T. HIBBERT 11 |
| FRANK E. HAYNES 6 | JOHN NEAL Tenor |

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. Rung on the 25th anniversary
of the foundation of the Diocese of Birmingham.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Monday, June 9, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

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|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Treble | ALFRED PYE 7 |
| HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 2 | GEORGE A. CARD 8 |
| JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3 | *FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 9 |
| JOHN W. CORNFORD 4 | WILLIAM BOTTRILL 10 |
| THOMAS NEWMAN 5 | LEONARD H. BAYBUT 11 |
| THOMAS BEVAN 6 | HARRY PARKES Tenor |

Composed by the late J. CARTER.

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN

* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

TEN BELL PEALS.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 7, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5009 CHANGES;

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| WILLIAM SIMMONDS Treble | RICHARD G. RICE 6 |
| GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. 2 | WALTER F. JUDGE 7 |
| RICHARD POST 3 | GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. 8 |
| HUGH J. BALCOMBE 4 | RICHARD WHITE 9 |
| FRANCIS TAYLOR 5 | CUTHBERT G. WHITE Tenor |

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 7, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

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| SEPTIMUS RADFORD Treble | WILLIAM W. THORNE 6 |
| ALBERT WALKER 2 | FRANK BENNETT 7 |
| ALBERT HARMAN 3 | CHARLES HAZELDEN 8 |
| JAMES HUNT 4 | JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 9 |
| JOHN H. B. HESSE 5 | REGINALD A. RADFORD Tenor |

Composed by J. E. GROVES.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

The previous peal in which Messrs. S. Radford (Guildford), A.
Walker (Birmingham) and J. Hunt (Taunton) took part together
was rung at Taunton 34 years ago.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 9, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

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| JOHN S. GOLDSMITH Treble | GEORGE MARRINER 6 |
| CHARLES HAZELDEN 2 | JAMES HUNT 7 |
| ALBERT WALKER 3 | JOHN H. B. HESSE 8 |
| FRANK BENNETT 4 | ALBERT HARMAN 9 |
| MRS. C. HAZELDEN 5 | WILLIAM W. THORNE Tenor |

Composed by HENRY HALEY.

Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, June 9, 1930, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB CATERS, 5093 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

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| FRANK LAWRENCE Treble | WILLIAM PAGE 6 |
| ROBERT G. KNOWLES 2 | WILLIAM RANFORD 7 |
| SIDNEY T. HOLT 3 | WILLIAM C. JONES 8 |
| CYRIL TANSELL 4 | CHARLES CAMM 9 |
| WILLIAM LEWIS 5 | CHARLES YOUNG Tenor |

Composed by JOSEPH FIGOTT. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

First peal of Double Norwich Caters by all the band, on the bells and for the association. Rung at the first attempt. The tenor ringer made up the band at a minute's notice, it being his first attempt on ten bells. Rung on the occasion of the birth of a grandson to Mr. W. C. Jones.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 24, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

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| HAROLD RUSHBY Treble | FRANK LORD 5 |
| JACK BRAY 2 | JOHN E. KENNINGTON 6 |
| ARTHUR T. SWAIN 3 | HERBERT I. MINGAY 7 |
| STEPHEN BROMFIELD 4 | P.C. ARTHUR PASHLEY ... Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

Rung to mark Empire Day. Bob Major was rung after meeting short for Double Norwich, Mr. Rushby taking a rope at a moment's notice.

HEANOR, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 28, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

G. LINDOFF'S SIX-PART, No. 4.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

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| JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble | CHARLES DRAPER 5 |
| W. RICHARDSON DRAGE 2 | J. ALFRED BARRETT 6 |
| MADRICE SWINFELD 3 | JAMES S. HUTCHBY 7 |
| JOSEPH BAILEY 4 | JAMES GEORGE Tenor |

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

REIGATE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, May 31, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

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| ROBERT SWIFT Treble | ALFRED J. BULL 5 |
| KENNETH SNELLING 2 | CECIL NICE 6 |
| REGINALD V. JOHNSON 3 | GEORGE ELLIS 7 |
| WALTER CLAYDON 4 | OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor |

Composed by JOHN THORP.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 31, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| JOHN FLINT Treble | JOHN H. BROTHWELL 5 |
| JESSE J. MOSS 2 | THOMAS RILEY 6 |
| STANLEY SLANEY 3 | EDWARD E. ROBBINS 7 |
| JOSEPH SAXTON 4 | ERNEST WAGSTAFF Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

Rung with half-muffled clappers to the memory of Archbishop Lord Davidson.

NORTH MIMMS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 31, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

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| BEN JARMAN Treble | ALBERT LAWRENCE 5 |
| WALTER H. L. BUCKINGHAM ... 2 | LEWIS A. GOODENOUGH 6 |
| JOHN MALYAN 3 | WILLIAM NASH 7 |
| HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH ... 4 | GEORGE A. SPENCER Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM NASH.

Rung as a farewell peal for the Rev. C. G. and Mrs. Ward on their leaving the parish and diocese.

BENGELO, HERTFORD.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 31, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt.

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| WILBY J. HAZELL Treble | EDWARD H. KING 5 |
| JOHN THOMAS 2 | MRS. E. K. FLETCHER 6 |
| *JOHN G. NASH 3 | JAMES PARKER 7 |
| WALTER J. BOWDEN 4 | GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

* First peal in the method. First Surprise peal on the bells. The band wish to thank Mr. Pomfret for overhauling the ropes and having everything in readiness.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 31, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| WILLIAM SHORT Treble | JOHN SMITH 5 |
| JOHN BASS 2 | HECTOR G. BIRD 6 |
| WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 3 | THOMAS HERMING 7 |
| CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 4 | ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor |

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

This was the quarterly peal for this branch and a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Bass.

SAXLINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 31, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

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| WILLIAM E. BASON Treble | CHARLES E. LOVETT 5 |
| GEORGE MAYERS 2 | FRANK H. DAVEY 6 |
| RICHARD BALDRY 3 | GEORGE POINTZ 7 |
| *LEONARD POINTZ 4 | GEORGE BAILEY Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by WM. E. BASON.

* First peal. Rung on the fourteenth anniversary of the Battle of Jutland, in which P.O. Frank H. Davey took part.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST SOCIETY.)

On Sunday, June 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

LINDOFF'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

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| NELSON ELLIOTT Treble | *REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 5 |
| *GEORGE OLLIVER 2 | *CECIL NICE 6 |
| KENNETH SNELLING 3 | OLIVER SIPPETTS 7 |
| *ROBERT SWIFT 4 | GEORGE ELLIS Tenor |

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

SPONDON.—At St. Werburgh's Church, on June 2nd, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins.: J. Cope 1, W. Slater, jun., 2, F. Coxon 3, W. Slater 4, C. M. Coxon 5, J. Bailey (conductor) 6. First extent of Minor on the bells by a local band.

MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKS.
CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, June 2, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

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| SAMUEL YATES Treble | THOMAS LANCASTER 5 |
| * J. REID 2 | H. CLAYTON 6 |
| MISS LANCASTER 3 | J. W. PASSMAN 7 |
| J. C. POLLARD 4 | THOMAS LANCASTER Tenor |

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by T. LANCASTER.

* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 4, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

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| JOHN FRIST Treble | REGINALD V. JOHNSON 5 |
| JACK M. CRIPPS 2 | CECIL NICE 6 |
| NELSON ELLIOTT 3 | KEITH HART 7 |
| * ALBERT E. LAKER 4 | WILLIAM STENNING Tenor |

Conducted by KEITH HART.

* First peal on eight bells.

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.
CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, June 4, 1930, in Three Hours,
At the Parish Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

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| * ALBERT HUNTER Treble | HUBERT WATERS 5 |
| ALFRED E. ONLEY 2 | HARRY SHORT 6 |
| WM. A. BRECKON 3 | ALBERT V. COATES 7 |
| GEORGE WHITE 4 | RICHARD HANSELL Tenor |

Conducted by W. A. BRECKON.

* First peal and first attempt.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCs.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 4, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
At Immanuel Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

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| JOHN CAVANNAGH Treble | † LEONARD SCHOLES 5 |
| ARTHUR LORD 2 | RICHARD BALDERSTONE 6 |
| * JOSEPH RILEY 3 | WILLIE AARON 7 |
| ARNOLD BRANTON 4 | LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS Tenor |

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by W. AARON.

* First peal. † First in the method. First peal as conductor. Ringer of 5th from Oswaldtwistle, 2nd and 6th from Rishton, remainder from Church.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 4, 1930, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| * JAMES H. LUCAS Treble | * PERCY E. JONES 5 |
| † FREDERICK G. BALDWIN 2 | GEORGE GILBERT 6 |
| GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE 3 | * EDGAR G. SWIFT 7 |
| FREDERICK W. GOODFELLOW 4 | FRANK CORKE Tenor |

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by FRANK CORKE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

BELPER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 4, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

G. LINDOFF'S SIX-PART, No. 5.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble | CHARLES DRAPER 5 |
| JOSEPH BAILEY 2 | JAMES S. HUTCHBY 6 |
| PERCY DUDLEY 3 | JAMES GEORGE 7 |
| MAURICE SWINFELD 4 | W. RICHARDSON DRAGE Tenor |

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 5, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| * MISS CONSTANCE HOVERD Treble | CYRIL BRETT-SMITH 5 |
| THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 2 | HARRY HOVERD 6 |
| WILLIAM R. BOND 3 | BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE 7 |
| JOHN J. LAMB 4 | FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. Tenor |

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

* First peal of Major.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, June 7, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary, Portsea,

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

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

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| JOSEPH D. HARRIS Treble | TOWER R. TAYLOR 5 |
| * CECIL L. GUY 2 | FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 6 |
| ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 3 | FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7 |
| HENRY JENNINGS 4 | EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

* First peal in the method. This composition is now rung for the first time.

HARMSTON, LINCs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 7, 1930, in Three Hours,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION.

Tenor 12 cwt.

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| CHARLES MCGUINNESS Treble | GEORGE CHESTER 5 |
| HAROLD MARCON 2 | H. LESLIE PASK 6 |
| GEORGE FLINTHAM 3 | JOHN A. FREEMAN 7 |
| JOHN WALDEN 4 | ARTHUR H. A. MARCON Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

A wedding peal to Mr. Harold Walker, of Colwick, Nottingham, and to Miss Mabel Bateman, of Motttingham, Kent.

PETWORTH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 18 cwt.

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| ALFRED H. PULLING Treble | WALTER CHARMAN 5 |
| * CHARLES W. DENYER 2 | C. ERNEST SMITH 6 |
| PETER CHARMAN 3 | WILLIAM T. BEESON 7 |
| MAURICE SMITHER 4 | ARTHUR J. BARTLETT Tenor |

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal of Stedman and proposed a member of the association before starting. Rung with the bells half-muffled, immediately after the funeral, to the memory of Mr. James B. Watson, churchwarden and chief steward to Lord Leconfield, Lord Lieutenant of Sussex, of Petworth Park.

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ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 5, 1930, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Edward,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

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| ALFRED PRIOR | ... Treble | FRANK G. RINGE | 5 |
| ERNEST FURBANK | 2 | WILLIAM H. THEOBALD | 6 |
| ROBERT HEAZEL | 3 | ERNEST J. BUTLER | 7 |
| GEORGE R. PYE | 4 | WILLIAM PYE | Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

DORKING, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 7, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

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| MISS IRENE L. HASTIE | ... Treble | GEORGE COOK | 5 |
| GEORGE MARRINER | 2 | ARTHUR H. SMITH | 6 |
| FREDERICK G. WOODISS | 3 | WILLIAM G. NEWBERRY | 7 |
| JOHN H. WHITE | 4 | ALAN R. PINK | Tenor |

Composed by F. HOPWOOD.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

Miss Hastie is believed to be the first lady to ring a peal in this tower.

DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Priory Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 2½ cwt.

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| BERT F. CALCOTT | ... Treble | * CLIFFORD ROLLINS | 5 |
| AUGUSTIN V. GOOD | 2 | ALBERT FLEET | 6 |
| * FREDERICK J. PLUMMER | 3 | * ALBERT G. MATTHEWS | 7 |
| GEORGE W. HARRIS | 4 | ARTHUR E. SHEARMAN | Tenor |

Composed by TOM LOCKWOOD. Conducted by ARTHUR E. SHEARMAN

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob. A congratulatory peal to the Rector, the Rev. G. C. Rolfe, and Mrs. Rolfe, on the birth of a daughter.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 7, 1930, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

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| JOHN W. JONES | ... Treble | WILLIAM HENLEY | 5 |
| PHYLLIS M. MAYNE | 2 | GEORGE GILBERT | 6 |
| WILLIAM WELLING | 3 | GEORGE MARTIN | 7 |
| HARRY WINGROVE | 4 | CECIL C. MAYNE | Tenor |

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by G. MARTIN.

First peal in the method on the bells.

LEYTON, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, June 7, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

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| CHARLES A. HUGHES | ... Treble | GEORGE R. PYE | 5 |
| ALFRED PRIOR | 2 | JOHN H. CRAMPION | 6 |
| WILLIAM H. BARBER | 3 | ROBERT RICHARDSON | 7 |
| GEORGE R. NEWTON | 4 | WILLIAM PYE | Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss E. Richardson, daughter of the ringer of the seventh.

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 7, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Bloomsbury,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FODR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

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| JOHN A. WAUGH | ... Treble | CHARLES T. COLES | 5 |
| ALBERT W. COLES | 2 | GILBERT GOODSHIP | 6 |
| WILLIAM J. ELLIS | 3 | JAMES BENNETT | 7 |
| ERNEST J. BUTLER | 4 | GEORGE A. HUGHES | Tenor |

Conducted by ALBERT W. COLES.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 9, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

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| EDWARD ASHEY | ... Treble | CHARLES T. COLES | 5 |
| WILLIAM H. BARBER | 2 | JOHN CRAMPION | 6 |
| JOHN A. WAUGH | 3 | ROBERT RICHARDSON | 7 |
| GEORGE R. NEWTON | 4 | WILLIAM PYE | Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

This peal was the first in the method, and the quickest peal of Major rung on the bells. It was also Mr. W. Pye's 900th Surprise peal.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

AULT HUCKNALL.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 10, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 960 St. Simon's, 1,200 Plain Bob, 1,200 Old Doubles and 1,680 Grandsire.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

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| W. PARKES | ... Treble | H. BAILEY | 3 |
| A. SMITHSON | 2 | W. RILEY | 4 |
| F. W. KNOWLES | ... | ... | Tenor |

Conducted by F. W. KNOWLES.

LANGPORT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

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| DENIS HALE | ... Treble | H. WESTLAKE | 4 |
| T. W. CREED | 2 | † T. LOCK | 5 |
| * H. LUCAS | 3 | * A. HALE | Tenor |

Conducted by T. W. CREED.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

STOKESAY, SHROPSHIRE.

On Wednesday, May 28, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings.

Tenor 12 cwt.

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| PERCIVAL R. NASH | ... Treble | † FORREST T. MASSEY | 4 |
| HUBERT JONES | 2 | WILLIAM R. NASH | 5 |
| * WILLIAM F. RICKARDS | 3 | WILLIAM HABBERLEY | Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM R. NASH.

* First peal. † First inside. Rung on the eve of the Ascension.

YALDING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, May 28, 1930, in Three Hours,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

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

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| MRS. H. BAKER | ... Treble | HARRY BAKER | 4 |
| WILLIAM E. PITMAN | 2 | THOMAS E. SONE | 5 |
| CHARLES H. SONE | 3 | ALBERT RELFE | Tenor |

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

First peal in the seven methods by all except the ringer of the tenor. First peal of Minor as conductor.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Friday, May 30, 1930, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 19½ cwt.

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| *PERCY TAYLOR | Treble | ALAN BROMLEY | 4 |
| †EDWIN BROMLEY | 2 | REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... | 5 |
| ROBERT T. LAMBERT | 3 | FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ... | Tenor |

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

* First peal. † First peal on an inside bell. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect for Archbishop Lord Davidson.

BLACKWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 31, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Stedman, 2,400 Grandsire and 1,920 Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

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| WILLIAM SWAIN | Treble | ROBERT BAILEY | 3 |
| ARTHUR SMITHSON | 2 | F. W. KNOWLES | 4 |

*A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS Tenor

Conducted by F. W. KNOWLES.

* First peal of Doubles.

KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 31, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cuneceastro, York, Bourne, Cambridge, Nether-seale, Annable's London and Norwich. Tenor 11 cwt.

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| FRED PARR | Treble | GEORGE BURNHAM | 4 |
| ALFRED PARR | 2 | WILLIAM H. TURTON | 5 |
| HARRY GLEAVES | 3 | CHARLES SEVERN | Tenor |

Conducted by C. SEVERN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Lord Davidson, also the late Mr. Harry Taylor, for some time a ringer at the above church. The 100th peal by Mr. W. H. Turton.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 31, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

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 of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| MISS K. BURCHNALL | Treble | ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN ... | 4 |
| MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... | 2 | ERNEST A. MIDWINTER | 5 |
| HERBERT ROOKE | 3 | LEONARD PIERREPONT | Tenor |

Conducted by LEONARD PIERREPONT.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar (Rev. T. H. J. Eling, M.A.). Mr. Chamberlain, of Southwell, was proposed a member of the North Notts Association.

MARDEN, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twelve 240's of Pitman's, and nine 240's of Morris'. Tenor 16½ cwt.

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| CHARLES LEETE | Treble | FRANCIS J. WILLIAMS | 4 |
| WILLIAM G. T. BARRETT ... | 2 | JAMES P. HYETT | 5 |
| HERBERT COLCOMBE | 3 | JOHN H. MOUNTFORD | Tenor |

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. G. T. Barrett.

WEDDING BELLS.

On Saturday, June 7th, at Doncaster Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung in 50 mins. by G. Hawsworth (conductor) 1, C. Holmes 2, J. Holmes 3, C. Clark 4, W. Betley 5, H. Wagstaff 6, F. Newsome 7, H. Baldwin 8, as a compliment to Mr. Harold Walker, of Doncaster, Yorks, and Miss Bateman, of Mottingham, Kent, who were married on the same afternoon in London. Mr. Walker was formerly a ringer of Doncaster, and secretary of Doncaster and District Society.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 3, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

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| ALBERT RELFE | Treble | WILLIAM DURHAM | 4 |
| THOMAS FULLER | 2 | ANDREW MARSHALL | 5 |
| JOHN J. BASSETT | 3 | JAMES BASSETT | Tenor |

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

Rung in honour of the birthday of H.M. the King. First peal for the ringers of 2nd, 3rd and 4th. All three are only 15 years old.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTHERN BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Grimsby on Saturday, May 31st, and, taking into consideration that this is one of the extreme districts of the branch, there was a good attendance. Among the towers represented were Bigby, Branston, Burton-on-Stather, Elsham, Gainsborough, Grimsby (St. Andrew's and St. James), Kellingholme, Lincoln (Cathedral), Scotcherne, Scunthorpe, Thornton Curtis and Ulceby. The Rev. J. Barber, of Great Contes, and Mr. and Mrs. Richardson and Mr. G. Ladd, from the Elloe Deaneries Branch, were also present. The two rings of eight were available, and kept going to various methods during the afternoon and evening, rounds being also rung for the learners. The bells at St. James' were rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Archbishop Lord Davidson.

Service was held in the Parish Church, the Vicar, Rev. H. R. Burrows, officiating and giving an appropriate address. Mr. H. Rushby, one of the local ringers, presided at the organ, and the singing was led in a most efficient manner by the choirboys. Mr. F. F. Linley, president of the Northern Branch, read the lesson. This was followed by a course of Grandsire Caters in the chancel by the following: Mrs. R. Richardson 1-2, F. S. W. Butler 3-4, R. Richardson 5-6, H. Marcon 7-8, C. W. Taylor 9-10.

Fifty-eight members and friends afterwards sat down to an excellent tea in the Church House.

Mr. Linley presided at the business meeting, and was supported by the Vicar of Grimsby, Rev. H. T. Parry, president of the Grimsby District, and members of the committee.

An apology for absence and good wishes for a successful meeting was read from Mr. J. A. Freeman, Northern Branch Ringing Master. The balance sheet and secretary's report for 1929 were passed, and the whole of the officers reappointed. Two new members, Messrs. G. Atkinson and H. Cawkwell, Thornton Curtis, were elected. The arrangements for the next annual meeting were left in the hands of the general secretary.

A suggestion was made that the number of bells, with name of correspondent for each tower, should be inserted in the next report.—It was decided to leave this matter in the hands of the committee.

In a very witty and humorous manner the Rev. Burrows gave the branch a most hearty welcome to Grimsby.

Mr. Linley proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to the church authorities for the use of the bells, the organist and choirboys for their services, the caterers for the splendid tea provided, and all others who had in any way helped toward making the meeting such a success, at the same time making reference to the excellent manner in which the boys of the choir had rendered their assistance at the service.—This was carried and responded to by the Vicar, who alluded to the loyalty of his ringers as churchworkers.

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the business, after which further ringing took place, and a very successful meeting brought to a finish.

ALDERSHOT'S ACTIVITIES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Aldershot may well be called a nursery for ringers.

Four years ago the Aldershot band was broken up, leaving only four of the old band to carry on. These, instead of taking things lying down, looked round and roped in three choirboys and three girls whose ages then averaged 13 years, all of whom have since rung a quarter-peal. To-day the Aldershot band is 17 strong, and is, I think, one of the youngest and keenest bands in the country.

It is not at all a strange sight to see as many as thirty at one of their Friday night practices. Everyone gets some ringing, some in rounds and some being coached in changes, according to the stage they have reached.

No meeting in the district is complete without the Aldershot band, who make their presence felt, especially at tea time.

How many other towers are there, I wonder, who devote three-quarters of their practice night to helping learners from other towers, and so to helping change ringing along in this country?—Yours faithfully,

E. BRAGG,

Grenadier Guards.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT.*To the Editor.*

Sir,—It is good to sit and think. I do sometimes, and perhaps my subject may be the leading article in 'The Ringing World.' Week by week we get a topic to consider, and without doubt every single article interests some members. It would be absurd to state that the whole Exercise reads, marks, learns and inwardly digests every one, and it is, therefore, all to the good that we have such a diversity of topics. Sometimes it is highbrow for those that can appreciate it. More often it is a plain-spoken piece of advice, or even, perhaps, a rap over the knuckles of more or less severity, a gentle word of warning or a generous word of praise. I repeat, it is good to sit and think. It is, however, better to take action.

Consider for a while the first of the second thousand, 'Peals and Peal Ringers.' Here is food for thought to begin with. What does it show? Less ringers? Less enthusiasm? Less opportunities? Apparently less something. Should we be content with less? It is good to sit and think. It is better to take action. What action? I would suggest that the object to attain should be to change the degree of comparison from less to more in each of the above. That will be something to attain. However, as everyone knows, this will mean spade work for some. How many? Why not all. Many hands make light work. It is good to sit and think. It is, however, better to take action.—Yours sincerely,

'LAYMAN.'**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

A very successful quarterly meeting was held at Warnham on Saturday, May 31st, when about 40 members and friends attended from Billingshurst, Heene, Guildford, Brighton (St. Peter's and St. Nicholas'), Itchingfield, Horsham, Kirdford, Lindfield, West Grinstead, West Tarring, Rudgwick, Warnham, and Dr. E. L. Taylor, of Sevenoaks. The bells were available from two o'clock onwards, and were kept busy in the standard methods until five o'clock, when the company took tea at the good old Sussex Oak Inn.

At the business meeting, with Dr. Taylor in the chair, the following non-resident members were elected: Mr. C. Geary (Nottingham) and Mr. H. E. Audsley (Crayford).

Votes of thanks to Dr. Taylor for presiding, and to the Rector for granting the use of the bells, concluded this part of the programme, and another visit was paid to the belfry for further ringing.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**LUTON DISTRICT.**

A very pleasant and successful meeting of the above district was held on Saturday week at Westoning and Flitwick, about 20 members being present from Barton, Silsoe, Luton, Woburn, Kempston, Dunstable and Totternhoe.

Ringing took place during the afternoon at Westoning, where hangs a good peal of six, with a tenor about 13 cwt., in good-going order, and of good tone, in spite of being a mixed lot. The treble and fourth are by Mears, second and fifth by Chandler, third and tenor by Russell. These bells were kept busy during the afternoon in methods ranging from London Surprise to Grandsire Doubles.

The tea and business meeting were held in the Bell Inn, the chair being taken by Mr. A. King, vice-president. Five new members were elected, and Woburn selected for the next meeting on June 28th.

After tea, Flitwick was the venue. This was the first time the association had ever paid a visit to this tower, where there is a very ancient ring of five bells: The treble, 1637, Taylor, recast 1867; 2nd, John Clarke, 1608; 3rd, John Keene, 1631; 4th and 5th, Miles Graye, 1653 and 1654: rehung by Bowell some years ago. Members were delighted to find the tower in first-class condition, it being, from bell chamber to floor, in a well-cared-for condition, and the bells going like tops. Grandsire, Stedman, and Plain Bob Doubles were rung. Members thoroughly enjoyed their first visit to this church.

SUDDEN DEATH OF WELL-KNOWN OLDHAM RINGER.

On Sunday night, just before starting to ring for evening service, Mr. Isaac ('Ike') Schofield, aged 68, of St. Mark's, Glodwick, passed away very suddenly in the tower.

Mr. Schofield was secretary to the Oldham and District Society, and his loss will be greatly felt. He was never tired of giving of his service to further the cause of ringing, especially to the young ringers. Mr. Schofield had rung a good many peals in different methods. He was one of the band that rung the record peals of Kent Trehle Bob at Mottram about 26 years ago. He was a member of the Lanes Association, Chester Guild, Ashton-under-Lyne Society and the Oldham and District Society. He was well known and respected in all these associations. Mr. Schofield lost his wife 14 months ago and his son last Christmas. He leaves behind three daughters to mourn their loss.

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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.

Messrs. Taylor and Co. installed a peal of eight at Great Baddow in 1924. Since that time they have rehung the peal of eight at Great Dunmow, augmented the peal at Great Bardfield to complete the octave, and the peal at Great Easton to six, and now the Loughborough Company is to instal another new peal in Essex. This is to be a fine new ring of eight, tenor approximately 15 cwt., at Great Holland Parish Church.

The first peal at Winchester Cathedral was rung forty-five years ago to-day, when Mr. F. G. Dawe conducted a peal of Grandsire Triples and Murray Hayes performed a herculean task in keeping the tenor going.

Jasper Snowden was born at Ilkley on June 18th, 1844.

A DEAN'S APPEAL FOR MORE RINGERS.

At the annual conference of the Rochester Diocesan C.E.M.S., held at Chatham on Saturday week, the Dean (the Ven. Donald Talbot) appealed for more bellringers.

'I am informed,' he said, 'the it is becoming increasingly difficult to enrol young men as bellringers. This is a great pity, because bellringing is one of our proud national possessions. You won't find it anywhere else in the world. I appeal to you members of the society to interest yourselves in it so that this possession will not be lost. Bellringers are as important in the worship of God as the men in surplices. The ringing of church bells is worship.'

THE PEAL AT PORTSMOUTH.

The peal of Double Norwich Major rung at St. Mary's, Portsea, and recorded elsewhere in these columns, was rung at the special request of the Vicar (Rev. G. C. L. Lunt) to welcome past members of the clergy staff, who were assembling during the Whitsuntide for a great reunion at Portsmouth. The Archbishop of Canterbury (Dr. Cosmo Gordon Lang), a former Vicar of Portsea, was unable, owing to medical advice, to preside over this gathering of nearly seventy clergy, but those present during the week-end included the Bishops of Southwark and Kingston, Bishop Norman Lang, Canon Southam (Chester Cathedral), the Vicar of Fareham, the Rector of Beaconsfield and several other prominent clergy. The company were also favoured by the presence of the Bishops of Winchester, Portsmouth and Southampton.

VISIT TO OXFORDSHIRE TOWERS.

The Heyford bellringers had a most enjoyable outing on Saturday, May 3rd, when they journeyed by bus through Wootton, Bladon and Cassington, indulging in their art in each village; then on through Eynsham to Oxford, where they enjoyed a good tea, and rang at St. Giles' Church before leaving. They reached Islip at six o'clock, and rang there, and then at Ambrosden, Launton and Middleton Stoney, and returned home at 9.45. It is hoped this outing will be the forerunner of others. The arrangements were in the hands of the captain, Mr. F. Pritchett. The ringers wish to thank all those who so kindly helped, and the various incumbents for the use of the bells.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL. TUESDAY'S MEETING AT LAMBETH. ELECTION OF A NEW PRESIDENT.

The first session of the newly-elected Council was held by the courtesy of his grace the Archbishop of Canterbury in the Guard Room at Lambeth Palace, London, on Tuesday, where there was an attendance of nearly one hundred members.

The chair was taken at the outset by the retiring president, Canon G. F. Coleridge, and the Council was welcomed on behalf of the Archbishop (who is now away by the sea recuperating his health in view of the forthcoming Lambeth Conference) by his secretary, the Rev. A. Sargent.

Canon Coleridge then informed the Council that he felt compelled through advancing years to retire from the office of president, and as there had been only one nomination for the office he declared Mr. E. H. Lewis, who had for many years been a representative of Cambridge University Guild, elected.

Mr. Lewis took the presidential chair amid applause, and cheers having been given for Canon Coleridge, on the call of the hon. secretary, Mr. Lewis acknowledged the honour done him by his election to the office.



MR. E. A. YOUNG.

Re-elected Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Council.

No nominations having been received for the offices of hon. secretary and treasurer and of librarian, Mr. E. Alexr. Young and the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn were re-elected to the respective offices. Mr. Young stated that during his contemplated absence from England Mr. W. A. Cave had kindly undertaken to carry on the work.

The Hon. Secretary and Treasurer presented the accounts, a summary of which has already been published, and these, having been audited, were adopted, as were also the accounts of the librarian, who presented the following report:—

ONLY MODERATE SALE OF PUBLICATIONS.

The hon. librarian's report for the year ending April 30th, 1930, was as follows: This has been an uneventful year, both for the library and the sale of publications. Few books have been borrowed, and the only addition to the library has been the peal composition books of the late Mr. John Carter, which were presented by the hon. secretary. As to the publications, shortly before Easter the revised issue of 'Rules for a Local Company' came from the printers, and notice of its being on sale was at once given in 'The Ringing World,' but up to the present only a few copies have been sold, though it

has been much in demand while it has been out of print. The new issue of 'Minor Methods' has not yet reached the librarian. There has only been a moderate sale of other publications, amounting to £4 16s. 5d. The book 'On the Preservation of Bells, etc.' is in the process of revision preparatory to reprinting, for which it should be ready before long. The cost of advertising and postage was £9 10s. 6d., so that there was an adverse balance on the year of £4 14s. 1d.

The following honorary members were re-elected: Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Messrs. J. A. Trollope, J. Griffin, E. A. Young, J. S. Goldsmith and C. F. Johnston. The Rev. A. T. Beeston, the other retiring hon. member, did not seek re-election.

The Hon. Secretary reported on various matters that had come before the Standing Committee, the members of which were re-elected, with the addition of the 'conveners' of committees who were not already members.

The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, reporting for the Peals Collection Committee, which was reappointed, stated that the work now in hand and almost concluded was the proof of peal of Treble Bob with tenors parted.—Mr. G. R. Newton raised the question of having the whole of the Treble Bob Peals Collection made more readily available for use by printing it, but it was pointed out that the question of printing costs was to come up later on another committee, and the matter would have to be left over for a time.—The committee's report was adopted.

The Literature and Press Committee's report was read by the Rev. F. L. Edwards and adopted, and the committee re-elected with the addition of Mr. C. H. Howard.

MINOR METHODS COLLECTION TO BE PRINTED.

The most important question in the Methods Committee's report was that of printing the collection of Minor methods. The Rev. H. Law James explained that the total cost of printing the work as it stood would be about £68, and to make it pay they could not publish it at less than 3s. a copy. The committee suggested that if the cost was too much to enable the Council to publish the whole at once, it should be published in two parts—one consisting of the methods and the other of the compositions.

Mr. Trollope said the committee had gone carefully through the transcript, and if the volume was to be what they wanted to make it they could not cut it down by so much as a comma.

Many suggestions were made as to what should be done to bring the cost of the work within reach of all ringers, including cutting down the contents, dividing the volume into a greater number of sections, giving only half-leads of the methods, and issuing it in several parts, but eventually Canon Coleridge moved a resolution to print the book as it stands, and sell out stock held by the Council in order to cover the cost. An amendment moved by Mr. P. J. Johnson (Yorkshire) to issue the work serially having been defeated, Canon Coleridge's motion was carried by a large majority.

The committee were re-elected with thanks for their services. After lunch, the Council dealt with the reports of other committees. That of the Analyses Committee, already published, was adopted, and the committee thanked for their work and re-elected.

The individual reports of the Towers and Belfries Committee was of considerable interest. The committee have revised the pamphlet on the 'Preservation of Bells, Frames and Fittings,' and it would shortly be ready for printing. The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, the hon. secretary, and Major J. H. B. Hesse referred to the work done in belfry inspections during the year, and the President, arising out of an inspection he made at Barnet, gave a lucid and instructive address in regard to the ascertained strains and stresses on towers caused by the ringing of bells.

Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn moved that the report be adopted and the revised edition of the book printed as soon as possible.—Canon Elsee seconded, and the motion having been carried, and the committee elected, Mr. F. E. Dawe suggested that the expense of printing should be met by subscriptions from among the members of the Council, which he offered to head with a donation of two guineas. Several other members at once offered to contribute, and the sum necessary is likely to be forthcoming in this way.

The Records Committee's report was read and adopted, and the Rev. A. T. Beeston having retired from the Council, the other members, the Rev. H. Law James and Mr. T. Hervey Beams, were re-elected, and Mr. George Grover (Guildford) added to the committee.

The Legal Committee, having completed its work last year, was discharged with thanks for its services, but Alderman Pritchett was asked to hold a watching brief for the Council in case any legislation detrimental to ringing should be introduced. The Rev. H. Drake offered to defray the cost of printing the committee's report, which was a very valuable one, to make it accessible to those who ought to be in possession of it, and his offer was accepted with thanks.

The members of the Council stood for a few moments in silence to mark their regret at the death of Mr. F. A. Milne, a member of the committee, and as a token of sympathy with the relatives.

The Broadcasting Committee, having completed its work, was discharged with thanks for its services.

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HON. MEMBERS INVITED TO PAY.

The Council then dealt with the motions on the agenda. The Hon. Secretary proposed that in future the subscription for the third and fourth representatives of an association should be 2s. 6d. only, and that hon. members should pay a subscription of 5s. per annum.

The first part of the motion was defeated, so that the subscription of 5s. will be payable for all representatives.

At the suggestion of Alderman Pritchett, the second part of the motion was amended to read that hon. members be invited to subscribe not less than 5s. per annum, and in this form it was adopted.

A discussion was initiated by the Hon. Secretary on the suggestions made in 'The Ringing Word' on October 18th last that the rules of the Council should be altered. He did not think there was a great deal in the suggested alterations, but thought they might well be considered.

Mr. W. A. Cave followed, and proposed: 'That, in order to bring ringing societies into closer communion and co-operation with the Central Council of Church Bellringers, every affiliated society be requested to include in their rules words to the following effect: "That this society be affiliated to the Central Council of Church Bellringers and loyally carry out the rules and decisions thereof."'

The Rev. H. Law James moved to leave out the words 'and decisions,' but the motion was carried in the form proposed except that, at the suggestion of Alderman Pritchett, the words 'loyally abide by' were substituted for the words 'loyally carry out.'

It was then further resolved: 'That the Standing Committee consider, and, if thought necessary, revise the rules of the Council and report to the next meeting.'

Notices stood in the name of the Rev. H. Drake as follows: (a) That a collection of lantern slides be formed by the Council to illustrate ringing in its various aspects, and (b) that all notices of motions to be laid before the Council shall be sent in the names either of individual members or of affiliated societies, and shall reach the secretary in time for them to be published a week before Easter, as a preliminary agenda. Within a fortnight after Easter other resolutions or amendments may be sent to him, but in this case only in the names of the societies.

Mr. Drake withdrew these proposals on the understanding that they would be taken into consideration by the Standing Committee.

On the motion of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, seconded by Mr. G. Grover, it was resolved: 'That the Methods Committee be requested to review the Council's statement on "Regular Methods" contained in "Rules and Decisions" and report to the next meeting of the Council, what, if any, amendments they consider are necessary in view of present developments in method ringing.'

Four places were suggested for the next annual meeting, which is due to be held in the North, viz., Ripon, recommended by the Standing Committee, Leeds, Dublin and Liverpool.

It was held that Dublin was ruled out under the scheme, and would be considered when the meeting next fell to be held in the West, and, on a vote being taken, Liverpool was selected.

A vote of thanks to the Archbishop of Canterbury for permitting the meeting to be held at Lambeth, was passed, and the business concluded with a vote of thanks to the president.

In the evening a social gathering, attended by many of the representatives and their friends, was held at Auderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, which was the Council's headquarters for the week-end.

A full report of the proceedings will be given in future issues of 'The Ringing World.'

FRATERNISING AT LAMBETH.

The Middlesex Association and London Diocesan Guild, South and West District, were at Lambeth on Saturday, May 17th, as visitors to the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild (Southern District), and a pleasant afternoon and evening were spent, very useful practice being obtained in various methods. The attendance was by no means startling, and one wonders what becomes of the advocates of joint meetings on these occasions. Ringing commenced soon after three and proceeded merrily until six o'clock, by which time among other visitors were to be seen a vice-president and secretary of the over-the-water association. Unfortunately, the L.C.A. District Master was prevented from being present by illness, and a letter of sympathy was directed to be sent to him with hopes for a speedy recovery. Mr. Essory, steward, L.C.A., and Mr. Mackrill, treasurer, shared the duty of M.O. quite skilfully in his absence. Some 22 sat down to an excellent tea, arranged by Mr. Hardy, the local steeplekeeper, to whom the best thanks of the company were given. Some of the 'giants' of the Exercise rang a service touch of Cambridge Major in fine style, and the company attended evensong, at which the Rector gave an address of welcome and advice, the musical side of the service being ably accompanied on the organ by Mr. Martyn, one of the Woolwich members, who stayed at some inconvenience to himself to help on the work. Members are indebted to him. A vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the use of the bells, etc., and ringing was carried on till 9.15, concluding with a course of London.

J. H.

THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL.**MR. E. H. LEWIS' INTERESTING CAREER.**

At the meeting of the Central Council, on Tuesday, Mr. Edwin Hugh Lewis, one of the honorary members, was elected president in succession to Canon G. F. Coleridge. The Council is fortunate in securing the services of such a capable chairman, for Mr. Lewis comes to the office with a wide experience gained through his association with important industrial undertakings, as well as an expert knowledge of ringing.

Born on June 13th, 1881, at the Vicarage of St. Ann, Nottingham, the youngest son of Canon J. D. Lewis, Mr. Lewis was educated at Cordwalles School, Maidenhead, Charterhouse and Trinity College, Cambridge. He first learnt to handle a bell and ring call changes when Canon Lewis was appointed Rector of Trowell, Nottinghamshire, in 1900. He joined the Cambridge University Guild on entering Trinity College in 1901, and was a contemporary of the Revs. H. S. T. Richardson and B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake. His first peal was 5,024 Bob Major at St. Andrew's, Cambridge, on June 17th, 1902.

After taking his degree (Mechanical Sciences Tripos) in 1904, Mr. Lewis was appointed assistant manager of the Liverpool Silver and Copper Co., Ltd., Widnes, and lived for two years in Liverpool, ringing during that period at various churches in South Lancashire.

In 1906 he moved to Frodsham, Cheshire, and rang regularly at St. Lawrence's Church, where there were then six bells by Rudhall. He took charge of the belfry when two trebles were added in November, 1911. In the meantime he had taught a band at St. Paul's, Widnes, where eight bells had been hung in September, 1907. Mr. Lewis married in 1909 the daughter of Archdeacon Richardson, Rector of Southwell, and sister of the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson.

In 1914 he was appointed assistant manager of the Glasgow Iron and Steel Co., Ltd., Wishaw, Lanarkshire, in 1916 works manager, and in 1927 general manager. While at Wishaw he was responsible for starting up the cement works, where cement was made as a side line from the slag from the blast furnaces.

Last year he was invited to join the boards of directors of the Tunnel Portland Cement Co., Ltd., whose works are at West Thurrock, Essex, and of Messrs. F. L. Smith and Co., Ltd., who are associated with F. L. Smith and Co., A/S, of Copenhagen, the well-known engineers and makers of cement making machinery. As a result he took up residence at Brasted, Kent, in November last.

Mr. Lewis is a member of the West of Scotland Iron and Steel Institute (filling the important post of president, 1922-26), the Iron and Steel Institute (member of Council, 1922-26), the Institute of Metals, the Ceramic Society, and the Institute of Fuel, of which he was appointed one of the first Fellows in 1928.

Until May, 1929, he was lay elector, lay representative and churchwarden of St. Andrew's Church, Wishaw, and chairman of the Wishaw Local Employment Committee from its inception.

There was, of course, little opportunity of ringing in Scotland, even if business activities had permitted, but Mr. Lewis was able to attend occasional meetings of the College Youths (of which he has been a member for 27 years) when in London attending meetings in connection with iron, steel and cement trades.

Mr. Lewis has rung 154 peals (26 on handbells) from Minor to Maximus. He has been a representative of Cambridge University Guild on the Central Council since 1908. A few years before the war he called the attention of the Council to activities of the S.P.A.B., which resulted in the formation of the Towers and Belfries Committee, of which he is a member, and he contributed to Sir Arthur Heywood's book, 'Bells and Belfries,' much valuable information on strains and stresses, the result of scientific investigation and calculation.

PRESIDENTS OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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| Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart. | | 1891 to 1917. |
| Rev. A. H. F. Boughey | | 1918 to 1920. |
| Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge | | 1921 to 1930. |
| Mr. E. H. Lewis | | 1930. |

BELL RESTORATION AT CHURCH OAKLEY, HANTS.

The peal of six bells at Church Oakley, Hants, have recently been retuned, quarter turned and rehung with new headstocks and ball bearings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. The bells were rededicated on Wednesday, June 4th, by the Rector, the Rev. G. H. Jewdine, at a simple but dignified service, of which the main note was praise and thanksgiving, the local band ringing a touch of Grand sire Doubles after the rededication and before the sermon.

In the course of his sermon the Rector paid a tribute to the skill with which the bells had been removed and rehung and to the work of the local band of ringers, and appealed to his people to answer the 'Come' of the bells by 'We will go to the House of the Lord.'

A number of other ringers from other parishes attended the service, including Mr. George Williams, the Ringing Master of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, and at the conclusion of the service they got busy in the belfry and kept the bells going till late in the evening.

'RULES' FOR PEALS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—No doubt many of your readers will heartily agree with your recent leading article, 'A Lead and a Challenge,' but there is another side to the matter. Change ringing is not like many other things—it has no vital need for a written code of definite and precise rules. In cricket, or football, or bridge, or tennis, or billiards—in all these and all things like them, you must have a set of rules which provide for every possible circumstance and which must not be broken. Without them you would speedily have disagreement and anarchy, and no game would be possible. It is not so in change ringing. Its essential rules are implicit in the art itself, because the art is based on one or two broad and strong principles. You cannot have change ringing unless you do keep to these rules, and therefore, broadly speaking, you cannot (at least, not seriously) break them. The proof of this lies in the fact that during two and a half centuries ringing began and developed without either a code of agreed rules or any central authority to make or enforce them. Every rule in ringing which matters arose spontaneously; it was never laid down by authority nor defined. And yet throughout its history ringing remained and must remain essentially the same thing.

You never had, and never can have, one set of rules for ringing in one part of the country and another in another, in the same way that the primitive football has split into Association and the different forms of Rugby football. The fact that we have 'call changes' and 'cross peals' does not affect this.

The principles on which peal ringing is based were summed up by the ancients as Truth and Completeness. Now it does not require any definition to enable ringers to understand what is meant by a true and complete peal of Grandsire Triples or Bob Major or Superlative. Indeed, any attempt at definition would rather tend to cloud the issue than not. The instinct of ringers, which is really the accumulated experience of the Exercise in these things, is a safe guide. It is far more likely to be sound than the considered opinions of any individuals, however eminent. Only in a very narrow borderland is there any ground for uncertainty. Our peals must be true and they must be complete. To this rule there is no exception; but there is a little uncertainty as to what truth and completeness mean in a very small number of cases. It is here that people are so very anxious to rush in with definitions, and here that definition is much more likely to do harm than good.

For proof—twenty-five years ago spliced ringing was formally illegal. It was not merely forbidden by the precise wording of the adopted rule; if it had been submitted to the judgment of representative ringers it would have been condemned. Just that class of men who now want to bar the Bankses James arrangement of Cambridge Minor and the Morris arrangement of Grandsire Doubles would then have tried to bar spliced ringing if the question had been raised. But the men who started spliced ringing followed their instinct, thinking nothing and caring nothing for the formal rule, but feeling that here was something which was a natural development, a new and precious gift for the Exercise's treasury. And so it was firmly established before anyone bethought themselves as to whether it was formally legal or not. And, of course, once established the formal rule was impotent against it.

So, too, it would have been with these five and six bell compositions if the question had not been raised in an acute form before it had been shown by experience whether they are good or bad, useful or otherwise. The discussion has perhaps delayed the final settlement, but this at least is certain, that the result depends not on any attempts at making rules or definitions, but on whether, in the long run, the instinct of the Exercise approves or condemns them, whether the six-bell ringers want them or not. And I certainly, for one, feel strongly that any attempts (mainly by eight-bell ringers) to forbid them, and so prevent them being put to the only fair and satisfactory test, are clean contrary to the best interests of ringing and of the Exercise.

Individual associations, of course, have the right and the duty to decide what standard they shall exact for the peals they book, though that duty should not be carried out in any narrow and partisan spirit. But the Central Council must look at these things with a broader view, and not for the sake of precise definition hamper the progress of ringing or seek to restrict the liberty which is the right of every band of ringers. In ringing we do not want precise rules. What we do want is a fuller understanding of the great unchangeable principles on which our art is based. If we put our trust more in the instinct of the Exercise and less in individual opinion we shall not go far wrong.—Yours,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

'A LEAD AND A CHALLENGE.'

Sir,—If I am not able to support the line you have taken up in your article with the above title, you may say I am not consistent with the policy we both thought the right one on nomenclature. The reason, however, is this. As long as there are differing names, and differing technical terms in the Exercise, the development of the science of change ringing will be hindered. Only a central body can decide such matters, and, as you rightly point out, it is the duty of

the Central Council to do this. It is not, however, its duty to decide all such questions. It is within its power and its duty to say that some questions are urgent, and should be decided at once, while others ought to be postponed. Now nomenclature was and is an urgent question, and some decision had to be made. The Council decided last year that the question of peals of Minor was not a question which ought to be settled at present.

There are several good reasons for this policy, besides those which have so far been produced. For instance, there has never been any uniformity of standards among the different societies, and I do not myself see any reason why there should be, as long as they are not more closely federated than is now the case. This may, as you say, diminish the authority and prestige of the Central Council. But in these matters this authority and prestige do not matter, if the Council is right in saying that the time to decide these questions has not yet arrived.

Again, one admires the action of the Midland Counties Association. They have taken a self-denying course which may injure them considerably, because they have the courage of their opinions. But it is very much better that this experiment should be tried by one society at a time, than by the whole Exercise. If the questionable compositions cease to be questioned, and are often rung, it is fairly certain that the society will retrace its steps—a fairly easy matter. But what is easy and advisable for one or more societies may be neither easy nor advisable for the Central Council.

Again, take my own case. As I have several times said, I do not hold any very strong opinion on the matter at issue, and felt it well to get the opinion of the Guild of which I am secretary. It was accordingly well discussed at the largest meeting the Suffolk Guild has ever had. Not a single voice was raised against these compositions. The only opposition to a motion in support was from a member who thought the discussion was premature—practically the same opinion as the Central Council ultimately expressed. Now it is possible, though not very probable, if the Central Council had decided differently, that we should have found ourselves cut off from them. Such a result can never occur now. It is clearly wiser for a central body to avoid decisions which may exclude any of its constituent societies.

You say that the M.C.A. knew what they wanted, and that the Central Council could have done the same. But that is just what they could not do. No doubt what you actually mean is that the M.C.A. had a sufficiently large body of favourable members to carry the resolution in question. The Central Council, however, had not. Moreover, such a decision could be made by a society by a narrow majority. It would be futile for the Council so to act. As long as there is an influential minority in favour of certain compositions, those compositions would be rung whatever a majority of the Council might pass. By obstinately or tyrannically using a majority in such an event the Council might split the Exercise, or it might give the questionable compositions the very fillip which it did not wish to, but it could not prevent the tide rising, if its rise was due.

It is also futile to argue about a higher standard, while some of us are convinced that the compositions in question actually are of a higher standard than the others. To enlarge the field of operations is not necessarily to admit inferior specimens. They may be better. The principle underlying the idea of 'red tape' is that quality is better than quantity. Fortunately this is not always the case.

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LLANDAFF.—At the Cathedral, on Thursday, June 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins. for evensong, also as a wedding honour to the daughter of Mr. North, sidesman of the Cathedral, who was married on the above date: E. Coles 1, Evan Coles 2, A. Rowley 3, T. Carter 4, L. Wright 5, W. Dare 6, E. Coombes (conductor) 7, J. Bovey 8.

THE DEVON GUILD.

ANNUAL MEETING PROVOKES KEEN INTEREST.

The annual general meeting of the Guild at Exmouth on Whit Monday was attended by nearly 200 members from all parts of Devonshire. A service was held in the fine church of Holy Trinity, with popular hymns rendered by the full choir, the lesson being read by the president of the Guild, and an appropriate address given by the Rev. J. Daughish, R.D., Rector of Lymington, who spoke of the debt of gratitude which churchgoers owed to the ringers. The ringing of the bells, he observed, was inseparably bound up with English religion, and in these days, when Sabbath observance was so generally neglected, the call from the belfry was a challenge to those who disregarded the church services in their pursuit of pleasure. Therefore, he thought, the work of the ringers was more effective than any sermon; and the ringers themselves might take to heart the message of their bells, to practise what they preached.

Dinner was served in the Church Hall for 209 members and friends, the arrangements being carried out to perfection by a ladies' committee of Exmouth Hospital under Mrs. E. V. Cox.

The president (Rev. E. S. Powell) presided over a meeting which was animated and lengthy. The annual report and financial statement were adopted.

The report of the general committee of the Guild was as follows: A particularly encouraging feature of the year has been the attendance and interest shown at the many meetings which have been held. From the reports received from the various branches it would appear that the Guild generally has been marking time during the year 1929, and has not made such advances as might be expected to keep pace with the times. Only fifteen peals have been rung, compared with twenty-seven in 1928. While peal ringing is not the sole aim of the Guild, it is undoubtedly an index of progress, and this falling off, together with a decline in membership, are factors that give the committee some anxiety. The committee desire to impress on all members that the Guild is a live organisation, and as such it must be either progressive or retrograde. Every single member can do something to help forward the work, but if any are apathetic then the burden laid on the officers to carry on the organisation is unduly increased. The monthly Cathedral practices have been sadly neglected, and the committee would urge all, who can, to attend these practices to acquire an insight into twelve-bell work.

The statement of accounts showed that the balance in hand was increased during the year from £50 10s. 8d. to £53 15s. 1d.

A proposal for an alteration of the rules governing the election of president of the Guild and chairmen of branches was abandoned.

A further proposition for altering the rule limiting the period during which the annual general meeting should be held was deferred until the next general meeting.

The Rev. E. S. Powell was re-elected president, Mr. T. Laver as general secretary, and Mr. T. J. Stokes was elected general treasurer in place of Mr. T. G. Bartlett, who was cordially thanked for his ten years' service as treasurer.

Mr. W. J. Southwood and Major C. F. Jerram were elected vice-presidents with those already on the committee.

For the office of representative on the Central Council five nominations were received for four vacancies, and, on a ballot being taken, the Rev. E. S. Powell and Messrs. Marsh, Shepherd and Woodley were declared elected.

It was resolved that a sub-committee be constituted to consider a proposal to provide a permanent memorial to the late Rev. Maitland Kelly, in recognition of his lifelong and self-sacrificing devotion to the Guild.

Plymouth was selected as the venue of the annual meeting in 1931. One life member and three associate members were elected.

A proposal by Mr. Southwood that a special committee be appointed to examine certain alleged defects in the Guild's organisation was defeated.

The general committee was authorised to arrange a partition of the Exeter and North Devon Branches so as to constitute the area in the Deaneries of Holsworthy and Torrington a separate branch.

A vote of confidence in the Rev. E. S. Powell as president, proposed by the Rev. E. V. Cox, was carried with acclamation, the president in responding being visibly affected.

The keen interest shown by this large meeting in the proceedings would appear to belie the allegation that the Guild has reached its decline.

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JUBILEE OF THE SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your account of this, in your last issue, you report me—quite correctly—as referring to a paper, read by the Rev. H. C. Sturges in 1879 to the deanery chapter, as being productive of the Sonning Deanery Society.

I have, however, since learned, on excellent authority, that the paper in question, of which I hold the original, was read by the Rev. E. H. Hart Davis.

This paper was handed to me by Mr. Hart Davis, a few years before he died, with some words of explanation which left me with the impression that it was the work of Mr. Sturges.

I have been informed, also on good authority, that Mr. Sturges did read a similar paper to an informal meeting of clergy at about this time.

I write this as giving some reason, I hope, for my words at the jubilee meeting, and for the benefit of those who in after years will be searching after truth.—Yours truly,

CYRIL W. O. JENKYN

Master of the Oxford Guild.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

TRURO BRANCH MEETING.

St. Newlyn East, Cornwall, possesses a nice ring of six, tenor 9 cwt., rehung about four years ago by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., on ball bearings and in a new frame, when the present treble was added. The church, a beautiful edifice, possesses a fine screen. The Vicar, the Rev. M. May, M.A., extended a very hearty welcome to the fifty or so ringers from Truro Cathedral, Perranzabuloe, Illogan, Redruth, St. Gluvias and St. Budoeh, who attended a Truro Branch gathering on Saturday, and the result was a very happy meeting enjoyed by all. The bells were started before two o'clock by the local band, and were kept going until late in the evening.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, who also gave the address. He was assisted by the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella (diocesan secretary), who read the lessons. A splendid tea, provided by the Vicar and Mrs. May, was thoroughly enjoyed, a vote of thanks being proposed by the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella and seconded by Mr. A. S. Roberts (district secretary).

It is hoped to hold the next meeting of the branch at Truro on Saturday, November 1st, when it is hoped the Lord Bishop will give the address.

A LOSS TO TRURO CATHEDRAL RINGERS.

By the death of Mr. W. S. Sitwell, which took place suddenly on Saturday, May 31st, Truro Cathedral ringers have sustained a severe loss. Although it is seven years since Mr. Sitwell had a serious illness, which compelled him to resign the Mastership of the Cathedral ringers and give up active ringing, he had always taken a keen interest in their work, and at the time of his death held the position of Vice-Master and treasurer.

Mr. Sitwell was the senior partner of the firm of Messrs. Sitwell and Harvey, solicitors, and held many appointments, being secretary to the Dilapidations Board, legal secretary to the Bishop of Truro, and Diocesan Registrar.

On Sunday, June 1st, the Cathedral bells were rung half-muffled in his memory, and after the evening service a touch of 504 Grandsire Triples was rung by Miss L. Willoughby 1, Miss E. J. C. Augwin 2, A. S. Roberts 3, F. W. Marshall 4, W. H. Southard (conductor) 5, W. E. Minoos 6, W. H. Sleeman 7, P. Webb 8.

The funeral took place at Kenwyn Church on Tuesday, June 3rd, when the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella, Messrs. W. H. Southard and A. S. Roberts represented the Cathedral ringers. A wreath was also sent from the band.

AN ESSEX VISIT.

The ringers of St. Mary's Church, Burnham-on-Crouch, accompanied by the Vicar (the Rev. D. L. Williams), visited St. Nicholas' Church, Tillingham, Essex, on Tuesday, May 6th, and spent a most enjoyable evening. The Burnham ringers, by getting the Tillingham ringers to ring with them, helped them with the first stages of change ringing. They also very much admired the great keenness shown by the Tillingham ringers, which is ever needed by those about to take up change ringing.

The ringers, of whom there were nineteen, were afterwards entertained to refreshments by the Vicar (the Rev. C. G. Gardner). The Burnham ringers would like, through 'The Ringing World,' to tender their heartfelt thanks to the Rev. C. G. Gardner for his kind hospitality and allowing them the use of the bells, and also to the Tillingham ringers who attended and gave them such a cordial welcome.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—On Tuesday, May 6th, for H.M. the King's accession, 720 Bob Minor: Miss M. J. Crawford (first 720) 1, J. Brown (first in the method) 2, F. Pattison 3, F. Sheraton 4, W. Brown 5, J. Crawford (conductor) 6, S. Walker and G. Sidde covering on 7 and 8.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On Sunday, June 8th, at St. Bartholomew's Church, for evensong, 1,187 Grandsire Caters: H. Furlonger 1, R. Hayes 2, A. J. Bartlett (Chiddingfold) 3, J. H. B. Hesse 4, F. Bowden 5, J. S. Goldsmith (Woking) (conductor) 6, A. Walker (Birmingham) 7, M. Smither (Chiddingfold) 8, A. R. Pink (Dorking) 9, W. Eldridge 10.

LEWISHAM.—On Whit Sunday, June 8th, in 44 mins., at St. Mary's Church, H. Franks' quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): H. Warnett, jun., 1, C. H. Walker 2, H. Warnett, sen., 3, J. Bennett 4, W. W. Fox 5, F. W. Thornton (conductor) 6, J. Dafters 7, F. Goodwin 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. H. Warnett, jun., and W. W. Fox.

STISTED, ESSEX.—On Sunday, June 8th, for the annual Friendly Societies' parade, at the Church of All Saints, 720 Kent Treble Bob (12 bobs): S. Warne 1, L. W. Wiffen 2, C. H. Howard (conductor) 3, G. Wiffen 4, H. C. Reason 5, W. H. Hammond 6. Also 720 Cambridge Surprise: S. Warne 1, C. H. Howard 2, G. Wiffen 3, A. Wiffen 4, L. W. Wiffen (conductor) 5, H. C. Reason 6. After service 720 Oxford Treble Bob: S. Warne 1, C. H. Howard (conductor) 2, G. Wiffen 3, A. Wiffen 4, H. C. Reason 5, L. W. Wiffen 6.

EARINGDON, BERKS.—On Sunday, June 8th, for morning service, at the Church of All Saints, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: E. Walker 1, F. Wheeler 2, H. Taylor (conductor) 3, C. Pearce 4, C. I. J. Pearce 5, E. G. Hughes 6, T. Clarke 7, A. Townsend (first quarter-peal) 8.

KENSINGTON.—At St. Mary Abbot's Church, on Sunday evening, June 8th, for divine service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,263 changes): F. V. Sinkins 1, A. Cutmore 2, E. R. Mackrill 3, J. A. Dart 4, C. F. Winney 5, H. G. Miles 6, A. Waddington 7, W. E. Judd (conductor) 8, G. C. Rice 9, Capt. C. Warner 10.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD.—At the Parish Church of St. Michael, for evening service, on Whit Sunday, June 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes) in 49 mins.: R. Haydon 1, H. M. White 2, W. Prior 3, F. Springham 4, F. Bird 5, H. J. Tucker (composer and conductor) 6, H. Bull 7, W. W. Tucker 8, W. T. Prior 9, H. Wacey 10. First quarter of Caters by the ringers of 1st, 7th and 10th. Also the first quarter of Grandsire Caters on the bells since re-hanging.—On Sunday, May 4th, for evening service at the Parish Church of St. Michael, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: Miss D. Wacey 1, Harold Wacey 2, F. Springham 3, Rev. F. W. Lane 4, L. C. Shepard 5, W. W. Tucker 6, F. Bird (conductor) 7, H. A. Wacey 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Wacey and Rev. Lane. First quarter 'inside' by the ringer of 2nd.

WORCESTER.—On Tuesday, June 8th, at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): F. Neate 1, W. Powell 2, J. H. Hill 3, T. Lewis 4, W. C. Jones 5, A. Hill (conductor) 6, R. Wolcott 7, J. J. Jefferies 8, E. Watkins 9, W. H. Johnson, 10. Rung in honour of the King's birthday and as a birthday compliment to W. Powell, who has been a regular Sunday service ringer for nearly forty years.

PLYMOUTH.—At Emmanuel Church, on Whit Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples from Holt's Original in 49 mins.: R. Pugsley 1, R. Beer 2, W. G. Hiscott (conductor) 3, W. Rundle 4, G. Goddard 5, A. Trigg (Penzance) 6, R. J. Baldry 7, F. Baldry 8.

ALDERSHOT.—On Sunday, June 1st, at the Parish Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: Miss Edna Southby 1, Miss A. Fisher 2, Miss Nancie Denyer 3, A. Cox 4, W. Viggers 5, P. Eldridge 6, E. Bragg (conductor) 7, Guardsman R. Chance, Grenadier Guards (first quarter-peal) 8.

PYLINGDALES, YORKS.—On Sunday, June 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): Miss K. Taylor 1, M. Cooper 2, Miss D. Bulman 3, E. Thompson 4, Miss A. Bulman 5, G. F. Alexander 6, W. Swallow (conductor) 7, T. Tindale 8. Arranged for the conductor, who hails from Pontefract.

ABERAVON, GLAM.—On Sunday, June 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: G. Chappell 1, W. Williams 2, W. J. Nurton 3, F. E. Stone 4, C. Mathers 5, C. Jones 6, A. J. Pitman (conductor) 7, J. Wethersby 8.

CROYDON.—On Sunday, May 25th, at the Church of St. Peter, for evensong, 1,263 Stedman Caters: D. Wright 1, H. Wills 2, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 3, R. H. Dove 4, W. Bulpitt 5, F. Leeks 6, R. Davies 7, W. H. Hewett 8, E. Denham 9, J. Adcock 10. First quarter of Stedman by ringers of 4th, 6th and 7th. Rung as a compliment to H. Wills on the 26th anniversary of his wedding.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Giles, on Sunday, May 18th, for morning service, 1,295 Grandsire Caters in 54 mins.: G. Bannard 1, T. Law 2, A. W. Robinson 3, F. Rollings 4, F. Hopper 5, W. R. Parker 6, W. H. Austin 7, W. J. Dove 8, J. J. Taylor (conductor) 9, J. G. Dean 10. First quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters by ringers of treble and third.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Bethnal Green, for evensong, on Sunday, May 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 49 mins.: H. C. Taylor 1, J. Martin 2, J. F. Parrott 3, F. J. Parrott 4, L. Sadler 5, L. Wapshere 6, I. J. Attwater (conductor) 7, H. Hills 8. First quarter by ringers of 5th and 6th.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on June 19th. *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 24th; all at 7.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 26th; 8 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Handsworth on Saturday, June 14th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea (1s. each person) and business meeting. Gentlemen cordially invited. Subscriptions due. Those requiring tea please notify Noel Cawthorne, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Handsworth Road, Handsworth, Sheffield.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Grundisburgh (8 bells) on June 14th. Tea in Parish Room at 4.30 p.m., 9d. each. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Wethersfield on Saturday, June 14th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Scothern (6), Saturday, June 14th. Tower open 2 p.m. Notification for tea to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Jarrow on Saturday, June 14th. Bells of Christ Church and St. Peter's; also St. Andrew's, Hebburn, available. Meet Christ Church at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at Co-operative Café. All are welcome, and please don't 'dodge' the meeting, but 'dodge' at it.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Water Street, West Hartlepool.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Arlesey on Saturday, June 14th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Parbold on Saturday, June 14th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. A good attendance requested. Subscriptions are now due.—James W. Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next quarterly meeting for ringing only will be held at Silverdale Church on June 14th. Bells (6) will be ready at 2 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The second quarterly meeting will be held at Hallaton on Saturday, June 14th. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Fox Hotel at 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. A special bus will leave Victoria Park Gates, Leicester, at 2.45 p.m.—Alban Disney, Dis. Hon. Sec., 3, Highgate, Aylestone Lane, Leicester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Hungerford on Saturday, June 14th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at 1s. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. — A meeting will be held at St. Chad's Church, Poulton-le-Fylde (6 bells) on Saturday, June 14th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Free tea to all who notify me not later than Wednesday, June 11th.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., 118, Dickson Road, Blackpool.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Crofton on Saturday, June 14th, by special invitation of the Vicar (Rev. H. Brownrigg), who hopes to have a good ringers' rally on the last day of the week's Quincentenary Celebrations of the Parish Church. Bells ready for all day. All ringers and friends are welcome.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon, on Saturday, June 14th. Bells available from 3.15. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow in Schools.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting, at Hillesdon, Saturday, June 14th. Service 4 p.m. Preacher: The Rev. H. Chapman, Vicar-designate of Wotton Underwood. Tea, 5 p.m., 1s. each. Ringing from 2 p.m. — Rev. J. F. Amies, Edgcote Rectory, Aylesbury.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—The annual joint meeting of the societies in the above area will be held at Conisborough, near Doncaster, on Saturday, June 21st. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Tea at 5.30. Meeting after tea. Names for tea will be appreciated by Mr. S. Harrison, 11, Church Street, Conisborough, by the 18th inst. Subscriptions for 1929-30 are now due, and should be paid, if possible, at this meeting.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

WHITTLESEY, CAMBS.—The re-opening of the rehung and augmented peal of 8 by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston at St. Andrew's Church will take place on Sat., June 21st, at 3 p.m. Tea in Parish Room at 4.15. Tickets for tea (1/- per head) should be obtained from the Rev. A. E. T. Newman, St. Andrew's Vicarage, Whittlesey, Peterborough, not later than June 14th. The bells will be available for ringing after tea.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Chorley on Saturday, June 21st. The bells at Chorley Parish and St. Mary's R.C. Churches will be available from 2.30. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by Wednesday, June 18th.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Rd., Chorley.

DEVON GUILD.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cruwys-Morchard on Saturday, June 21st. Bells available 2.30. Committee meeting 4.15. Service 4.30. Tea, tickets 1s., 5. All requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, June 17th.—A. G. Selby, Hon. Sec., The Square, Silverton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting will be held with the Ely Diocesan Guild on Saturday, June 21st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. We are hoping to see a good attendance. — C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford; F. Warrington, Long Stanton, Cambs.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The June meeting will be held at Whitnash (1½ miles from Leamington) on Saturday, June 21st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Please make own arrangements for tea.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Stand, Whitefield, on Saturday, June 21st. Bells ready 6 p.m. Subscriptions due.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver St., Miles Platting.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Ockley on Saturday, June 21st. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea on the Cricket Field at 5.30 p.m. Please let me know not later than the 18th inst. if tea is desired. Friends from neighbouring associations will be heartily welcomed.—Alan R. Pink, Hon. Sec., Railway Hotel, Dorking.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Chester-le-Street on Saturday, June 21st. Bells available after 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Hoping to have a good company.—H. Tyson, Sec., 23, Bungalow, Tanfield Lea.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Laughton on Saturday, June 21st. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock at the Roebuck Hotel (1s. 2d. per head). Business meeting to follow. — Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Bishopstone on Saturday, June 21st. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s. per head, for those who notify me early. — S. Hopper, Branch Hon. Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD. — The next meeting of the above Guild will be held at Rolvenden on Saturday, June 21st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden, Kent.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch. — The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Wistaston on Saturday, June 21st (6 bells). Tea at 5. Meeting to follow. Will those intending being present kindly inform me on or before June 18th?—R. D. Langford, 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Stagsden (5 bells) on Saturday, June 21st, at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. The Vicar extends a hearty welcome to everyone, and hopes there will be a good attendance, as this is the first meeting to be held at Stagsden. — P. C. Bonnett, Rose Cottage, Stagsden.

LAVENHAM.—On Saturday, June 21st. The bells will be at the disposal of ringers at 2 p.m. till 9.—A. Symonds, Steeplekeeper, 41, Market Lane.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch.—The branch annual meeting will be held at East Haddon on Saturday, June 21st. Notification for tea to R. Adams, East Haddon, Northants.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Established 1623). —The 307th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Friday, June 27th. Bells (12) available from 9 a.m. All visitors welcome.—Leonard E. Pitstow, Hon. Sec., 21, Debden Road, Saffron Walden.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The summer meeting of the Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association will be held at Dumbleton on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 (by in-

visitation of the Rector, Rev. Collens Ashwen). All welcome. Will those intending being present please notify me by the 24th inst?—Walter Yeend, Branch Hon. Sec., Millfair, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division. — A meeting will be held at Longwood, near Huddersfield, on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea provided at a charge of 1s. 3d. per head to those who send in their names to Mr. A. Rotherv, 75, Cliffe End Road, Longwood, Huddersfield, not later than Thursday, June 26th.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District. — The annual meeting will be held at St. Clement Danes', Strand, W.C., on June 28th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Service 5 o'clock, followed by tea and business meeting. Gentlemen cordially invited. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by June 24th?—F. E. Orr, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Laitwood Road, Balham, S.W.12.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Sutton Coldfield, on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Tea at 5 (1s. 3d. per head) for all who let me know by Tuesday, 24th inst. — T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — The first general quarterly meeting will be held at Duffield on Saturday, June 28th. Bells (10) open for ringing during afternoon and evening. Committee meet at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in Church Hall, followed by general meeting. Those requiring tea (2s. per head) must advise Mr. S. Dawson, Tamworth Street, Duffield, not later than 26th to avoid disappointment. Special business to be discussed, so turn up in crowds!—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch. — A meeting of the above branch will be held at Chaddesley Corbett on Saturday, June 28th. Bells will be available at 3 o'clock. Service in Church 4.30. Teas will be 6d. each. Will all those intending to be present please notify me not later than June 24th?—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (East Berks and S. Bucks Branch) and **MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD** (South and West District). A joint meeting has been arranged on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available; Old Windsor 3.30-4.30 p.m. and after tea; Wraysbury 3.30. Guild service 5. Tea in the Scouts' Hall, Wraysbury, 5.45, at 1s. 3d. per head, for those who notify me not later than June 23rd.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Stanmore on Saturday, June 28th. Bells from 3. Service at 5. Tea, usual terms, at 5.30. Please advise me if you are coming. Harrow Weald bells available after tea, if required.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held on Saturday, June 28th, at Hartfield. Tower opened 3 p.m. Will all those requiring tea kindly let me know by Wednesday, June 25th? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Hon. Sec., Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual summer festival will be held on the Thames-side, with Egham as the centre, on Saturday, July 5th. All visitors will be welcome. Further particulars later.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec.

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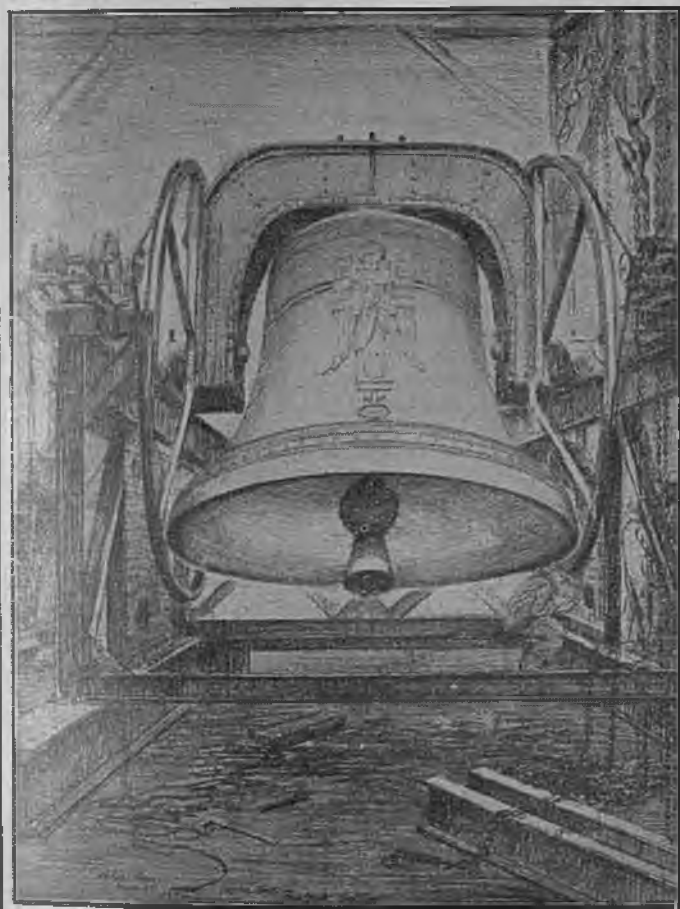
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The Central Council meeting in London last week had many points of interest about it. To begin with, it was held in historic surroundings, for, by the kindness of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Guard Room at Lambeth Palace was placed at the Council's disposal and the deliberations were thus carried on in an apartment that has seen many important conferences in the history of the Church of England, and from the walls of which the portraits of a long line of Primates gazed down upon the assembly. Before and during the war the Council's usual meeting place in London was the Church House, Westminster, but thanks to the initiative of Mr. E. A. Young, the hon. secretary, the last three gatherings in the Metropolis have been held successively in the Jerusalem Chamber at Westminster Abbey, the Mansion House, and Lambeth Palace—a privilege which the Council has not been slow to appreciate. This year's meeting attracted an attendance of ninety-six members, which equalled the total of the 1927 London Assembly—easily the record attendance at a Council meeting. As is usual at the triennial meeting, the election of a new Council produced quite a number of members who came fresh to the central body, and although at this first appearance they may have felt themselves among many strangers, they will rapidly find in the Council—for all its divergencies of opinion—that same pervading spirit of brotherhood which characterises the Exercise to so marked a degree, and which, to no little extent, is one of its most attractive features.

The agenda provided the Council with a full day's work, and it can be said with satisfaction that something was really accomplished. There have been meetings when there has been little to show for all the talk that has taken place, but if for no other reason than for the decisions to print and publish three important works, the Exercise has gained from last week's meeting. The gathering, however, will probably be best remembered from the fact that it was the occasion of changing the pilot. Canon Coleridge, who has guided the deliberations of the Council for nine years, resigned from the presidency, and Mr. Edwin H. Lewis was elected to the office. Everyone was happy to see the Canon apparently so completely recovered from his illness, but they could not resist his decision that the time had arrived when a younger man should take over the work. The Council will, of course, still have the benefit of Canon Coleridge's advice and experience, for he remains, as he has done since the formation of the Council, a representative of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and we hope he will long be

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spared to take his share in the deliberations of the Council. The Council is more than fortunate to have as his successor in the chair Mr. Lewis, whose qualifications for the office are unexcelled among the members and indeed in the Exercise. His vast business experience, and his great knowledge of ringing and of matters relating to the technical side of bell hanging will be a great asset to the Council. His tactful handling of the meeting last week and his extremely valuable contribution to the report of the Towers and Belfries Committee convinced everyone, if conviction were needed, of the wisdom which led to putting Mr. Lewis forward as Canon Coleridge's successor.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Monday, June 9, 1930, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
 Tenor 20 cwt.

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| RONALD BELLEN 1 | HENRY W. WILDE 6 |
| WILFRED WILLIAMS 2 | *ERNEST A. REEVE 7 |
| EDWIN F. PIKE 3 | WILLIAM H. HEWETT 8 |
| STAFFORD H. GREEN 4 | ERNEST BRETT 9 |
| JAMES E. DAVIS 5 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor |

Composed by REV H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by W. H. HEWETT

* First peal of Cambridge Royal. First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal on these famous old bells. H. W. Wilde (Chester) and E. A. Reeve (Battersea) were elected members previous to start of peal.

WREXHAM, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 9, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
 Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

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| *G. RONALD EDWARDS ... Treble | EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... 6 |
| WILLIAM JONES 2 | LESTER L. GRAY 7 |
| GEORGE R. JONES 3 | *JAMES F. SMITH 8 |
| *ARTHUR NEWELL 4 | JAMES SWINDLEY 9 |
| *PERCY SWINDLEY 5 | JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor |

Composed by J. Wood. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.
 * First peal of Royal. The conductor's first peal of Kent Royal and first ten-bell peal as conductor.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION,
 (NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 14, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;
 Tenor 18 cwt. (approx.).

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| *A. OLIVER LEWIS 1 | *H. JAMES TURNER 6 |
| *THOMAS W. LEWIS 2 | *GEORGE E. FEARN 7 |
| ARTHUR J. MARTIN 3 | HAROLD F. MARTIN 8 |
| WILLIAM SHORT 4 | HARRY PRICE 9 |
| †THOMAS P. CARROLL 5 | *RALPH C. PARTON ... Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by HAROLD F. MARTIN
 * First peal on ten bells. † First peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Friday, May 30, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

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| JOHN WHEADON 1 | JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5 |
| HARRY HOVERD 2 | HARRY SIMMONDS 6 |
| HARRY RAYNER 3 | HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 7 |
| FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. ... 4 | RICHARD A. JENKINS ... Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

Rung half-muffled as a tribute of great respect to Archbishop Lord Davidson on the day of his burial at Canterbury Cathedral. He was curate at Dartford, 1874-1877.

HEADINGLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 28, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

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| *FREDERICK G. SHERWOOD ... Treble | GEORGE W. SLACK ... 5 |
| †G. WILFRED SLACK ... 2 | GEORGE ROBINSON ... 6 |
| CHARLES E. LAWSON ... 3 | †FRANCIS BARKER ... 7 |
| PERCY J. JOHNSON ... 4 | SIDNEY SADLER ... Tenor |

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by SIDNEY SADLER

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last tribute of respect to the late Archbishop Lord Davidson, and the late William Birks, a former member of the Pudsey company, who was interred at Pudsey on that date.

WINDSOR, BERKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 3, 1930, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.

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| WALTER P. CROSS ... Treble | E. S. T. FARR ... 5 |
| MRS. C. C. MAYNE ... 2 | WILLIAM HENLEY ... 6 |
| *THOMAS SMITH ... 3 | GEORGE GILBERT ... 7 |
| GEORGE H. GOTTBRIDGE ... 4 | LEONARD STILWELL ... Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by L. STILWELL.

* First peal of Major 'inside.' Rung in honour of His Majesty the King's birthday. First peal in the method on the bells. The one hundredth tower in which G. Gilbert has rung a peal.

NEWPORT, I.O.W.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 3, 1930, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 16 cwt.

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| WILLIAM JOHNSON ... Treble | ALBERT D. CALLOWAY ... 5 |
| WALTER SCOTT, JUN. ... 2 | SIDNEY MOODY ... 6 |
| HARRY BARTON ... 3 | WILLIAM UPTON ... 7 |
| WALTER SCOTT, SEN. ... 4 | WILLIAM H. G. SCOTT ... Tenor |

Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

Rung in honour of the birthday of His Majesty the King.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 3, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 26 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

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| J. BURGESS ... Treble | H. DEAN ... 5 |
| A. CHALLINOR ... 2 | J. WORTH ... 6 |
| W. STEVENSON ... 3 | J. NORBURY ... 7 |
| A. BURGESS ... 4 | W. GAYES ... Tenor |

Conducted by J. WORTH.

This peal was rung, after meeting short for Caters, in honour of the King's birthday, and as a welcome to the Rev. N. A. Vesey on taking up his duties as Vicar of Macclesfield. It is 44 years since the ringer of the treble rang his last peal.

ORMESBY, YORKSHIRE.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 5, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

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| THOMAS LANCASTER ... Treble | GEORGE KEMBALL ... 5 |
| RALPH JACKSON ... 2 | J. CYRIL POLLARD ... 6 |
| *JACK REID ... 3 | THOMAS METCALFE ... 7 |
| HARRY CLAYTON ... 4 | A. SPURDLE ... Tenor |

Conducted by RALPH JACKSON.

* First peal in the method on an inside bell. This peal was rung specially to commemorate the completion of Mr. Thomas Metcalfe's 21st year of office as secretary and treasurer of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 7, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

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| JOHN THORPE ... Treble | WILLIAM T. PALMER ... 5 |
| ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... 2 | JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 6 |
| *ALFRED E. PARSONS ... 3 | WILLIAM H. TURTON ... 7 |
| BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 4 | A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... Tenor |

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS.

* First peal of Oxford. First peal of Oxford on the bells since 1858. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

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| SAMUEL WARNE ... Treble | FRANK CLAYDON ... 5 |
| WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 2 | *ERNEST BRIGHT ... 6 |
| ALBERT WIFFEN ... 3 | LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 7 |
| GEORGE WIFFEN ... 4 | *FRED CHALK ... Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by LEWIS W. WIFFEN.

* First peal in the method. First as conductor in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. Claydon, also on the 61st anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. B. Keeble, of Romford.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 7, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

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| LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... Treble | GEORGE BENNETT ... 5 |
| LESLIE G. BRETT ... 2 | GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ... 6 |
| GEORGE PRYKE ... 3 | T. WILLIAM LAST ... 7 |
| JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... 4 | WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN

STAPLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

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| CHARLES W. PLAYER ... Treble | HARRY BAKER ... 5 |
| CHARLES H. SONE ... 2 | THOMAS E. SONE ... 6 |
| MRS. H. BAKER ... 3 | WILLIAM WENBAN ... 7 |
| KENNETH PATTENDEN ... 4 | *HERBERT S. THIRKELL ... Tenor |

Conducted by W. WENBAN.

* First peal away from the treble and first in the method.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 16 lb.

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| WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... Treble | GEORGE T. PEGNALL ... 5 |
| *HERBERT LASKEY ... 2 | WALTER FARROW ... 6 |
| GEORGE MAYERS ... 3 | FRANK H. DAVEY ... 7 |
| JOHN W. WASEY ... 4 | WILLIAM E. BASON ... Tenor |

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by WM. B. DUNCAN.

* First peal and first attempt.

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BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 7, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in A flat.

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| WALTER J. BATTLE Treble | JOHN BROWN 5 |
| G. RONALD EDWARDS 2 | * JAMES F. SMITH 6 |
| JOHN COOKE 3 | LESTER L. GRAY 7 |
| GEORGE R. JONES 4 | JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor |

Composed by G. HOLMES.

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First Surprise peal. First peal of New Cambridge by all except ringers of 4th and tenor.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 8, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

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| JESSE FRANCIS Treble | SIDNEY WILTSHIRE 5 |
| ERNEST TRUMAN 2 | * RAYMOND PEARCE 6 |
| GEORGE POPNELL 3 | WILLIAM C. WEST 7 |
| THOMAS DAVISON 4 | FRED LAMBETH Tenor |

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN.

Conducted by FRED LAMBETH.

* First peal of Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Arthur West, father of the ringer of the seventh.

LLANGIBBY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 9, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

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| * EDWARD H. STRADLING ... Treble | LIONEL JONES 5 |
| EDGAR W. LUFF 2 | GEORGE HAWKINS 6 |
| † GEORGE KNIGHT 3 | DONALD G. CLIFT 7 |
| ARTHUR HAWKINS 4 | CHARLES H. MATTHEWS ... Tenor |

Conducted by DONALD G. CLIFT.

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

ROLVENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 9, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 16 cwt. in F sharp.

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| WILLIAM BUTTON Treble | KENNETH PATTENDEN ... 5 |
| MRS. H. BAKER 2 | ALBERT RELFE 6 |
| HARRY BAKER 3 | THOMAS E. SONE 7 |
| CHARLES W. PLAYER 4 | GEORGE H. DAYNES Tenor |

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, June 10, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble | JESSE J. MOSS 5 |
| STANLEY SLANEY 2 | ERNEST WAGSTAFF 6 |
| THOMAS BETTISON 3 | JOHN H. BROTEWELL 7 |
| LESLIE W. BACON 4 | JOHN FLINT Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

CLAVERLEY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, June 10, 1930, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

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| GEO. ARTHUR BAKER ... Treble | FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 5 |
| THOMAS RODEN 2 | ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 6 |
| ALBERT D. COLLINS 3 | ALFRED FALLON 7 |
| HERBERT R. PICKERING ... 4 | HARRY BOSWELL Tenor |

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

Rung in the octave of the Whitsun Festival.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 9, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6248 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

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| * WILLIAM WEATHERBY ... Treble | GEORGE R. JONES 5 |
| G. RONALD EDWARDS 2 | * EDWARD V. RODENHURST 6 |
| LESTER L. GRAY 3 | † PERCY SWINDLEY 7 |
| JAMES F. SMITH 4 | JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal of New Cambridge. † First peal of Cambridge. First peal of Cambridge in the tower, and first peal of Surprise on the bells since they were recast.

TWICKENHAM.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

On Wednesday, June 11, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

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| MRS. R. F. DEAL Treble | JOHN PERRY 5 |
| MRS. G. W. FLETCHER 2 | GEORGE R. PYE 6 |
| REV. E. S. POWELL 3 | HERBERT KNIGHT 7 |
| MRS. E. S. POWELL 4 | J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Tenor |

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by MRS. G. W. FLETCHER.

GODSTONE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Wednesday, June 11, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb.

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| MISS FLORRIE WYMAN ... Treble | ALFRED J. BULL 5 |
| GEORGE OLLIVER 2 | GEORGE ELLIS 6 |
| LEONARD A. TIDY 3 | NELSON ELLIOTT 7 |
| KENNETH SNELLING 4 | OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor |

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 11, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve 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.

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| JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble | GEORGE WILSON 5 |
| RAYMOND OVERY 2 | GEORGE E. CLODE 6 |
| WILLIAM J. ROBINSON 3 | JAMES GEORGE 7 |
| ALFRED H. PULLING 4 | C. ERNEST SMITH Tenor |

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

BISHOP'S CANNINGS, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, June 12, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. in E flat.

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| * VINCENT E. SWIFT ... Treble | GEORGE WINTER 5 |
| † ROBERT SWIFT 2 | SIDNEY HILLIER 6 |
| † EDGAR G. SWIFT 3 | FRANK GREEN 7 |
| † WILLIAM A. SWIFT 4 | THOMAS MERRITT Tenor |

Conducted by SIDNEY HILLIER.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. Arranged for the brothers Swift, one being on holiday from Crawley, and another from Uxbridge. Mr. Winter was proposed a member previous to starting.

CLAIMS WITHDRAWN.

Mr. F. Bennett has withdrawn the claim, made in the footnote to the peal of Double Norwich at Brighton, Sussex, on May 17th, to the first peal in the method on the bells. The first in the method in this tower was conducted by Mr. W. Pye on June 25th, 1899.

Mr. C. T. Coles also withdraws the claim to the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at St. Peter's, Bushey Heath, on Whit Monday, a peal in the method having been previously rung there, viz., on August 27th, 1927, conducted by Mr. F. W. Brinklow.

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

On Thursday, June 12, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

| PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. | | Tenor 15½ cwt. | |
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| JOHN E. KENNINGTON... | ...Trebble | J. BENJAMIN BUDD ... | 5 |
| FREDERICK OVERTON ... | 2 | *L. WILLIAM JACQUES ... | 6 |
| P.C. ARTHUR PASHLEY ... | 3 | HERBERT I. MINGAY... | 7 |
| ERNEST MEFFIN ... | 4 | †REGINALD SUTTON ... | Tenor |

Conducted by L. WILLIAM JACQUES.

* Fiftieth peal. † First peal. Arranged for the conductor whilst on a visit to Cleethorpes. He was elected a member previous to starting the peal.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 14, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

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| MISS NORAH M. BIBBY ... | ...Trebble | *GEORGE R. NEWTON ... | 5 |
| WILLIAM BIBBY ... | 2 | EDWARD V. RODENHURST... | 6 |
| LESTER L. GRAY ... | 3 | GEORGE R. JONES ... | 7 |
| THOMAS HAMMOND ... | 4 | JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... | Tenor |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

First peal of New Cambridge. Mr. W. Bibby's 200th peal.

TITCHMARSH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THERAPSTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 14, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in E.

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| JOHN COLEMAN ... | ...Trebble | *ERNEST WHITMORE ... | 5 |
| *H. WILLIAM CHENEY ... | 2 | CYRIL WILSON ... | 6 |
| JAMES M. NICKERSON ... | 3 | *WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... | 7 |
| GEORGE JEFFS ... | 4 | GEORGE W. JEFFS ... | Tenor |

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by GEORGE W. JEFFS.

* First peal of Major. First peal as conductor.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 14, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5030 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

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| C. ERNEST SMITH ... | ...Trebble | PETER CHARMAN ... | 5 |
| CHARLES W. DENYER ... | 2 | ROBERT BRETT ... | 6 |
| JOHN H. B. HESSE ... | 3 | ALFRED H. POLLING ... | 7 |
| GEORGE E. CLODE ... | 4 | WALTER CHARMAN ... | Tenor |

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

G. E. Smith has now completed the circle in this tower. It is over 20 years since R. Brett rang a peal of Stedman. G. E. Clode was proposed a member of the association before starting.

GLASBURY-ON-WYE, BRECONSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 14, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

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| HUBERT JONES ... | ...Trebble | JAMES P. HYETT ... | 5 |
| WILLIAM R. NASH ... | 2 | FREDERICK SMITH ... | 6 |
| JOHN J. PRICE ... | 3 | FRANCIS EVANS ... | 7 |
| WILLIAM J. BENIAMS ... | 4 | *G. JAMES R. PRICE ... | Tenor |

Conducted by FRANCIS EVANS.

* First peal of Triples. Frederick Smith was proposed a member of the Hereford Guild before starting. Rung as a compliment to John J. Price for his 21st birthday.

BOURNEMOUTH.—At St. John's, in 48 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss N. Hodge (first attempt for a quarter-peal) 1, H. Mitchell 2, V. Stock 3, M. White 4, A. G. Rose 5, G. B. Cole 6, C. Turner (conductor) 7, F. Longman 8.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WOUGHTON, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 31, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and four 720's of Plain Bob.

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| HORACE H. SMITH ... | ...Trebble | ALBERT FLEET ... | 4 |
| WALTER SEAR ... | 2 | EDMUND J. HOBBS ... | 5 |
| CHARLES W. SMITH ... | 3 | HARRY SEAR ... | Tenor |

Conducted by E. J. HOBBS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the Rev Canon W. H. Whitaker, Rector of the above parish for thirteen years, an honorary member of the above Guild and a great friend of the ringers.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, June 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven 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, Double Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

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| SIDNEY T. HOLT ... | ...Trebble | WILLIAM RANFORD ... | 4 |
| FRED HAWKES ... | 2 | CYRIL TANSSELL ... | 5 |
| FRANK LAWRENCE ... | 3 | CHARLES CAMM ... | Tenor |

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

BADWELL ASH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, June 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 20 six-scores of Plain Bob with twelve different callings and 22 of Grandsire with ten different callings.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in F sharp.

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| PERCY L. JOHNSON ... | ...Trebble | RUSSELL E. WARD ... | 3 |
| ALPHAUS J. BERRY ... | 2 | DAVID WHITING ... | 4 |
| GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... | Tenor | | |

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

First peal on the bells for the Guild and since 1909.

CAMERTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 3, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 9½ cwt.

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| *ALBERT SHERBORNE ... | ...Trebble | †WILLIAM CANVIN ... | 4 |
| EDGAR BOURTON ... | 2 | A. OWEN WRINTMORE ... | 5 |
| FRANK HARDING ... | 3 | STANLEY MILVERTON ... | Tenor |

Conducted by A. OWEN WRINTMORE.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. All the above were regular Sunday service ringers until recently, the conductor having now left the district.

BROMFIELD, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(LUDLOW AND CHURCH STRETTON DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, June 7, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

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| HUBERT JONES ... | ...Trebble | THOMAS H. T. SMALLWOOD ... | 4 |
| *ROBERT H. JONES ... | 2 | ALBERT E. JONES ... | 5 |
| WILLIAM J. BENIAMS ... | 3 | ARTHUR C. NASON ... | Tenor |

Conducted by WM. J. BENIAMS.

* First peal of Doubles. Ringers of 2nd, 4th and 5th hail from Knighton, treble, 3rd and tenor from Ludlow. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. J. Price, of Knighton.

HINTON WALDRIST.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(VALE OF WHITE HORSE DEANERY BRANCH.)
On Saturday, June 7, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 7 cwt.

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| *WILLIAM A. ENDBY Treble | EDWARD C. HUGHES 4 |
| FRANK WHEELER 2 | ROBERT TAYLOR 5 |
| COTHBERT I. J. PEARCE 3 | THOMAS CLARKE Tenor |

Conducted by HUBERT TAYLOR.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

HEREFORD.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(HEREFORD DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, June 7, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).

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| H. W. ROGERS Treble | C. J. JONES 4 |
| R. TREHERNE 2 | REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 5 |
| N. W. PREECE 3 | T. WILKS Tenor |

Conducted by the REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON, Rector of the parish.

Believed to be the first peal recorded on the bells.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, June 7, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three 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 Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

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| *HENRY BARTON Treble | JOHN W. HARTLEY 4 |
| †FRANK TWIGG 2 | ERNEST BENNETT 5 |
| JAMES A. MILNER 3 | JOHN WORTH Tenor |

Conducted by ERNEST BENNETT.

* First peal. † First peal in three methods. Rung as a quarterly peal for the Stockport and Bowdon Branch.

LLANFRECFA, MON.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 7, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.).

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| EDWARD H. STRADLING ... Treble | DONALD G. CLIFT 4 |
| GEORGE HAWKINS 2 | ARTHUR HAWKINS 5 |
| SAMUEL JONES 3 | WILLIAM PHILLIPS Tenor |

Conducted by SAMUEL JONES.

STONE-IN-OXNEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
AND ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Sunday, June 8, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's. Tenor 13 cwt.

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| *MRS. PATTENDEN Treble | ALFRED DAW 4 |
| †CYRIL W. A. BROWN 2 | †FREDERICK BURT 5 |
| WILLIAM BUTTON 3 | KENNETH PATTENDEN Tenor |

Conducted by K. PATTENDEN.

* First peal. † First peal away from treble. ‡ Elected a member of the Romney Marsh and District Guild previous to starting.

MABLETHORPE, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Whit Monday, June 9, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob.

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| MRS. J. BRAY Treble | FRANK LORD 4 |
| BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. 2 | HERBERT I. MINGAY 5 |
| P. C. ARTHUR FASHLEY 3 | JACK BRAY Tenor |

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD.)

On Saturday, June 14, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
AT NO. 1, SALTER'S ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5003 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

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| JOHN ANDERSON 1-2 | WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 5-6 |
| WILLIAM H. BARBER 3-4 | ROBERT S. ANDERSON 7-8 |
| ADAM DEAS 9-10 | |

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by W. H. BARBER.
Rung as a seventh birthday compliment to Barbara, daughter of Mr. A. Deas.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
AT RYE MILL FARM,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

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| GEORGE GREEN 1-2 | WILLIAM KEEBLE 5-6 |
| LEWIS W. WIFFEN 3-4 | ERNEST BRIGHT 7-8 |

Composed by J. J. BRIERLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

LEICESTER DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting was held at Hallaton on Saturday, and a special bus conveyed a party from Leicester, passing through some very fine country en route. Tea was held at the Fox Hotel at which a party of 17 were present. Afterwards a short business meeting was held. The local vice-president, Mr. A. J. Harris, made reference to the sad bereavement of Mr. Ronald Russell, of the Hallaton band, by the sudden death of his father on the previous Tuesday, and asked the meeting to stand for a few moments in silence as a token of respect.

The Rector, Rev. F. S. Fulham, was elected an hon. member of the association.

The provisional arrangements for the combined meeting with the Hinckley District at South Wigston and Wigston Magna, on Saturday, July 19th, were ratified, and it was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Foxton on Saturday, September 6th.

Before tea, a well-struck 360 each of Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung half-muffled on Hallaton bells.

About 6.30 p.m. the bus conveyed the ringers to Belton, just inside Rutland, where the rest of the evening was spent. The following methods were rung on the six bells: Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Stedman Slow Course, Cambridge Surprise, Canterbury Surprise and York Surprise Minor.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Southern District of the Surrey Association was held at St. Bartholomew's, Horley, on Saturday, June 7th, when ringers from Redhill, Roigate, Charlwood, Merstham, Buckland, Burstow, Godstone, Limpsfield Chart, Crawley, Turner's Hill and the local band made good use of the bells. The service was conducted by the Rev. H. T. Lewis (Vicar), who welcomed the visitors to Horley. Immediately after the service, ringers numbering about 25 sat down to a good tea at the Six Bells Inn, provided by the Vicar, who presided over the usual business meeting. The ratification of Mr. E. G. Swift as a ringing member, and the Rev. G. Steer, of Limpsfield, as an honorary member, was confirmed.

The next quarterly peal to be attempted is Grandsire Triples at Horley, to be conducted by Mr. O. Sippetts. The next meeting is to be held at Oxted in August.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his address at the service, and for his hospitality in providing the tea; also to Mr. H. Bashford, of Roigate, for presiding at the organ during the service. The ringers returned to the tower again for further ringing, where good practice was had in the standard methods, and rounds for the beginners.

FAREWELL TO A VICAR.

At Yorktown, Surrey, on Saturday, after an abortive attempt for a peal, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. R. Curwen, who is exchanging livings with the Vicar of Wintersloe, Wilts: J. S. Goldsmith 1, W. Viggers 2, F. Marchmont 3, F. Ewens 4, F. Nye (conductor) 5, B. Hawkins 6, H. Hunt 7, H. J. Hunt 8.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the above association was held on Saturday, June 14th, at Crich. Favoured with fine weather, this old Derbyshire village, with its famous Crich Stand (rebuilt as a war memorial to the memory of the fallen members of the Notts and Derby Regt.), and its beautiful ring of eight bells, attracted a good number of ringers from Alfreton, Ashover, Blackwell, Derby, Mansfield Woodhouse, Morton, Melbourne, South Normanton, Ripley, Selston, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Heanor, Worthington, and the local band. The bells were raised about two o'clock, and were kept going until service, which was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. H. E. Jones), who gave an address and warmly welcomed the visitors on this the first visit of the association during his incumbency.

Tea was served in the schoolroom, followed by the business meeting, at which the president, Mr. Wilson Dobb, presided.

A resolution was passed, instructing the secretary to advertise all meetings in 'The Ringing World' during the next year. One gentleman expressed the opinion that, unless this course is adopted, the association appeared too conservative, as non-members did not know of the meetings. It was hoped that more ringers would be induced to subscribe to 'The Ringing World.'

One new member was elected, and the business concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, organist and ladies who catered for tea. Full use was made of the bells until 8 p.m., and another pleasant meeting was brought to a close by a good lowering of the bells in peal.

TRURO CATHEDRAL JUBILEE.

On Sunday, May 18th, for 10 a.m. Sung Eucharist, at the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, Truro, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 55 mins.: Miss L. Willoughby 1, Miss E. J. C. Augwin 2, J. Sedgley 3 A. S. Roberts (conductor) 4, F. W. Marshall 5, W. H. Southeard 6, W. H. Sleeman 7, N. Williams 8. Rung to commence the week of thanksgiving services, which took place each day, and which were attended by the various deaneries, to commemorate the jubilee of the laying of the foundation stone of the Cathedral. Service ringing was also done each evening (Monday excepted), and after the evening service of Sunday, May 25th, another quarter-peal was attempted, but failed to come around properly.

ONE THOUSAND 720's.

At Lamberhurst, Kent, on Sunday, June 1st, 720 Oxford Bob: A. Relfe (conductor) 1, T. Fuller 2, A. Marshall 3, W. Durham 4, J. Bassett 5, E. Woodage 6. The conductor's 1,000th 720.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**VICAR BEATEN BY 'MATHEMATICAL TABLES.'**

A meeting of the above was held at Jarrow on Saturday, June 14th, when there was a fairly good attendance. The bells of Christ Church were kept going with Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major and Grandsire Triples.

After a splendid tea a short meeting was held, presided over by Mr. E. E. Ferry (president of the association), who mentioned that he had had a letter of apology for non-attendance from Mr. E. Burnett, vice-president, who had moved out of the association area to Kirkby Stephen. The President said he was sorry the association had lost such a useful member, but they hoped he would soon be back amongst them again.

Mr. J. W. Parker moved a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and the Rev. H. W. Dobson, replying on behalf of the incumbents, said no thanks were needed as he considered it an honour that the ringers should come to his church. He would always welcome them. He was always interested in the heltry, and although he wished he could ring, these 'mathematical tables' had him beat, the various diagrams being quite a puzzle to him. However, he hoped to be able to take it up some day.

Sunderland was proposed the next place of meeting on Saturday, August 16th.

After the meeting, the ringers went to St. Peter's Church, where Kent Minor and Bob Minor and a silent touch of Stedman Doubles were rung. They returned to Christ Church for Grandsire and Stedman Triples. Although the meeting could have been better attended, it was an enjoyable one to those present.

WYCOMBE RINGERS VISIT GLOUCESTERSHIRE 'TWELVES'

A very pleasant and enjoyable time was spent by members and friends of the High Wycombe belfry on Whit Monday. The party, to the number of 33, left the chair town about 8.30, and made Witney the first call. About an hour's stay was spent here, and then the journey was resumed to Cheltenham, arriving soon after noon. After a 'free and easy' lunch, the twelve bells were set going, and afterwards a move was made for Cirencester, where the twelve-bell ring (the second oldest peal of twelve in the country) were all in readiness for the ringers. After a first-class knife and fork tea, and several good touches on the bells, the homing course was commenced at 7.15. This was safely negotiated, and 'stand' was called at Wycombe at 9.45. The ringers desire very heartily to thank Messrs. John Monk, W. T. Pates and F. J. Lewis for their willing help and kindness, thus adding much to the day's pleasure.

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.

Still another ring of eight by Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, is to be installed in Lancashire. Walkden Parish Church is to have a fine new peal of eight bells, with tenor approximately 18 cwt., to be hung with modern fittings in a new cast-iron framework. This new peal is to replace an older and lighter one.

Miss D. D. Steel, of Bedford, won the Ladies' Open Croquet Championship at Roehampton on Saturday. Miss Steel, whose sister, Miss E. Steel, is one of the vice-presidents of the Bedfordshire Association, rings regularly at Bedford, and has rung both in Australia and New Zealand.

A hundred and forty years ago to-day the College Youths rung 6,016 Oxford Treble Bob at St. Mary's Church, Battersea, 'being the most ever rung true on the bells.' This record sounds rather as if there had been a false peal of longer length rung there before.

The first peal by the Midland Counties Association was rung at Derby on June 23rd, 1882. This was a peal of Grandsire Triples.

The only peal ever rung on fourteen bells was a peal of Stedman Sextuples on handbells at Birmingham on June 24th, 1922.

When Taunton bells were augmented to ten (they are now twelve) they were opened on June 25th, 1835, with a peal of Stedman Caters, which was afterwards withdrawn as not being true.

Mr. F. W. Richardson, of Brockley, writes with regard to the peal rung at St. John's on Saturday: 'I shall be grateful to you if you will allow me, through the columns of "The Ringing World," to tender my heartiest thanks to all those ringers who rang before the wedding service and in the peal afterwards. My wife and family, especially my eldest son, also wish to thank the ringers, particularly Mr. Wm. J. Jeffries, for their expression of good wishes.'

A MID-WEEK MEETING.

A NEW VENTURE IN ESSEX.

The North-Western Division of the Essex Association held a mid-week meeting at Dunmow on Wednesday, June 4th. This gathering was arranged solely for the benefit of those who are unable to attend the meetings held on Saturdays. Ideal weather prevailed, and representatives arrived from Braintree, Harlow Common, Stebbing, Little Munden, Bishop's Stortford, Fulbourne, Stapleford, Cambridge, Felsted, Royston, Great Easton, Brockley, Melbourn, Sudbury, Sible Hedingham, and Great Bardfield. Very enjoyable touches were rung during the afternoon.

Service was held, and afterwards 42 ringers were served with tea in the adjoining church rooms.

There was no business meeting, but Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Association) complimented the officers upon the success of their venture. He expressed his great satisfaction at seeing such a fine attendance. He thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his most appropriate address at the service. He also thanked the local band for the courteous manner in which they had received the meeting, and for the excellent tea which they had provided.—Mr. Finch voiced his appreciation at the success of the meeting, and Mr. Lawrence, of the Herts Association, said he was most interested in the idea of a mid-week meeting. He was surprised to see such an attendance.

It is hoped to hold another of these meetings at Hoddesdon in October.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

A WELCOME TO LAMBETH PALACE.

MR. E. H. LEWIS SUCCEEDS CANON COLERIDGE AS PRESIDENT.

The first session of the fourteenth Council (38th annual meeting) was held in the Guard Room, at Lambeth Palace, London, on Whitsun Tuesday, when thirty-nine societies were represented by 85 members, and there were also present 11 honorary members, making a total attendance of 96. The attendance was as follows:—

Ancient Society of College Youths: Messrs. W. T. Cockerill, A. A. Hughes, T. Faulkner and C. F. Winney.
Bath and Wells Diocesan Association: Messrs. J. Hunt and H. Brown.
Bedfordshire Association: Canon W. W. C. Baker and Mr. A. E. Sharman.

Cambridge University Guild: Messrs. E. H. Lewis and E. M. Atkins.
Chester Diocesan Guild: Mr. H. S. Brocklebank.
Devon Guild: Rev. E. S. Powell.

Dudley and District Guild: Mr. S. J. Hughes.
Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association: Mr. W. H. Barber.
Ely Diocesan Association: Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake.

Essex County Association: Messrs. C. H. Howard, W. J. Nevard, E. J. Butler and G. R. Pye.
Guilford Diocesan Guild: Messrs. A. H. Pulling, G. Grover, A. C. Hazelden.

Irish Association: Mr. R. Murphy.
Kent County Association: Messrs. E. Barnett, sen., T. Groombridge, J. H. Cheesman and F. M. Mitchell.

Ladies' Guild: Mrs. E. K. Fletcher.
Lancashire Association: Canon H. J. Elsec, Messrs. W. H. Shuker, G. R. Newton and A. Tomlinson.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild: Rev. H. Law James and Mr. R. Richardson.
Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association: Messrs. J. W. Jones and J. Phillips.

London County Association: Messrs. T. H. Taffender, F. E. Dawe and A. D. Barker.

Middlesex County Association: Messrs. C. T. Coles, W. Pickworth, W. H. Hollier and G. W. Fletcher.

Midland Counties Association: Messrs. E. Denison Taylor, W. Willson, J. H. Swinfield and Rev. E. P. Farrow.

North Notts Association: Rev. R. F. Wilkinson.

Norwich Diocesan Association: Mr. A. L. Coleman.

Oxford Diocesan Guild: Canon G. F. Coleridge, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Messrs. F. Hopgood and J. Evans.

Oxford University Society: Mr. H. Miles.

Oxford Society: Mr. W. G. E. Collett.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild: Messrs. F. Wilford, R. G. Black, T. Law and T. Tebbutt.

Romney Marsh Guild: Mr. A. J. Battin.

St. Clement's Youths: Mr. G. H. Cross.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham: Mr. A. Paddon Smith.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild: Rev. F. L. Edwards, Messrs. C. H. Jennings and S. Hillier.

Shrewsbury Youths: Mr. A. Coppock.

Stafford Archdeaconry Society: Messrs. H. Knight and T. J. Elton.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths: Messrs. J. D. Matthews, F. Smith and J. Parker.

Suffolk Guild: Rev. H. Drake, Messrs. C. J. Sedgley and C. Mee.

Surrey Association: Messrs. C. H. Kippin and C. Dean.

Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Association: Mr. A. J. Pitman.

Warrwickshire Guild: Messrs. H. Argyle and F. Perrens.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild: Mr. G. Williams.

Worcestershire and Districts Association: Messrs. R. G. Knowles and J. D. Johnson.

Yorkshire Association: Messrs. P. J. Johnson, J. Cotterell and S. Palmer.

Hon. members: Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Messrs. J. Griffin, C. F. Johnston, W. A. Cave, J. A. Trollope, H. W. Wilde, J. S. Goldsmith, J. George and E. A. Young (hon. secretary).

Apologies for absence were received from Revs C. D. P. Davies, A. T. Beeston (who signified his desire not to be re-elected as an hon. member), E. W. Carpenter, C. C. Marshall, H. T. Parry and W. T. Wright, Messrs. G. Chester, N. Golden, T. R. Dennis, W. Ayre, T. Metcalfe, J. W. England, C. E. Borrett, W. Storey, T. H. Beams and J. Clarke.

At the outset, the retiring president (Canon G. F. Coleridge) occupied the chair and opened the proceedings with prayer.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S WISH.

The President then said they were greatly indebted to the Archbishop of Canterbury for his great kindness and courtesy in putting that historic room at their disposal for their meeting. At the end of the meeting a formal vote of thanks would be passed to His Grace for his kindness, but if it had been possible he would have been present to welcome them. His Grace, however, was away, trying to regain health for the most strenuous month or six weeks that any Archbishop could ever engage in—the meeting of the Lambeth Conference beginning in July. They would all devoutly wish and pray for his recovery, that he might be able to preside over that great gathering. As the Archbishop could not be present, he was repre-

sented by one of his chaplains, Mr. Sargeant, who had very kindly offered to welcome the Council that day (applause).

The Rev. A. Sargeant said the Archbishop would have wished, if he possibly could, to welcome the Council in person, but in any case, had he been well enough, it would have been rather difficult as he would have been engaged at the great reunion festival of past and present clergy at Portsea Parish Church, where he was once Vicar. Even that great pleasure, however, had been taken away from him, and he was now trying to get his strength back in preparation for the Lambeth Conference. He did not, however, want them to begin their meeting without some word of welcome, and on the Archbishop's behalf he had to give them a most cordial and hearty welcome to Lambeth, and he hoped they would use both the Palace and the gardens to the fullest extent possible. Mr. Sargeant went on to mention that in the historic room in which they were gathered that morning the 312 Bishops who came for the conference would have their lunch every day. The room had seen a great many interesting gatherings, and there were few, he knew, which the Archbishop would more cordially welcome to Lambeth than their own meeting that day. The Archbishop spent a very happy day down at Canterbury with the Kent Association at Easter, and they would remember his words both in the Cathedral pulpit and at the luncheon. The Archbishop was very glad on that occasion to have the opportunity of paying some tribute to the very great work which the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore had done in the diocese of Canterbury and the whole county of Kent, because there were few men in the annals of their craft who had done more for it, to keep the interest in it alive and to keep it on the right lines and in close and intimate touch with the Church which their craft served. Many of them knew Mr. Helmore, and would appreciate the work he had done (applause). On behalf of the Archbishop he extended to them a hearty welcome, and thanked them for the work they did for the Church.

THE NEW PRESIDENT.

The President next stated that, as they knew, he felt it incumbent upon him to ask them to let him resign the post of president, which he had held for the last nine years. He was not doing it lightly and without very great consideration. He knew it was the wish of a great many that he should continue, but, as they knew, two years ago he had to undergo two serious operations, and little more than two months ago he was at death's door with pneumonia and inflammation of the heart as a result of it. Thank God he had made a most wonderful recovery from both, and he hoped he might be spared for many years to be of use to the Exercise (applause), although not as their president. He had to consider age more than anything else, and he had to consider that if he was renominated this year he would be close on 76 by the end of the session, and, although ringers did not get into their prime until they were eighty (laughter), he felt he had passed his prime, and it was very necessary for the good of the Exercise that a younger member and a very responsible member should be elected in his stead. In addition to the reason of age, if he got a cold he became a trifle deaf, and that was absolutely fatal to a chairman of any kind. He was really a little surprised, when it got known that he did not offer himself for re-election, that there were not at least half a dozen nominations sent in for a new president. As a matter of fact only one had been sent in, and he (the speaker) was thankful to know that the person nominated was a man who was held in the greatest possible respect not only in the Exercise but also among outside bodies like the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings. It was perfectly marvellous how these learned men—in their way (laughter)—hung upon the words which fell and had fallen from the lips of the Council's newly nominated president, who was one of the most able men in his profession (applause). Big firm after big firm had sought his services, and although he was in Scotland with one great concern, he had now come to London, which was the hub of the Universe and the hub of the ringing universe. He did not think the Council could possibly do better than to allow him to give them the name of Mr. E. H. Lewis, of Cambridge University Guild, friend and delightful companion of all who knew him, and one who, he was perfectly certain, would carry on the traditions of the Central Council as they had been carried on for the past forty years (applause). In the name of the Council he would induct Mr. Lewis into the presidential chair (applause).

Mr. Lewis then took the chair amid cheers.

The Hon. Secretary asked the members, as a slight mark of their love, affection and respect for the retiring president, to give him a hearty cheer. That ancient hall had resounded to many a cheer given to ancient captains, but he was sure that none would be more sincere than that which they would give to their own retiring captain (applause).

Three rousing cheers, led by Mr. Young, were then given for Canon Coleridge, who briefly acknowledged this expression of the members' feeling for him.

The new president, on rising, was received with loud applause, and thanked the members for the honour which they had done him in not sending in any other nominations, thereby electing him without opposition. He felt that he was not quite as well qualified as he might be for the office, and he would ask them to bear with him and

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remember that fifteen years of his life, as far as ringing was concerned, had been almost a blank, because he had been an exile in a 'foreign' country (laughter). Business had necessitated his living in Scotland, and if one lived there a little while one knew it was a foreign country, and the inhabitants of that country were very careful to point it out (laughter). There was very little ringing there except at two or three towers, which it had been difficult for him to get to, so in that respect he felt he was not quite as fully qualified as he might be. That day he saw many faces he did not recognise. That might be a slight advantage, because it was necessary for a chairman to be strictly neutral, and he might have been rather prejudiced one way or the other on certain questions which they had been debating recently. Before he sat down he would like to add his personal tribute to their late president. He had seen in their ringing paper all the things Canon Coleridge had done for the Exercise, and he realised how very difficult it would be to follow him and the previous occupants of the chair. So much did he feel it, that he would like the 'steeplokeeper' to fetch a box for him to stand on so that he might physically and in other ways reach the tail end of the rope (laughter and applause).

OFFICIALS RE-ELECTED.

The President announced that no nominations for the office of secretary had been received, and therefore it must be the wish of the Council that their excellent secretary and treasurer, Mr. Young, should carry on as before (applause).

Mr. Young, in thanking the members for their renewed confidence, said he was becoming one of the old soldiers. His doctor had told him to go easy, but he was loth to give up these duties in connection with the Council. They were pleasurable ones and were the more pleasurable because he knew they met with the approbation of the members. He had thought of giving up on this occasion, and had hoped that a certain gentleman would have been elected in his stead. He (the secretary) was going away for a good part of the year, from autumn to spring, and his absence was one of the difficulties in the way of his re-election, but their friend, Mr. Cave, realising the difficulty, had offered, and he (Mr. Young) had accepted his services as deputy while he was away. He wished to thank Mr. Cave for his kindly offer.

The President said the Council would be glad to hear of the arrangements made to carry on in Mr. Young's absence. They would have been sorry if Mr. Young had not been able to carry on the post he had occupied so well. Proceeding, the President said there were no nominations for the office of honorary librarian, so here again it was obviously the wish of the Council that the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn should carry on, and they could not possibly do better than have him in that position (applause).

The minutes of the last meeting, having been printed in 'The Ringing World,' were taken as read, and were proposed for adoption by Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. W. T. Cockerill.

Mr. C. T. Coles raised the question of the accuracy of one paragraph relating to the amendment proposed by Mr. W. Willson to the Methods Committee's report, and asked that the words included in Mr. Willson's amendment relating to certain compositions, 'on the ground that they are hopelessly false' should be included in the minutes.—This was agreed to and the minutes, as amended, were adopted. (To be continued.)

THE COUNCIL'S LAW REPORT.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Whilst appreciative of the generous offer of the Rev. H. Drake to defray the cost of printing the report of the Council's Legal Committee, and of the necessity of it being obtainable in pamphlet form, I would suggest that affiliated associations should reprint it in their annual reports. At least two have already done this (the Lancashire and Middlesex), and it would be within the means of most associations to spare the three or four pages necessary. The advantage of this course is that the report would be given the widest possible circulation.—Yours faithfully,

C. T. COLES.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
NEWBURY BRANCH.**

The summer meeting of the Newbury Branch was held at Hungerford on Saturday, June 14th, when the following towers were represented: Bucklebury, Brightwalton, Beedon, East Ilsley, Newbury, Thatcham, and the local band. Visitors included ringers from Overton and Mr. A. King, of Luton. A short service was conducted by the curate (the Rev. B. D. Gotto), who also gave the address. Mr. T. W. Brooks, A.R.C.O., presided at the organ.

Tea was served in the Church House by Mrs. T. Geater, 32 sitting down. The business meeting followed, the Rev. B. D. Gotto taking the chair in the absence of the Rev. H. Bonsey, chairman of the branch. He was supported by Mr. H. W. Curtis, hon. secretary.

The next meeting was fixed for East Garston on Saturday, September 6th, a joint meeting with the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild to be held at Highclere on Saturday, June 28th.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. B. D. Gotto, to the organist, and Mrs. Geater, proposed by the secretary and carried with applause. The tower was again visited, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major being rung.

AN HISTORIC TOWER.**ST. NICHOLAS' CHURCH, LEEDS, KENT.**

The first peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal in this tower was rung on Whit Monday. It was at this church that James Barham rang many of his peals, as a member of the Leeds Youths, and where he took part with 13 others in the 40,320 of Bob Major.

DEATH OF PUDSEY RINGER.

On Wednesday, May 28th, the bells of St. Laurence's Church, Pudsey, rang out fully muffled to mark the passing of Mr. William Birks, who was laid to rest that day in the cemetery near the tower where he learnt to ring and where for many years he was a regular member of the band.

Mr. Birks, who died at Blackpool at the early age of 50 years, had been a respected member of the St. John's company there for some time, and the wreaths included one from that company and one from the ringers of Pudsey. For some years previous to leaving Pudsey to take up his residence at Blackpool he was 'mine host' at the White Cross Hotel, and many happy ringing gatherings were held there during his tenancy. Ever a man of genial temperament, he will be missed by many of his fellow-ringers.

Although not a prolific peal ringer, he rang some 14 peals in methods ranging from Bob to Cambridge Surprise Major. Like his father before him, he was a good striker, and whatever he rang he could be relied upon to ring well. As a last token of respect to his memory, the bells of Pudsey Church were rung fully muffled on Sunday, June 1st, and a well-struck quarter-peal of London Surprise Major (1,344 changes) was rung for evensong by the following members of the local company: Pratt Cordingley 1, Samuel Ward 2, J. Cecil Booth 3, Rowland Myers 4, William Barton (conductor) 5, George Ambler 6, John Ambler 7, J. William Cordingley 8.

MR. W. R. MADGWICK'S 100 PEALS.

There are not many ringers living in England who can claim to have rung peals on two continents. Mr. W. R. Madgwick, now residing in Manchester, has this distinction. He has just completed 100 peals as follows:—

Minor, in three methods 2, four methods 1, five methods 3 (conducted 1), six methods 1, seven methods 14; Grandsire Triples, 2; Stedman Triples, 6; Stedman Caters, 3; Bob Major, 5; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 4; Kent Royal, 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 9; Superlative Surprise Major, 8; Cambridge Surprise Major, 12; Cambridge Surprise Royal, 3; New Cambridge Surprise Major, 1; Pudsey Surprise Major, 2; Yorkshire Surprise Major, 3; Bristol Surprise Major, 7; London Surprise Major, 12; total, 100 (conducted 1).

Rung in 62 towers, in 13 counties, on two continents, and for 15 associations.

SPLICED PLAIN METHODS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The 720 rung at Lamberhurst on April 27th last was not the first time Mr. Parker's 2nd's and 6th's splice has been used in a 720 of spliced plain methods. A 720 of Spliced Fulbeck Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Double Bob, Reverse Bob and Plain Bob Minor, containing Mr. Parker's splice, was rung on handbells at 52, Lamas Park Road, Ealing, on June 13th, 1929, by the following: J. Armiter Trollope 1-2, Ernest C. S. Turner 3-4, Wilfred G. Wilson 5-6.—Yours faithfully,

ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**ANNUAL MEETING AT CHELMSFORD.
SUPPORT FOR 'THE RINGING WORLD.'**

The 51st annual meeting of the Essex Association was held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, there being a large gathering of ringers from all parts of the diocese. The day's proceedings were carried through with marked enthusiasm, testimony being borne to the record position in numbers held by the association, and the influence it exerted. In the morning, service was held at the Cathedral, where Canon W. E. R. Morrow, Sub-Dean and Rector, officiated and delivered the address, the Rev. W. Lindsay, Rector of Ingrave, read the prayers, and Mr. C. H. Howard, Braintree, read the lesson. The association's form of service, with their special hymns, was used. A collection for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £1 10s. 6d.

Canon Morrow, in his address, welcomed the ringers to that annual service in the Cathedral, and said he wished to recognise in a small way the contribution they paid to the church life of the diocese. They called the faithful to worship, they worked unseen to a great extent, for the congregations took everything as a matter of course, and barely thought of the men in the towers. But he recognised ringers as a very important branch of church life. There were many congregations who, if the bells ceased, would then ask why the bells were not ringing. There was an old Irish proverb that 'some people never hear the bell until it has stopped,' which meant that some things were only valued when they had disappeared. Then there was the comfort which the bells conveyed to the sick, aged and infirm. As bellringers fulfilled their duties, they must also consider the measure of their belief in God. Having chosen bellringing as a hobby or pleasant occupation, the mind and heart should go deeper. Were the ringers attracting people to church by their lives, which should be as living epistles? The expression should not be merely external and material, but the life should be sanctified by spiritual emotion to witness for what it possessed. To be admitted to the fellowship of the ringers should be admission to the joy of a service which was perfect freedom.

Luncheon followed at the County Hotel, there being 85 members present.

RECORD MEMBERSHIP.

The Master presented his report, in the course of which he referred to the successful celebration of the association's jubilee and to the holding of the Central Council meeting at Chelmsford last year. With regard to the district meetings, all these gatherings had been well attended and much propaganda work had been accomplished. The membership had increased to 1,140, exceeding the record of last year by 76. There were now 101 towers affiliated, showing an increase of eight.

After referring to the losses by death, the report dealt with the bell restorations. At St. Osyth, the ring of six had been rehung, and the whole band there had joined the association and were making good progress. Through the generosity of Canon Paynter, the ring of six at Springfield had been quarter turned, tuned and rehung with the latest improvements in ball bearings. The five bells at Pleshey had been rehung and the ring of eight at Harwich were now in good ringing order. The ring of six at Great Bromley had been rehung in an iron frame, and the tenor recast. The rings of five at Ingrave and eight at Earls Colne were to be rehung. At Fobbing the bells were to be rehung in an iron frame, and at Bocking the ring of eight were to be tuned and rehung in an iron frame with ball bearings. A new peal of eight with a tenor of 15 cwt. was shortly to be erected in the tower of Great Holland Church as a memorial to the late Miss Emma Barron, founder of the Barron Trust Fund.

In peal ringing the association has touched high water mark. Eighty-nine had been rung, exceeding the record of eighty-four in 1913. Of these 79 were rung on tower bells and 10 on handbells as follows: Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Spliced Maximus 1, Stedman Cinques 1, Bob Royal 1, London Surprise Major 6, Bristol 1, Superlative 5, Cambridge 7, Double Norwich Major 10, Treble Bob Major 9, Bob Major 12, Stedman Triples 4, Grandsire 8, Surprise Minor in seven methods 6, Cambridge Minor 1, Minor in seven methods 1, in various other Minor methods 12, and Doubles 4. The peals were rung in thirty-eight different parishes and thirty members were responsible for the conducting. Mr. W. Keeble again heading the list with twenty-nine. Thirty-one rang their first peal, and with sixty-seven members it was the first peal in the method. The peal of Spliced Surprise Maximus was the first to be rung by any association or band. The peal of Superlative at Writtle was rung in honour of the Jubilee by officers of the association, and is the first officers' peal.

Notwithstanding the much heavier expenditure incurred in the jubilee celebrations and the cost of entertaining the Central Council, the association had been able to meet all liabilities, without encroaching upon the reserve fund, leaving a balance in hand on the general account of £15 7s. 2d. The larger membership had brought with it an increased amount from subscriptions, £72 4s. 6d. (including some arrears), against £56 1s. 6d. for the previous year. The income, £17 7s. 7d., to the Bell Restoration Fund showed an increase against £12 0s. 9d. for 1928. After making grants of £11 11s., they carried forward in this account £27 12s. 5d., a very creditable result.

In summing up the year's work, the Master added, they had every reason to be satisfied with their position. The appeal made in the last report, asking members to visit outlying towers to give assistance, had been put into practice in all districts. The addition of seven towers and the increase in membership was in some measure due to this venture.

In conclusion he tendered the best thanks of the association to the general secretary, district officers, and the committee for all they had done to make the jubilee year the most successful and interesting in its history.

Upon the proposition of Mr. A. Saunders, seconded by Mr. R. Heazell, the report and balance sheet were adopted.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

Canon Morrow took the chair temporarily during the election of a Master for the ensuing year. Mr. T. Faulkner proposed the re-election of Mr. C. H. Howard, and said the committee had considered this question, and quickly came to the unanimous conclusion to recommend that Mr. Howard be asked to continue in the office (applause). Mr. Howard had served the association faithfully for 21 years, and this would be the 22nd year of his election and re-election. During that period the association had made tremendous strides, and its honour and prestige could not be surpassed. Mr. Howard had carried out the duties in a kindly way, which had won the respect, admiration and affection of all the members, and he had no hesitation in proposing that Mr. Howard should be re-elected Master for at least another twelve months.—Mr. G. R. Pyc seconded the proposition, which was carried with applause.

Canon Morrow said it was a great pleasure for him to be associated with the decision of the association, for the members were fortunate in having such a distinguished ringer to preside over their fortunes for another year (applause).

Mr. Howard, in reply, said he was extremely obliged for the renewed confidence, and would endeavour to serve the association to the best of his abilities in the coming year. He joined the association in 1885, and in the 46 years he had attended all the annual meetings except one (applause). He was thankful that he had had good health in being able to do it, and hoped that the privilege might continue (hear, hear). He thanked the district officers for their loyal support, which made the work of the association so successful. The report presented this year was the best the association ever had. There had never before been so many members, nor had there been so many peals rung or district meetings held. The association was very much indebted to the officers for all they had done (applause).

Mr. F. J. Pitstow, Saffron Walden, was unanimously re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer, and the committees were re-elected. The five District Masters were appointed a committee to administer the Bell Fund, with Mr. A. Prior hon. secretary. The following grants were made to bells restorations: Ingrave £4 4s., Earls Colne and Bocking £3 3s. each. The following new members were elected: Rev. C. S. Trimble, Fryerning, Mr. H. C. Tweed, Brentwood, hon. members; Mr. R. Hutson, Maldon, St. Mary's, life member; Mr. W. G. Heaster, Gillingham, non-resident life member; Messrs. G. Argont, I. Gibbons, F. Martin, F. Tarbrum, and W. Eady, Belchamp St. Paul's, ringing members.

Mr. L. W. Wiffen, Braintree, said he wished to bring up the question of 'The Ringing World' and the position it occupied in regard to ringers. He pointed out that it rested with the ringers to make a larger circulation for the paper, which could then be sold for 2d., or even less. He asked members of the Essex Association to do what they could in taking 'The Ringing World' (hear, hear). He said the ringing paper created a good deal of interest in ringing (hear, hear).

Mr. Butler said he wished to support the references to 'The Ringing World,' because he recognised the great value the paper was to ringers. The paper was honestly worth 3d., because of the information it gave of use to members of the different towers. 'The Ringing World' was worth its price ten times over because of the different meetings advertised in that paper.

The Master said he wished to congratulate the editor of 'The Ringing World' upon the issue of the thousandth number of that paper, and he supported what Messrs. Wiffen and Butler had said as to the value of 'The Ringing World' to ringers. He hoped the members would take the paper, and so increase its sale. There was a custom in some parishes to take one copy of 'The Ringing World' for the use of the tower, but if every ringer would take one it would greatly increase the circulation. By creating a larger sale for 'The Ringing World' they could expect the price to be reduced, although 3d. per week was not too much for a paper so valuable to ringers. It was the only paper in existence which devoted the whole of its columns to ringing matter. The Master moved: 'That this meeting of the Essex Association pledges itself to do its utmost to increase the circulation of "The Ringing World" in future.' Mr. R. Heazell seconded, and this resolution was carried unanimously.

The Master, in thanking Canon Morrow and the incumbents for the use of the bells at the several churches, said Chelmsford was the best ringing centre in the Eastern Counties, and he did not know a town in England where there were more towers available in an immediate neighbourhood, and where the whole of the bells were in such good ringing order (hear, hear).

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**A HUNDRED MEMBERS ENTERTAINED AT HAGLEY.**

An extremely successful meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held at Hagley on Saturday, June 7th, about 100 members and friends being present. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung in the afternoon at St. John-the-Baptist's Church, which stands in the lovely park surrounding Hagley Hall, and service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. Robert Burns), who preached from the text, 'I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the House of the Lord.'

The members enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. H. Mason, of Goodrest, who entertained the company to tea in the Hall Barn, the host and hostess, who personally supervised the arrangements, being assisted by a number of lady friends. After tea, the Sedgely handbell ringers contributed selections.

The business meeting which followed was presided over by the Rector, who was supported by Mr. and Mrs. Mason, Mr. J. Goodman, jun., Mr. H. Sheppard and Mr. S. J. Hughes.

Mr. Mason extended a hearty welcome to the visitors, and proposed the Rev. R. Burns as an hon. member of the Guild. Their desire was, he said, to secure the active interest of all clergy whose churches had towers with bells in the area of the Guild. Mr. Burns had rendered them many acts of kindness. He also proposed as an hon. member Mr. F. Robinson, the people's warden, of Hagley. The elections were unanimously agreed to, and several new ringing members were elected.

At the suggestion of Mr. Mason, it was decided to contribute to the memorial, which is to take the form of a clergy desk and choir stalls, to the late Dr. Gray Matland, Vicar of Dudley. Mr. Mason pointed out that although their Guild was one of the very few, if not the only one, that had a membership subscription of only 6d. per year, they had very satisfactory finances, and he thought they would desire to be associated with this memorial movement to one who initiated some 20 years ago the ground plan for the formation of the Guild.

It was mentioned that the Guild had a credit balance of £7 4s. 1½d., and one guinea was voted to the memorial fund.

Satisfaction was expressed that the Hagley band had joined the Guild, and the promise of every assistance in acquiring the art of change ringing was made to them.

The coming Central Council meeting was referred to by Mr. Skelding, and Mr. Hughes (the representative) said he would welcome any mandate the members might give him. In his opinion the Guild should uphold the rulings of the Council.

It was decided to give Mr. Hughes a free hand, Mr. Mason remarking that the Guild could well leave their interests with him.

Sympathy was expressed with Mr. Round (Netherton) in his recent serious accident, and good wishes for his speedy recovery.

On the motion of Mr. Mason, thanks were expressed to the Rector for allowing the use of the tower, for arranging the use of the Hall Barn for the tea and meeting, and also for the very happy service they had had. He also thanked the ladies who had assisted Mrs. Mason in the tea arrangements.—The Rector replied, and added his personal thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Mason for their generosity in providing the tea.

A vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Mason was formally moved by Mr. Price.

Mr. Mason said it was a great pleasure for Mrs. Mason and himself to do what they could in this way. They 'only passed this way once,' and to do anything they could was their greatest happiness (applause). He hoped it would not be long before the Guild again visited Hagley, and gave them another opportunity of welcoming them as on that day. In his earlier days he did a good deal of change ringing, and derived much pleasure from it, and he should always value the friendships he formed. Apart from the art itself, membership of a band of church bellringers should also quicken their interest in and love for church work. There were cases in which ringers confined their activities to the tower, and were not associated with the general work of the church, but these instances were fewer than formerly, and there were cases in which their ringers were also members of church choirs and other parts of church organisations. Hagley was more fortunate in this respect than some, and the object of the Guild was not merely to make ringers, but ringers who were interested in church work. Whenever this was achieved it was something which was very gratifying.

After the meeting, some of the ringers again adjourned to the tower and rang several touches on the peal of eight, while the remainder of the party spent a very enjoyable time in Hagley Park and grounds.

THE FIRST C.E.M.S. PEAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The first peal by all members of the C.E.M.S. was rung prior to any mentioned by your correspondents. This was a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (5,024 changes) on handbells at Bolsover, Derbyshire, April 14th, 1908, conducted by yours truly,

WILLIAM KEEBLE.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

OVER, CAMBS.—On Sunday, June 15th, at the Parish Church, for morning service, a 720 Bob Minor: G. Whybrow 1, M. Ginn 2, D. Adams 3, R. Thoday 4, F. Warrington (conductor) 5, R. Smith 6.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.—On Sunday, June 15th, at the Parish Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal (1,280 changes), Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss C. Fields 1, Miss D. Clarke 2, A. J. Ginn 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, F. Warrington (conductor) 5, S. J. Coleman 6, H. Fields 7, Harry Chapman 8. Rung after meeting short for Double Norwich. 'Henry VIII.' is from Keyston.

SHREWTON, WILTS.—On Sunday, June 15th, for church parade service and in honour of the Centenary Trinity Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 45 mins.: J. Hibbert 1, E. F. White 2, E. C. Marlow 3, E. F. Marlow 4, T. Procey (conductor) 5, E. Snook 6. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1 and 6, also first in the method on the bells.

MACCLESFIELD.—For evening service, at Christ Church, on Sunday, June 15th, 720 Bob Minor in 25½ mins.: F. L. Ronan 1, W. Stevenson 2, W. Gayes 3, J. Tipper (conductor) 4, J. Worth 5, J. Waumsley 6. First 720 as conductor.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On Sunday, June 15th, for Confirmation service, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins.: G. Johnson 1, H. Wittering 2, A. Redd 3, F. Gardner 4, J. Welch 5, W. Lawrence (conductor) 6. For evening service, 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins.: G. Johnson 1, H. Wittering 2, A. Redd 3, F. Turner 4, J. Welch 5, W. Lawrence (conductor) 6.

FRITENDEN, KENT.—On Sunday, June 8th, for evening service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: H. Thirkell 1, W. Wenban 2, G. H. Daynes (conductor) 3, Mrs. H. Baker 4, H. Head 5, J. Head 6, H. Baker 7, W. Rolfe 8.

FAIRFORD, GLOS.—On Whit Sunday, June 8th, for morning service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,280 changes), with 6 and 8 covering: S. J. Worsfold (first quarter-peal, age 14) 1, Miss F. M. Hope 2, B. Guy 3, J. Peyman 4, H. Accock 5, H. R. Cooper 6, J. Hope (conductor) 7, W. Wall 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): S. J. Worsfold 1, Miss F. M. Hope 2, B. Guy 3, J. Peyman 4, H. R. Accock 5, J. Hope (conductor) 6, J. Smith 7, E. Gardener 8. First quarter-peal in the method for ringers of treble and 4th.

TODMORDEN, YORKSHIRE.—On Sunday, May 25th, at the Church of St. Paul, Cross Stone, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: Miss M. Westhead (first 720) 1, Miss R. A. Bell 2, H. Hutchinson 3, Miss H. Bell 4, Rev. R. Marie 5, W. Horan (conductor) 6.

ST. GILES' SOCIETY, READING.

On Saturday, May 10th, the ringers of St. Giles' Church, Reading, and their friends enjoyed a half-day's outing. The party proceeded by motor coach to Thatcham, where touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, and Oxford Treble Bob Major were well struck on the fine peal of bells. A cross-country ride was thoroughly enjoyed, and landed the party at Basingstoke, where a welcome and most enjoyable spread was partaken of. Being thus refreshed, the party made tracks to the tower, where touches in various methods were conducted by Messrs. A. W. Osborne and L. T. Osborne. A pleasant hour was spent at Sherfield, and the party reached Reading at 10 p.m., after a very enjoyable time. The thanks of the band are due to the Rectors and ringers of the towers visited for kind permission to use the bells, also to Mr. A. W. Osborne (captain) for arranging the outing.

AN OCTOGENARIAN.

On Whit Monday, Mr. George Andrews, of Ash, Surrey, celebrated his 80th birthday. He has long been a ringer at Ash Parish Church, and the members gathered in the evening and rang touches of Bob and Grandsire Doubles in celebration of the event: C. P. Johnson 1, C. D. Manfield 2, Miss A. E. Bayley 3, Miss G. E. Manfield 4, A. O. Tompkins 5, H. W. R. Ogden (conductor) 6.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 24th; at 7.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 26th; 8 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division. —The annual joint meeting of the societies in the above area will be held at Conisborough, near Doncaster, on Saturday, June 21st. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Tea at 5.30. Meeting after tea. Subscriptions for 1929-30 are now due, and should be paid, if possible, at this meeting.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

WHITTLESEY, CAMBS.—The re-opening of the ringing and augmented peal of 8 by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston at St. Andrew's Church will take place on Sat., June 21st, at 3 p.m. Tea in Parish Room at 4.15. The bells will be available for ringing after tea.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Chorley on Saturday, June 21st. The bells at Chorley Parish and St. Mary's R.C. Churches will be available from 2.30.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Rd., Chorley.

DEVON GUILD.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cruwys-Morchard on Saturday, June 21st. Bells available 2.30. Committee meeting 4.15. Service 4.30. Tea, tickets 1s., 5.—A. G. Selby, Hon. Sec., The Square, Silverton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting will be held with the Ely Diocesan Guild at Ickleton on Saturday, June 21st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. We are hoping to see a good attendance.—C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford; F. Warrington, Long Stanton, Cambs.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The June meeting will be held at Whitnash (1½ miles from Leamington) on Saturday, June 21st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Please make own arrangements for tea.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Stand, Whitefield, on Saturday, June 21st. Bells ready 6 p.m. Subscriptions due.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver St., Miles Platting.

LAVENHAM.—On Saturday, June 21st. The bells will be at the disposal of ringers at 2 p.m. till 9.—A. Symonds, Steeplekeeper, 41, Market Lane.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Ockley on Saturday, June 21st. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea on the Cricket Field at 5.30 p.m. Friends from neighbouring associations will be heartily welcomed.—Alan R. Pink, Hon. Sec., Railway Hotel, Dorking.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Stagsden (5 bells) on Saturday, June 21st, at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. The Vicar extends a hearty welcome to everyone, and hopes there will be a good attendance, as this is the first meeting to be held at Stagsden. — P. C. Bonnett, Rose Cottage, Stagsden.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Laughton on Saturday, June 21st. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock at the Roebuck Hotel (1s. 2d. per head). Business meeting to follow. — Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Bishopstone on Saturday, June 21st. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s. per head, for those who notify me early. — S. Hopper, Branch Hon. Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Chester-le-Street on Saturday, June 21st. Bells available after 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Hoping to have a good attendance.—H. Tyson, Sec., 23, Bungalow, Tanfield Lea.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday next, June 21st, at Eyam. Church of St. Lawrence (6 bells, tenor 8 cwt.) available afternoon and evening. — J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Established 1623). —The 307th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Friday, June 27th. Bells (12) available from 9 a.m. All visitors welcome.—Leonard E. Pitstow, Hon. Sec., 21, Debden Road, Saffron Walden.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The summer meeting of the Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association will be held at Dumbleton on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 (by invitation of the Rector, Rev. Collens Ashwen). All welcome. Will those intending being present please notify me by the 24th inst?—Walter Yeend, Branch Hon. Sec., Millfair, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division. —A meeting will be held at Longwood, near Huddersfield, on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea provided at a charge of 1s. 3d. per head to those who send in their names to Mr. A. Rotherv, 75, Cliffe End Road, Longwood, Huddersfield, not later than Thursday, June 26th.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Sutton Coldfield, on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Tea at 5 (1s. 3d. per head) for all who let me know by Tuesday, 24th inst. — T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Southern District will be held at Staindrop on Saturday, June 28th. Bells (8) available at 2 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Ringers requiring tea please notify me by the 25th inst. All ringers welcome. —J. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 71, Surtees Street, Darlington.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District. — The annual meeting will be held at St. Clement Danes', Strand, W.C., on June 28th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Service 5 o'clock, followed by tea and business meeting. Gentlemen cordially invited. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by June 24th?—F. E. Orr, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Laitwood Road, Balham, S.W.12.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — The first general quarterly meeting will be held at Duffield on Saturday, June 28th. Bells (10) open for ringing during afternoon and evening. Committee meet at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in Church Hall, followed by general meeting. Those requiring tea (2s. per head) must advise Mr. S. Dawson, Tamworth Street, Duffield, not later than 26th to avoid disappointment. Special business to be discussed, so turn up in crowds!—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch. — A meeting of the above branch will be held at Chaddesley Corbett on Saturday, June 28th. Bells will be available at 3 o'clock. Service in Church 4.30. Teas will be 6d. each. Will all those intending to be present please notify me not later than June 24th?—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (East Berks and S. Bucks Branch) and **MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD** (South and West District). A joint meeting has been arranged on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available: Old Windsor 3.30-4.30 p.m. and after tea; Wraysbury 3.30. Guild service 5. Tea in the Scouts' Hall, Wraysbury, 5.45, at 1s. 3d. per head, for those who notify me not later than June 23rd.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District. — Next meeting at Stanmore on Saturday, June 28th. Bells from 3. Service at 5. Tea, usual terms, at 5.30. Please advise me if you are coming. Harrow Weald bells available after tea, if required.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Daventry (8) on Saturday, June 28th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me as early as possible?—W. C. Moore, Fircroft, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Bristol Branch. — The quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, June 28th, at Bitton. Bells (6) open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Short business meeting to follow. Will members intending to be present for tea kindly notify me by 24th?—Harry Bennett, Branch Hon. Sec., Highfield, Runswick Road, Brislington.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held on Saturday, June 28th, at Hartfield. Tower opened 3 p.m. Will all those requiring tea kindly let me know by Wednesday, June 25th? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Hon. Sec., Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Shipham on June 28th. Bells open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow. Recently affiliated tower. Please attend.—L. G. Tanner, 51, Locking Road, Weston-super-Mare.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Rishton on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Tilston on June 28th. Tower open 3. Service 4.30. Will those who require tea please notify me not later than June 25th?—J. W. Clarke, Hawarden, Chester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. —An invitation meeting will be held at Brabourne on Saturday, June 28th, by kind permission of Rev. S. K. Lockyear. Service at 5. Tea at 6 o'clock. Motor bus will leave College Road at 2.30. All ringers invited to attend.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division. — A meeting will be held at Southminster on Saturday, June 28th. A short service in the church 4.45 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. A bus will leave Chelmsford at 2 p.m. (Baddow Road Corner). Will all those who intend to go please let me know by Wednesday, June 25th? The towers of Tillingham and Burnham-on-Crouch will be open during the afternoon and evening. — A. E. Coombs, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A combined practice will be held at Worplesdon on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available at 3.30 and after tea. Tea at 5 p.m. at the Rectory, by kind invitation of Rev. J. C. and Mrs. Bruce. Please let Mr. S. Petter, Fox Common, Worplesdon, know by June 23rd if you will be present for tea.—W. R. Melville.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Marlborough Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the branch will be held at St. Katherine's, Savernake Forest, on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m.—Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec., East Leaze, Baydon, Marlborough.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District. —A meeting will be held at Woburn on Saturday, June 28th. The bells (8) will be available from 2.45 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High St. N., Dunstable.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Newbury Branch) & **WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD** (Andover Branch).—A joint meeting of the above Guilds will be held at Highclere on Saturday, June 28th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify Mr. F. J. Knapp, Highclere Farm, Highclere, near Newbury, not later than Thursday, June 26th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis and the Rev. H. Sears, Hon. Secs.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A district meeting will be held at Bentley on Saturday, June 28th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting at Linden Cottage. Those requiring tea please notify by Wednesday, June 25th.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Don't miss Barkway on Saturday, June 28th. The peal of 8 will be available at 3 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at Wheatsheaf. Come along and make the attendance a record! All visitors welcome.—D. C. Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Balderstone on Saturday, June 28th.—W. Horan, Branch Sec.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—A meeting of the above will be held at Orston on Saturday, June 28th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who advise Rev. C. J. Sturton, The Vicarage, by Thursday, June 26th.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual summer festival will be held on the Thames-side, with Egham as the centre, on Saturday, July 5th. Egham bells available from 2.30; the bells of St. Mary's, Staines, will be available during the afternoon and evening and St. Peter's, Staines, 6.30 to 8.30. Service 4.30 at Egham, followed by tea. All intending to be present must notify G. L. Grover, Merrow Cottage, East Clendon, Guildford, by Tuesday, July 1st. All visitors will be welcome.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry will be held at Soham, near Ely, on Saturday, July 5th. Bells (10) 2.45 p.m. Please try and attend this meeting. P.C. will oblige, and also help to make arrangements.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec. and R.M., Ashcroft, Mill Road, Over, Cambs.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will take place at Lichfield on Saturday, July 5th. Bells. St. Mary's (8), St. Michael's (6), from 3 o'clock. Tea (1s. to fully paid up members, to others 1s. 6d.) at Wade Street School, at 5 p.m., to be followed by the general meeting. Subscriptions are now due. Please send word by Tuesday, July 1st.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Withernsea on Saturday, July 5th. Bells (6) available from 2. Short service in church at 4.30. Tea, served in the Select Café, Queen Street, at 5. Those requiring same are requested to notify Mr. H. S. Webb, 10, Seacroft Road, Withernsea, not later than Thursday, July 3rd. Business meeting to follow. For further particulars see circular.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—A district meeting will be held at Leiston on July 5th. Bells available 2.30. Tea will be provided. Please notify by July 1st. All ringers welcome.—C. F. Bailey, 20, Haylings, Leiston.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold their annual meeting and a six-bell contest at Sandal, near Wakefield, on Saturday, July 5th. Draw to take place at 2.45 p.m. Will those who require tea, 1s. 6d. each, please send not later than June 30th, to L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax?

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting will be held at Linton on Saturday, July 12th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45, followed by tea (kindly provided by the Vicar) and business meeting. All ringers welcome. Please notify me not later than Wednesday, July 9th.—C. S. Sone, Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 12th. Service in Cathedral at 11.15. 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 8th;

2s. 6d. on day of festival; 3s. to non-members. Will all members who intend being present please send for tickets, as it means easy working for organisers and caterers?—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on July 12th at the Parish Church, Llanfagan. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec., Belle Vue, Brecon.

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Bristol on Saturday, July 12th. Fuller particulars later.—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Odiham on July 12th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Business meeting follows.—D. L. Board, Hon. Sec., Basingstoke District.

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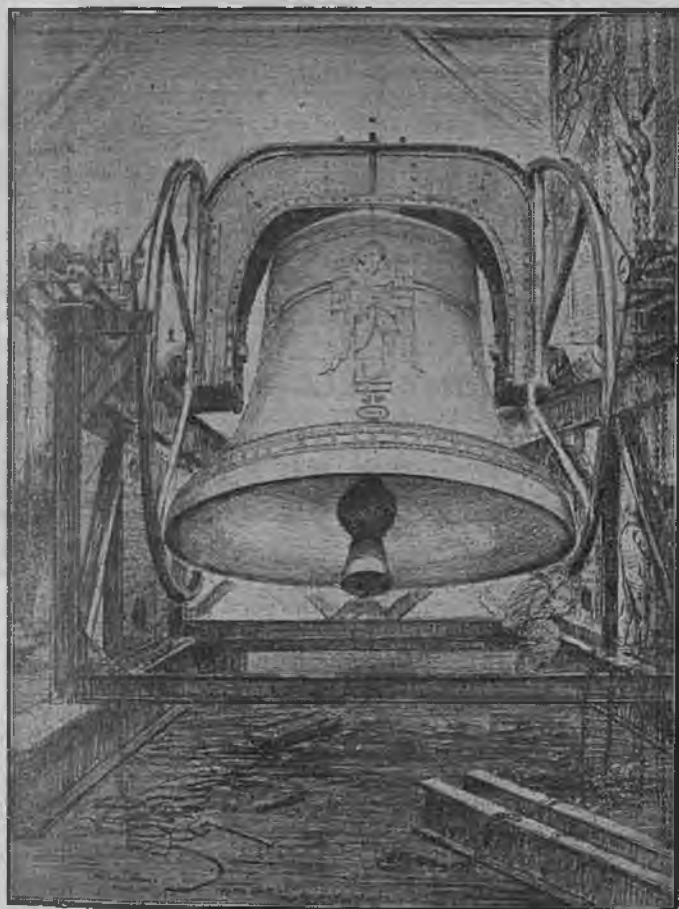
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THE COUNCIL'S JUSTIFICATION.

We remarked last week that if for no other reason than that a considerable programme of publication was decided upon, this year's meeting of the Central Council was productive of work of real value to the Exercise. The 'Collection of Minor Methods,' which in past years has given rise to some lively debates, first in regard to nomenclature and afterwards on the question of what should be recognised as a peal of Doubles and Minor, is at length to go to the printers; there is to be issued a revised edition of the booklet on 'The Preservation of Bells and Fittings,' and, in addition, the Council decided upon the publication of the report of the Legal Committee, which was presented last year and which is an authoritative review of the laws affecting church bells and of the legal position of ringers in their relation to Church authorities.

The republication of the 'Collection of Minor Methods' has been long delayed, and its appearance in the near future should be welcome to the five and six-bell ringers, for whose benefit the Methods Committee have taken untold pains and spent a vast amount of time, to give them not only a new print of an old work, but to amplify its scope and make it, within its limits, exhaustive. To such an extent has the old book been expanded, that the cost of production had seriously to be debated by the Council, which, of course, has not got unlimited resources. Having, however, made up its mind that it was able to afford the outlay, the Council undoubtedly did the right thing in deciding to publish the complete work in one volume, and when it makes its appearance we hope the Exercise at large, and not only the six-bell men, will support the Council's enterprise and quickly buy up the edition.

The other two publications which are to be issued are to be published largely, if not entirely, without cost to the Council, thanks to the generosity of some of its members, and through them ringers and others interested in bells will have at hand two important and valuable pamphlets. The immediate appearance of both of them might not have been possible had it depended upon the Council's funds, but by the private action referred to delay has been obviated, and it is in the best interests of the Exercise that it has been. Those who are fond of asking what is the good of the Central Council would do well to ponder upon whether the Exercise would have been anything like so well off for text books and printed information, if there had been no Council? Who would have undertaken the issue at any price—let alone cost price—of the many useful books which the

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Council has been able to bring out? Who would have been prepared to shoulder the risk—let alone the work—of publishing such books as 'The Glossary,' the collections of peals in the various methods, and the collections of methods themselves? No one but a body like the Central Council could have entertained it; and in what the Council has done in this direction alone can be found full justification for its existence. This part of the Council's work has advanced the interests of the Exercise to an enormous degree.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, June 21, 1930, in Four Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

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| ALBERT W. COLES Treble | JAMES BENNETT 7 |
| GEORGE R. PYE 2 | WILLIAM BOTTRILL 8 |
| CHARLES T. COLES 3 | WILLIAM PYE 9 |
| MRS. RICHARD F. DEAL 4 | HAROLD W. CLARK 10 |
| SIDNEY T. HOLT 5 | REUBEN SANDERS 11 |
| ALFRED E. REEVES 6 | EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

TEN BELL PEAL.

HATFIELD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 21, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELDREDA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5138 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt.

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| *FREDERICK CULL Treble | JAMES E. DAVIS 6 |
| *JAMES G. DUNHAM 2 | P. SERGI. A. LAWRENCE ... 7 |
| CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 3 | ALBERT R. LAWRENCE ... 8 |
| WILLIAM H. HEWITT ... 4 | JOHN T. KENTISH 9 |
| *SIDNEY W. CULL 5 | †LESLIE W. LAWRENCE ... Tenor |

Composed by G. T. DALTRY. Conducted by W. H. HEWITT.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal on the ten bells since their augmentation from an octave. The two trebles are the gift of the Bishop of Exeter (Lord William Gascoyne Cecil) in memory of his three sons who fell in the war.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

TURVEY, BEDS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 7, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

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| JOHN J. MAWBY Treble | AMOS SMART 5 |
| HENRY W. GAYTON 2 | JAMES T. WARD 6 |
| JOHN R. MAIN 3 | THOMAS R. HENSHER 7 |
| HENRY STAPLETON 4 | ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH AND OLDHAM AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, June 11, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK, GLODWICK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| E. B. SHAW Treble | *C. H. MARSLAND 9 |
| H. BARLOW 2 | V. SYKES 6 |
| B. THORP 3 | W. E. HOWORTH 7 |
| C. E. PLATT 4 | J. WARBURTON Tenor |

Conducted by B. THORP.

* 50th peal. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. Isaac Schofield, who had been a ringer at the above tower for the last 17 years.

PENSNETT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, June 14, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mark,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Groves' Transposition of Parker's Twelve-Part.

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|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| JOSEPH FLAVELL Treble | ALFRED FALLON 5 |
| ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 2 | ALBERT D. COLLINS 6 |
| HAROLD L. FLAVELL 3 | HARRY BOSWELL 7 |
| HERBERT E. BOOTH 4 | JAMES SHAW Tenor |

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. William Dovey, of Wombourn company.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 14, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in G.

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|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| WILLIAM E. TAYLOR Treble | WILLIAM HENLEY 5 |
| HUGH J. BALCOMBE 2 | HARRY W. SMITH 6 |
| GEORGE MARTIN 3 | *RICHARD G. RICE 7 |
| THOMAS S. GOODCHILD 4 | GEORGE GILBERT Tenor |

Composed by FRED A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First peal in the method. Specially arranged for ringers of 2nd and 7th. This was Mr. Henley's 200th peal.

LYDD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 14, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

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

Tenor 15½ cwt.

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|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ALBERT RELFE Treble | HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHREY 5 |
| CHARLES H. SONE 2 | HARRY BAKER 6 |
| MRS. H. BAKER 3 | THOMAS E. SONE 7 |
| CHARLES W. PLAYER 4 | KENNETH PATTENDEN Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

First peal of Double Norwich on the bells. Rung in honour of the 50th anniversary of ministry by Canon Collins, Vicar of Lydd.

BIRSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 14, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

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| *FRANK ELLIS Treble | THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY 5 |
| CHARLES E. LAWSON 2 | HARRY MARSDEN 6 |
| WILLIAM CLARK 3 | FREDERICK W. DIXON 7 |
| WILLIAM H. SENIOR 4 | HERBERT PEEL Tenor |

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON

* First peal in the method.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 14, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

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| HARRY OVERTON Treble | HAROLD EDWARDS 5 |
| HARRY F. HOLDING 2 | ALBERT J. HUGHES 6 |
| RICHARD D. LANGFORD 3 | EDWARD JENKINS 7 |
| RICHARD T. HOLDING 4 | JAMES H. RIDING Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 14, 1930, in Two Hours & Forty-Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original.

Tenor 14 cwt.

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| FREDERICK J. HURRELL ... Treble | WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... 5 |
| JOHN J. LAMB 2 | ERNEST B. CROWDER ... 6 |
| CHARLES ELLIOTT 3 | ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 7 |
| WILLIAM A. MARTIN 4 | ARCHIBALD F. BENNINGTON Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

This peal was rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Dorothy West and George Stanley, the eldest son of Mr. Frederick William Richardson.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 14, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

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| EDWARD LANKESTER ... Treble | ALBERT W. COLES ... 5 |
| CHARLES T. COLES 2 | JAMES BENNETT 6 |
| GEORGE M. KILBY 3 | HARRY KILBY 7 |
| GEORGE R. PYE 4 | WILLIAM PYE Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kilby, on the occasion of their silver wedding, with the good wishes of all the band, who were afterwards entertained by the 'happy pair.' Quickest peal of Major on the bells.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, June 14, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

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| *RICHARD DIVALL ... Treble | GEORGE LAMBERT ... 5 |
| *JAMES W. KNIGHT 2 | ERNEST J. OLIVER ... 6 |
| *ALBERT E. LAKER 3 | WILLIAM D. ASHDOWN ... 7 |
| ERNEST J. LADD 4 | REGINALD V. JOHNSON Tenor |

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by R. V. JOHNSON.

* First peal of Bob Major.

DORE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 14, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

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| *ALBERT HELLIWELL ... Treble | *ERNEST COOPER ... 5 |
| *GEORGE CLARK 2 | JOHN R. BREARLEY ... 6 |
| WILLIAM A. WOOLER ... 3 | JOHN A. BREARLEY ... 7 |
| J. EDWARD CAWSE 4 | *PERCY GLEDSTONE ... Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method in the county. 50th peal as conductor. Rung as a compliment to Messrs. H. Walker, of Doncaster, and E. Cooper, of Bentley, on the occasion of their respective weddings.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 16, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

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| ROBERT HEAZEL ... Treble | CHARLES T. COLES ... 5 |
| FRANK Y. RINGE 2 | ERNEST J. BUTLER ... 6 |
| GEORGE R. PYE 3 | JAMES BENNETT 7 |
| ERNEST W. FURBANK 4 | WILLIAM PYE Tenor |

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD.—At St. Mary's Church, after Confirmation service, on Thursday, May 29th, by Bishop Lander, 720 Oxford Bob in 27 mins.: R. T. Newman 1, H. Gates 3, H. Golding 4, J. Floyd 5, W. Shepherd 6, A. V. Good (conductor) 7, E. J. Wynne 8.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

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| *ARTHUR PAYNE Treble | WILLIAM H. BARBER 5 |
| JAMES GRAY 2 | *DAVID VINCENT 6 |
| *WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 3 | J. E. R. KEEN 7 |
| *JOHN ANDERSON 4 | ADAM DEAS Tenor |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

* First peal of Double Oxford. Rung after meeting short for Superlative Surprise, Mr. Gray kindly making up the band at the last moment.

USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 21, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

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| EDWARD H. STADLING ... Treble | GEORGE HAWKINS 5 |
| EDGAR W. LOFF 2 | EX-SERGT. J. WILLIAMS 6 |
| ARTHUR HAWKINS 3 | CHARLES GREEDY 7 |
| GEORGE WENT 4 | DONALD G. CLIFT Tenor |

Conducted by C. GREEDY.

Arranged for ex-Serjt. J. Williams, of Newent. Rung after meeting short for Bob Major.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 21, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

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| GEORGE GREEN Treble | WILLIAM KEEBLE 5 |
| PERCY GREEN 2 | LEWIS W. WIFFEN 6 |
| WILLIAM LINCOLN 3 | *ERNEST BRIGHT 7 |
| THOMAS LINCOLN 4 | ARTHUR HEAD Tenor |

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the septcentenary festival of the Parish Church of All Saints, Writtle, where, owing to serious illness near the church the peal could not be attempted. Also rung on the 27th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Keeble. The band desire to thank the Vicar of Galleywood, the Rev. A. F. Roughton, for allowing the peal to be rung at very short notice.

CALDICOT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 21, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

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| WILLIAM PIKE Treble | PERCY JONES 5 |
| SYDNEY T. RACKHAM 2 | GEORGE POPNELL 6 |
| TOM FORD 3 | ALBAN E. SLATTER 7 |
| JOHN W. JONES 4 | BERT WEAVER Tenor |

Conducted by ALBAN E. SLATTER.

Specially arranged to mark the esteem in which he is held, and rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. John Phillips, one of the association's keenest and enthusiastic members, which took place that day at St. John's Church, Cardiff, the band wishing him and his wife long life and happiness. Prior to the peal, the band were most kindly entertained to tea by the Vicar of Caldicot, who wished the peal would be successful for this very special occasion.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 21, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in F.

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| *ARTHUR NEWELL Treble | †JAMES F. SMITH 8 |
| G. RONALD EDWARDS 2 | GEORGE R. JONES 6 |
| WALTER J. BATTLE 3 | LESTER L. GRAY 7 |
| JOHN COOKE 4 | JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor |

Composed by J. S. WILDE (No. 9). Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First attempt for a peal of Surprise. † First peal of 'Old' Cambridge. Fiftieth peal as conductor. G. R. Edwards' 50th peal, of which 42 have been rung with the conductor.

HARBORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 21, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT Treble | *HAROLD F. MARTIN 5 |
| ARTHUR J. MARTIN 2 | WILLIAM BROWN 6 |
| *GEORGE E. FEARN 3 | CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 7 |
| JOSEPH H. COX 4 | HECTOR G. BIRD Tenor |

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by WM. B. CARTWRIGHT.

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

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(TAUNTON DEANERY.)

On Saturday, June 21, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

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|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| SYDNEY A. WYATT Treble | ARTHUR REED 5 |
| *DUDLEY F. SHELDON 2 | JAMES HUNT 6 |
| †THOMAS W. HANCOCK 3 | WILLIAM H. LLOYD 7 |
| ALFRED J. WYATT 4 | PERCY MERSON Tenor |

Conducted by W. H. LLOYD.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. First peal of Triples as conductor. Rung to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the coronation of King George V. 50th peal together by Messrs. A. J. Wyatt and P. Merson.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 21, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

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| *PERCY H. WALKER Treble | JAMES H. RIDING 5 |
| †ALAN M. HICKMAN 2 | RICHARD T. HOLDING 6 |
| †WILLIAM J. CHESTERS 3 | WILLIAM WEATHERBY 7 |
| HARRY F. HOLDING 4 | EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... Tenor |

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by E. V. RODENHURST.

* First peal. † First peal in the method away from the treble. ‡ First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. A birthday peal for the ringer of the 6th, and Harry Overton, of Crewe. Rung after meeting short for Oxford Treble Bob. The band, together with the local ringers, were afterwards hospitably entertained to tea in the Village Hall.

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EWELL, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 21, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble | GEORGE W. STEERE 5 |
| C. ERNEST SMITH 2 | WILLIAM T. BEESON 6 |
| WILLIAM J. ROBINSON 3 | CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7 |
| GEORGE WILSON 4 | ALFRED H. POLLING Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING

50th peal together by A. H. Pulling and C. E. Smith.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

In Saturday, June 21, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

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|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| WILLIAM FISHER Treble | HARRY BOSWELL 5 |
| HAROLD L. FLAVELL 2 | *ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 6 |
| HERBERT E. BOOTH 3 | ALFRED FALLON 7 |
| ALBERT D. COLLINS 4 | JAMES SHAW Tenor |

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

* 50th peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Ivy M. Greenfield, daughter of the conductor.

NORBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 21, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

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|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| *PETER LAFLIN Treble | *JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. 5 |
| WILLIAM FERNLEY 2 | WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 6 |
| ERNEST BENNETT 3 | WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 7 |
| JAMES FERNLEY, JUN. 4 | *EDWARD JENKINS Tenor |

Composed by J. S. WILDE.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal in the method.

WINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 21, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

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| THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. Treble | FREDERICK A. COLEY 5 |
| ROBERT COLLINS 2 | EDWARD J. BEER 6 |
| FREDERICK G. BRETT 3 | FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 7 |
| JOHN WHEADON 4 | WILLIAM J. BEER Tenor |

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

ORMESBY, YORKSHIRE.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 21, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

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| H. TAYLOR Treble | THOMAS LANCASTER 5 |
| G. KEMBALL 2 | W. BROADLEY 6 |
| THOMAS METCALFE 3 | J. CYRIL POLLARD 7 |
| J. W. DOWSON 4 | LOCIAN VENUS Tenor |

Conducted by J. C. POLLARD.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 21, 1930, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

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| THOMAS R. HENSHER Treble | JAMES T. WARD 5 |
| WALTER PERKINS 2 | JOHN R. MAIN 6 |
| JOHN J. MAWBY 3 | GEORGE BASFORD 7 |
| HARRY CHAMBERS 4 | ANDERSON Y. TYLER Tenor |

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

First peal in the method on the bells. The ringer of the treble has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal.

REVELSTOKE, NOSS MAYO, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, PLYMOUTH.)

On Saturday, June 21, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

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| *CHARLES HOLMES Treble | WILLIAM HAMLYN 5 |
| WILLIAM RUNDLE 2 | THOMAS G. MYERS 6 |
| JOHN GLOYAS 3 | GEO. HARRY MYERS 7 |
| ALFRED MITCHELMORE 4 | GEORGE MARSHALL Tenor |

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

* First peal on eight bells. First peal on eight bells as conductor and first attempt.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ST. NICOLAS' SOCIETY.)

On Sunday, June 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

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| ERNEST DUMPER Treble | CHARLES J. FRAY 5 |
| GEORGE WILLIAMS 2 | JOHN R. RODWELL 6 |
| WILLIAM ROWE 3 | WILLIAM T. TUCKER 7 |
| WALTER G. ROWE 4 | OWEN H. GILES Tenor |

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung in honour of the 19th anniversary of the King's coronation, also as a golden wedding peal to Sir William and Lady Portal, of Laverstoke, Hants, Sir William having been a life member of the Guild for many years. The above band are all Sunday service ringers at this church.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

DEEPIING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 7, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in eleven methods, viz., (1) Morpeth, (2) Alnwick, (3) Northumberland, (4) Norwich, (5) Norfolk and Primrose, (6) Ipswich and Cambridge, (7) London, Cuckeastro and Wells.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

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| *CHARLES E. BLACK Treble | JAMES OSBORN 4 |
| JOHN W. LAKE 2 | ALBERT S. ALLEN 5 |
| THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE 3 | HORACE M. DAY Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

* First peal.

WATERINGBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Whit Monday, June 9, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently.

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| EDWIN BROMLEY Treble | ALAN BROMLEY 4 |
| FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 2 | REGINALD E. LAMBERT 5 |
| FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 3 | ROBERT T. LAMBERT Tenor |

Conducted by R. T. LAMBERT.

MINCHINHAMPTON, GLOS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Whit Monday, June 9, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings.

Tenor 13 cwt.

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| *H. PERLPS Treble | F. PONTING 4 |
| †P. PONTING 2 | H. BARRETT 5 |
| *T. PRICE 3 | †E. BAILEY Tenor |

Conducted by F. PONTING.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal. Rung as a compliment to ringer of 2nd on reaching his 17th birthday.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 10, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
At the Parish Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Munden, Hexham, Surfleet, Chester, Berwick, Beverley and Carlisle. Tenor 10½ cwt.

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| *COLIN RYDER Treble | HAROLD CHANT 4 |
| WILLIAM GREEN 2 | ARTHUR GILL 5 |
| ARTHUR PANTHER 3 | ALBERT NASH Tenor |

Conducted by A. NASH.

* First peal of Surprise Minor, and first on the bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Colonel J. E. Knight, a churchwarden at the Parish Church, who died on the 8th inst. The ringers wish to thank Canon Morgan for the use of the bells, and Mr. Ryder for making the band up at short notice and having everything ready for them.

WETHERSFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 11, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, Plain Bob, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| JOSEPH JENNINGS... .. Treble | WALTER SMITH 4 |
| BERNARD W. PETTITT 2 | ERNEST TOWNSEND 5 |
| ALBERT CATTERWELL... .. 3 | OLAVE E. BROYD... .. Tenor |

Conducted by OLAVE E. BROYD.

Believed to be the first peal ever rung in the tower.

BUSHBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, June 12, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two extents, ten different callings.

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| *RAYMOND F. BLACKWELL Treble | JAMES SEAW 4 |
| HERBERT E. BOOTH 2 | ALBERT FALLON 5 |
| ALBERT D. COLLINS 3 | HARRY BOSWELL Tenor |

Conducted by A. D. COLLINS.

* First peal. This is the first peal on Bushbury bells for approximately twenty years.

SUTTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 14, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| *ERNEST HEAPY Treble | *STANLEY NOBLE... .. 4 |
| WILFRED STEVENSON 2 | JOHN WORTH 5 |
| JACK TIPPER 3 | WILLIAM GAYES... .. Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal.

GLINTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 14, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Benedict,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Double Court, one of Plain Bob, two of Cambridge Surprise, and one each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

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| STANLEY W. THOMPSON ... Treble | FRANK ROWLINSON 4 |
| WILLIAM ROSE 2 | HORACE M. DAY 5 |
| JOHN J. JUTSON 3 | FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... Tenor |

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

The ringer of the tenor hails from Croydon, and was elected a life member of the Guild before starting. It was his first peal in five methods.

ASH PRIORY, SOMERSET.—On Tuesday, June 10th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Minor (1,260 changes), being 720 Kent Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob: B. T. Jeanes 1, E. Branchflower 2, F. Branchflower 3, W. H. Lloyd (conductor) 4, J. Newlick 5, H. Sealy 6. Longest length for ringers of third and fifth.

YARDLEY HASTINGS, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 14, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

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| FRED WOODING Treble | ALBERT MINNEY 4 |
| HARRY PETTIT 2 | AMOS SMART... .. 5 |
| WILLIAM STOCK 3 | HARRY WOODING Tenor |

Conducted by AMOS SMART.

H. Wooding has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

BRIGSTOCK, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(THRAPSTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 14, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four six-scores of St. Simon's, 14 of Plain Bob, and 24 of Grandsire. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb

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| *JOHN A. SANDERS Treble | *PERCY HECTOR 3 |
| *JOHN W. ALLEN 2 | †FREDERICK TOOLEY 4 |
| †W. REGINALD BUTCHER ... Tenor | |

Conducted by W. R. BUTCHER.

* First peal. † First peal in three methods. First peal to be rung on these bells by the local band, who are all Sunday service ringers.

CRATFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 14, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven different extents, two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

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| ALFRED H. WATSON Treble | HARRY HALL 4 |
| ALPHÆUS J. BERRY 2 | JOHN HALL 5 |
| DAVID CRACKNELL 3 | GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor |

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

Rung as a compliment to G. A. Blaxcell, who had long wished to ring a peal upon these, the bells of his native village, which are one of the finest peals in six in the county.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, June 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Twenty Nine Minutes,
At the Residence of Mr. J. BRAY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 11½ in F sharp.

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| *HARRY CARTER 1-2 | JACK BRAY 5-6 |
| FRANK LORD 3-4 | BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. ... 7-8 |

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by J. BRAY.

* First peal 'in hand.' Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Enid Bray.

CRAMLINGTON, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD.)

On Saturday, June 21, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
At West Cramlington No. 2 Pit (Hartley Main Coal Co., Ltd.),

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

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| JOHN ANDERSON... .. 1-2 | WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON... .. 5-6 |
| WILLIAM H. BARBER 3-4 | ROBERT S. ANDERSON 7-8 |

ADAM DEAS 9-10

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

Referees: J. E. R. KERN and OSWALD SIMM.

This is the first peal rung in a coal mine. It was rung in the low main seam at a depth of 441 feet.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.**CIRENCESTER RINGERS' ANNUAL OUTING.**

The annual outing was held on Whit Monday. The first stop was Ledbury, where the party were met by Mr. Dance. The bells, a fine peal of eight by Rudhall, were raised in peal. Several touches of Stedman and Grandsire were brought round. Malvern was the next place of call, after a splendid run over the Malvern hills. Worcester was then visited, where the company, who were met by Mr. Jeffries, were fortunate in getting permission for a ring on the Cathedral bells, and touches of Grandsire Cinques were rung. The next move was to Pershore, where, on arriving, the company partook of tea at the Angel Hotel. At Evesham they were met by Mr. J. D. Johnson, and several touches were rung on the bells, a fine peal of ten. After a short stop at Cheltenham, home was reached at 10.30 p.m. The thanks of the ringers are due to the Dean of Worcester, Rev. Carnegie, of Ledbury, and the Vicar of Evesham, for the use of the bells, and to Messrs. Dance, Jeffries, and Johnson, who met the company and helped to make the outing such a success. The ringers also wish to thank Mr. F. Edwards for the excellent arrangements which made the outing so successful and enjoyable.

ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY'S LONG DAY.

The above society held their annual outing on Saturday, June 21st. Arriving at Braintree by 8 a.m., where breakfast was waiting at the Nag's Head, Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Essex Association, and Mr. Lewis W. Wiffen, welcomed the visitors, both standing in to a course of London Surprise Major. This was followed by a course of Cambridge Surprise Major on the 'all of a family' bells at Great Dunmow, at Bishop's Stortford a well-struck course of Cambridge Surprise Royal and a course of Superlative Surprise Major at St. Mary's, Harlow. After dinner at the Green Dragon, a splendid course of Cambridge Surprise Maximus was rung, and was repeated at Chelmsford, where the visitors were again met by Mr. L. W. Wiffen and other members of the Essex Association, who had just rung a peal of Superlative at Galleywood. Double Norwich, Stedman, and/or Grandsire were also rung at each steeple. All agreed this was an outing par excellence, about 150 miles in 18 hours.

The society thank all incumbents and steeplekeepers for having everything in readiness.

TRURO CATHEDRAL RINGERS VISIT EXETER.

Although most of the Truro Cathedral ringers have many towers to ring at before they complete the 137 or so with a ring of bells in their own county of Cornwall, it has long been their desire to visit Exeter Cathedral and ring on the noble twelve. This was the main objective selected for the annual outing on Whit Monday. Soon after 7 a.m., the appointed time of departure, a party of twenty-seven was en route for Exeter, Truro's neighbouring cathedral city. Lunch was enjoyed in picnic style, and Exeter was reached at 12.30 p.m. The party arrived at the Cathedral at 12.45 p.m. precisely, as arranged, and were welcomed by Messrs. Gardner, Davey and Truman. They were soon in the ringing chamber, and after pulling the bells up rang rounds on the twelve, Grandsire Triples on the back and 'Thomas' eights, and also the 'Stafford' ten to rounds, the two youngest members, aged twelve and fourteen, acquitting themselves splendidly. One wonders if they are the youngest to ring in this tower, at least on the twelve. As a ring, these bells are certainly wonderful, and after one visit it would certainly be very unwise to say that the much praised 11th is a better bell than Grandison, the tenor, or the two trebles. After a hurried look around the interior of the Cathedral, the party made for St. Sidwell's, where they were welcomed by the Rector, the Rev. A. Lanyon Owen. They found a very handy ring of ten, which, as the numerous peal boards in the ringing chamber suggest, have been used to the fullest advantage. After a pull the ringers bade farewell to Mr. Gardner, who made them feel quite at home at this tower also. The next place visited was Torquay. Here no ringing was done, but a couple of hours enjoyed in the sun. The party arrived at Truro again at 11.30, tired, but nevertheless chattering of the 200 miles that had been covered, the places visited and the ringing done.

Thanks are especially due to the Dean of Exeter and the Rector of St. Sidwell's for the use of their bells, Mr. Gardner for acting as pilot at Exeter and allowing the ringers to view the Cathedral bells, and the Dean and Chapter of Truro Cathedral for again making such a long journey possible.

BISHOP STORTFORD COMPANY'S DAY OUT.

On Whit Monday, the Bishop's Stortford company and friends to the number of 30 had their annual outing, when they rang at Watford and Tilehurst in the morning, and after lunch at Reading rang at St. Mary's and Caversham, before proceeding to Hatfield. They reached home at 11 p.m. after a very enjoyable day, and wish to thank all those who welcomed them and had everything ready at the various towers which they visited.

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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 ring of ten bells at St. Michael's, Coventry, were rung for the last time on June 28th, 1885, the previous peal on the bells having been rung two years earlier. The risk of damaging the fabric of the beautiful spire was the reason for ceasing ringing, and the bells have now been formed into a carillon. The 'battle' in the Consistory Court against breaking up the old bells is still fresh in the memory of the majority of our readers.

Elijah Roberts, one of the greatest exponents of 'tapping' that the Exercise has known, tapped a peal of Stedman Cinques at Birmingham on June 30th, 1883, the peal being conducted by Henry Cooper.

The first peal of Grandsire Cinques 'in hand' was rung at Birmingham on July 2nd, 1886.

Mr. Noel E. Hope was ordained at Chichester Cathedral last week and is taking up a curacy at the Church of St. Mary Magdalen, St. Leonards-on-Sea.

Mr. W. L. Gutteridge, of Stoke Poges, is lying in Windsor Hospital, having been involved in a serious motor-cycle accident at Gerrard's Cross, as a result of which his left leg is broken.

The peal of Stedman Triples rung at Staplehurst on June 7th was the 50th peal together by Mr. and Mrs. H. Baker and T. E. and C. H. Sone.

The ring of ten at Truro Cathedral were dedicated twenty years ago last Saturday (June 21st, 1910). Amongst the many noted ringers present were the Revs. J. F. Hastings and E. V. Cox, Messrs. J. R. Newman, C. H. Hattersley, B. Prewett and R. Stavert, of whom some are fallen asleep. Methods rung were Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Kent Treble Bob Royal and Bob Royal.

Of the present company, only one member can remember this great day. Next year the 'coming of age' of the bells falls on a Sunday, and it would be splendid if the present keen band could (perhaps with assistance) repeat these methods.

The order for the recasting of the peal of eight at Ilfracombe Parish Church and the rehangings with new fittings in a new cast-iron framework has been entrusted to Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

At a meeting of the Council of the Library Association, on Friday last, Mr. J. S. Pritchett was appointed honorary legal adviser to the association in place of Lord Macmillan, who had resigned on being raised to the peerage as a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary.

'HENERY THE EIGHTH.'

Mr. Editor.

Dear Sir,—I see as how there be zum fellars as have rung a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Neots, Hunts, and as how one of 'em had the nerve to call 'isself Henery the Eighth.

You moight be good enough to tell all they blokes as writes to you that there be only one Henery the Eighth, and if they wants to know who he be, it be I. Him as rung a peal at Shiplake, that topper as was referred to in your paper a few weeks ago.

You can tell 'em to come down here, and that Lunnon bachelor as well, and we'll let 'em know who Enery the Eighth be.

FLIPPY GILLIE.

Barkshire.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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FUNDS HELPED BY INCREASED FEES.

The hon. treasurer presented the accounts, which had been audited by Messrs. A. A. Hughes and A. Paddon Smith. The balance at the bank at the beginning of year was £31 19s. 6d. The receipts included a donation from the Rev. Teape of £1 1s.; affiliation fees, arrears 7s. 6d., current year 17 at £1, 5 at 15s., 10 at 10s., 16 at 5s., £30 2s. 6d.; interest on stock £5; total £68 3s. The expenditure had been £13 14s. 1d., leaving a balance at bank of £33 5s. 6d., and cash in hand £16 3s. 5d. Last year, the Treasurer said, he pointed out that they were year by year sliding down in their balance, and they agreed that the affiliated associations should pay more. The receipts this year had therefore jumped up accordingly, and they got about £29 in fees. He explained that the donation from Mr. Teape was received in return for advice and services which he (the treasurer) had been able to give in connection with the recasting of some bells. Two associations, he added, had not paid their annual subscriptions, viz., the Doncaster and District Society and the North Wales Association, but they had new associations in the Romney

THE NEW PRESIDENT.



Mr. E. H. Lewis, who succeeds Canon Coleridge as President of the Central Council.

Marsh and District Guild and the Oxford Society. They now had three societies from that ancient city—the Diocesan Guild, the University Guild and the Oxford Society.

The balance sheet was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Paddon Smith. The auditors were also thanked for their work.

The Librarian presented his report (already published in 'The Ringing World'), and added that while the book, 'Model Rules for a local company,' was out of print he had several applications for copies, but since the revised issue had been completed, very few applications for it had been received. It was a most valuable little work, which was published at 6d., and he hoped the members of the Council would do their best to secure its sale, so that the copies were not left upon his shelves.

Replying to Mr. Coles, the Librarian said he was always pleased to send out the Council's publications 'on sale or return' to responsible officials of an association, but last year very little return in cash was received from this source. The report was adopted.—At a later point in the meeting the Librarian stated that the amount received for the sale of publications by associations was 4s. 9d.

HONORARY MEMBERS RE-ELECTED.

The following honorary members retired from office this year, and were re-elected on the motion of Mr. A. L. Coleman, seconded by Mr. J. George: Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Messrs. J. A. Trollope, J. Griffin, E. A. Young, J. S. Goldsmith and C. F. Johnston. The Rev. A. T. Beeston also retired, but did not seek re-election, and the vacancy thus created was left open in case of emergency.

THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE.

The Council came next to deal with the report of its various committees. The Hon. Secretary, for the Standing Committee, said there was very little to report. They had had a meeting that morning and an interim meeting last November. He had done his best to obtain cheap travelling facilities for members of the Council, and many of them had availed themselves of the opportunity, but they had not sold the one hundred tickets which the united railway companies stipulated they should do. It therefore remained to be seen whether they would grant them the same facilities next year. With regard to his trusteeship, with the Rev. Davies, of the Carter ringing machine, he had to report that on the previous Sunday for the first time the machine was officially inspected by members of the Council and ringing friends, about 20 of whom assembled in the Science Museum at South Kensington. The machine was set working, and he explained it. They had scrapped the old battery of gongs and had got a new set of bells, given by Mr. Hughes. These were connected electrically with the machine, which, unfortunately, was in some respects beginning to show signs of wear. Two friends of theirs, Mr. George Fardon and Mr. Sharman, had devoted many hours trying to see what could best be done to adjust the wearing parts. On Sunday it almost rang a plain course of Stedman Cinques, but it did not come round. That, of course, was disappointing, but there was the machine; it was in good hands, and if they could only afford at some day to lay out £15 or £20 and overhaul the machine and have some of the cams and clicks renewed, it would be as good as it was in dear old Mr. Carter's time. Continuing, Mr. Young said the members of the Standing Committee who were up for re-election were Canon Coleridge, Revs. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Canon Elsee, C. D. P. Davies, H. Law James, Alderman Pritchett, Messrs. Cockerill, Hughes, Griffin, Young, Cave, Coles, and Paddon Smith. The Rev. A. T. Beeston, being no longer a member of the Council, could not be re-elected.

Replying to a question, Mr. Young said the president was an ex-officio member.

On the motion of Canon Baker, seconded by Canon Elsee, the report was adopted, and on the motion of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, seconded by Mr. W. Willson, the Standing Committee were re-elected, with the addition of the conveners of committees who were not already members of the Standing Committee.

TREBLE BOB PEAL COLLECTION.

For the Peal Collection Committee, the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson reported that the only work in hand was that of proving the peals of Treble Bob Major with tenors parted, the chief interest of which was the development of the long length. He had got the manuscript almost complete, and he hoped it would be typed very soon. A suggestion was made—he forgot from what source—that Mr. Carter's peals should be edited and published by the Council. It would be a very good thing to do, but he thought the Council as a Council could hardly undertake the publication of any individual's compositions. Some opinion was expressed that the collection of Stedman Caters and Cinques compositions should be published.

The Hon. Secretary said the suggestion was not received in formal terms, and he simply sent the letters on to Mr. Richardson.

Mr. Sedgley said in the Suffolk Guild they would welcome the republication of Mr. Carter's 'Broadsheet.' It could not now be obtained, and its republication would prevent it being lost.

Rev. E. S. Powell said Mr. Carter's 'Broadsheet' was in the library, so that the peals could not be lost to them.

Mr. G. R. Newton urged that something should be done to publish the collection of peals of Treble Bob which were now in the library only in typed volumes. They should be placed within the reach of all ringers in a convenient form.

The President said it was a question of expense, and Mr. Newton's suggestion had better be left over until they had dealt with the Methods Committee's report and saw what was to be done in another direction.

The report was adopted on the motion of the Hon. Secretary, seconded by Mr. Coles; and on the proposition of Mr. Hunt, seconded by Mr. Hughes, the committee was re-elected as follows: Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Rev. E. S. Powell, Mrs. Fletcher, Messrs. J. A. Trollope, H. W. Wilde and J. W. Parker.

REACHING A NEW PUBLIC.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards presented the following report for the Literature and Press Committee:—

A general survey of literary publications during the past twelve months shows the last two months to have been the most interesting portion of that period from the ringer's point of view. In the 'Church Times' of May 30th a whole column was occupied with an article headed, 'Of Bells and their Music.' Commencing with the

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statement, 'He who would write the history of bells would come near to writing also the history of civilisation,' the writer proceeds to refer to the part played by bells in public rejoicing, of which he says: 'A great occasion would, indeed, be emptied of half its colour without the jangling clamour of the bells.' Then in the May number of 'The Accessory,' a journal for the Radio and allied industries, appears the first of a series of some twenty articles on 'The History of Bells,' by Mr. J. R. Nichols, author of 'Bells through the Ages.' The same author has contributed other articles on bells to various trade journals, which are of exceptional value by reason of their reaching quite a new public, whose interest must often be stimulated by the fact that they are so completely taken by surprise. Who, for instance, would ever have expected to pick up a publication entitled, 'The Tractor,' and find himself reading a vivacious article on 'Bells'? Another contribution from Mr. Nichols was published in 'Musical Opinion,' while, at the request of the editorial manager, a member of the Literature and Press Committee contributed an article to the 'Musical Standard' of April 21st on 'Some Musical Aspects of Change Ringing.' And last, but by no means least, the ringers' own journal, 'The Ringing World,' has attained its thousandth issue. The committee confidently anticipate the time when their successors on the Literature Committee will make a note of its jubilee year of publication. A most interesting discovery had been reported in the columns of 'The Ringing World' by Mr. J. Perry, namely, that of an old book published in the eighteenth century, which contains an article on change ringing with a detailed description of a spliced method.

Occasional complaints about bells, continued the report, have found a place in the public press. Mr. C. E. C. Kendie wrote to the 'Daily Mail' last summer stating his objection to Lewisham bells. In that case the laudable energy of the ringers appeared to have encouraged the wholesome practice of early rising, as the writer said: 'On Monday, June 3rd, the bells began at 6 a.m. . . . I got up, went to the church and protested to the chief bellringer.' Apparently what he protested against was the ringing of the bells in honour of the King's birthday. As the circumstances of last year gave exceptional occasion for public rejoicing at the preservation of His Majesty's life, the aggrieved correspondent could not be congratulated on the choice of a felicitous occasion for his protest. His attention might well be directed to the example of our gracious King, who recently signified his pleasure at hearing the bells of Windsor Parish Church rung for the Easter Festival after a temporary silence. Another newspaper correspondent made a complaint about St. Clement Danes' bells. His letter evoked a spirited reply from the Rector of that church, who aptly emphasised the fact that many members of the legal profession had contributed to the restoration of the bells. The 'Daily Telegraph' brought the matter to a satisfactory conclusion with a powerful leading article in defence of bells. One, Francis E. Trotter, had perpetrated in 'Everybody's Weekly' an article on 'Bells that make our Sundays hideous and our nights intolerable.' Evidently this gentleman would have found a kindred spirit in a certain Fellow of a college at Cambridge, mentioned by the late Oscar Browning, who seriously proposed that the college clock should cease to strike! At the same time there is no doubt that much needless annoyance is caused by the injudicious use of single bells, and it is in the interest of ringers to exert their influence on the side of strict moderation in such use.

The carillon installed in Hyde Park had received frequent attention on the part of the press. A regular contributor to the columns of the 'Church Times,' under the heading of 'The Humanities,' referred to it in appreciative terms, but concluded his remarks with the commendably English sentiment, 'For my own part I prefer the merry clangour of our native ringers.'

FORTUNE FOR A BELL TRUST.

Mr. C. H. Howard said, although it did not, perhaps, come within the scope of this report, he would like to mention that he had received information that Miss Barron, who had previously created a trust for assisting in the restoration of bells, had by her will left a sum of some forty thousand pounds for the benefit of the trust, which would add about £2,000 a year to the fund.

Canon Coleridge said a good many present might like to know that Mr. Ernest Morgiss' wonderful new work, a survey of ringing, was to appear at the end of this month, the only thing that remained to be done being to make an accurate index, on which he was now engaged. He (the speaker) believed there were the names of hundreds of ringers mentioned, many interesting photographs, one of them being that of the members of the Council assembled at Chester. He believed there were about 122 pictures altogether. The work, from what he had heard and seen of it, would be of intense interest to every ringer. It would be rather expensive, but he hoped that ringers who could not afford to purchase it would ask the Library Committee of their own town to obtain it and put it in the public library. The book would contain a great deal of sound knowledge which had never been put before ringers before. Library committees of town councils were only too glad to have suggestions.

A member remarked that the committee's report contained no reference to the complaints made in the press in regard to a peal of Double Norwich Royal rung at Westminster last year, and which emphasised the great need there was of care in regard to ringing peals in churches near hospitals.

The report was adopted on the motion of Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. J. George, and the committee was re-elected as follows, with the addition of Mr. C. H. Howard: Rev. F. L. Edwards, Messrs. A. Paddon Smith, J. S. Goldsmith and W. Willson. Rev. A. T. Beeson and Mr. G. P. Burton, being no longer members of the Council, were not re-elected.

The sub-committee who had revised the rules for a local company (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Canon Elsee, Mr. Elwell and Mr. Wilde) was dissolved, and the committee thanked for the work they had done.

THE COLLECTION OF MINOR METHODS.

The Rev. H. Law James, reporting for the Methods Committee, said the Council would remember they arranged a year ago to print the 'Collection of Minor Methods,' but this had not yet been done because the expense of printing the book was so great in its full form that the publication could only be done at such a price that there would be, they were afraid, very little sale for it. As they had got so near to the time when the Council were going to meet again, it was decided to wait and ask the Council whether they would publish the whole thing at a cost of something like £68, or would divide it into two portions and publish it in two parts, the first part consisting of the methods only, and the second part consisting of the compositions. In view of the cost, to make it pay the charge would have to be about 3s. per copy if it were printed in one part.

Mr. A. P. Smith asked if the committee had got an estimate of the cost of printing it in two parts? If not, he suggested that the matter should be deferred until they had done so.

Mr. J. A. Trollope said the question of obtaining an estimate was not the committee's job; that belonged to the Standing Committee. The Methods Committee's job was to prepare the book, which they did, according to the standard which they set down for themselves. It was to be a complete book, and it was exhaustive. Mr. Young obtained for the Standing Committee an estimate for printing, and the committee demurred to the cost. The Methods Committee came to the conclusion that if they were going to print a book like that for the six and five-bell ringers, they must not have a book so costly that people could not buy it, and they decided that on the whole it would be better to divide it into two portions. It could not be divided into equal parts. The first part of the book would be a little less than two-thirds of the whole, and would contain a lead of all the six-bell methods which were considered to be regular, and a selection of five-bell methods; also the amended list of alternative names, the alphabetical list of the methods, and one or two other things. Among the methods, there was a complete list of Alliance and Little Minor methods, which were now very little rung, and which would introduce a new style of six-bell ringing. The committee considered that they could not omit so much as a single comma, if the thing was to be understood and useful and exhaustive. The second part consisted of the compositions and the appendix which they were last year authorised to include.

Mr. Willson suggested that before any expense was incurred, the societies should be approached and asked for a guarantee to take a certain number of copies, otherwise they would saddle the Council with an expense equal to two years' income.

(To be continued.)

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH.

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at the Parish Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Urchfont, on Saturday, June 7th. Ringing during the afternoon was followed by the Guild service, conducted by the Rev. G. E. Lewis (priest-in-charge), who also gave an interesting address based on Daniel iii. 5. Miss Edwards was the organist.

Tea followed in the New Hall, which has been erected entirely by voluntary labour by the residents of the village.

A short business meeting followed, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham presiding. He extended a hearty welcome to the visitors, Messrs. George Poppail, of Bedwellty, Mon, E. Woodroff and N. Allnutt, Swindon.

On the motion of the Chairman, a vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. G. E. Lewis, to the organist and to those who prepared the tea.

Ringers were present from Urchfont, Aldbourne, Bratton, North Bradley, Devizes St. John and St. Mary, Melksham and Trowbridge, and touches of Grand sire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major were rung during the day. Ringing also took place at Market Lavington.

Urchfont possesses a peal of eight bells, tenor 21 cwt. The following description of the church is from 'Highways and Byways of Wiltshire': 'The noble church of St. Michael is a remarkably fine decorated work not too well restored, and yet by no means spoilt, for much of it remains untouched. A thirteenth-century church seems to have stood here, and this was rebuilt in the earlier half of the fourteenth, first the transept, then the chancel, then the south aisle, then in the fifteenth century the nave was attached and porch, and, last, the tower was added. The most interesting part of the church is the chancel of three bays, with its heavy buttresses and great stone vault.'

NEW PEAL OF 10 FOR IRELAND.

INSTALLED AT WEXFORD BY CROYDON FOUNDRY.

Five months ago Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., were asked to examine the bells at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Wexford, and to report on their condition to the Rev. John Sinnott, administrator.

The bells consisted of a diatonic eight, tenor 29 cwt., hung for ringing, with a flat second hung dead for tune playing. The tenor was cracked, and the others so badly out of tune that it would have been impossible to retune them satisfactorily. The frame, in two tiers connected one to the other, was of extraordinary height, being some 22 feet from the bottom sills to the bearing points of the top tier.

It was evident that the bells had not been rung for many years owing to these conditions, and as a result of the long inaction the fittings had become dilapidated and dangerous. Eventually it was decided to recast all the bells into a ring of ten, and hang them with



The tower of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Wexford, where the new ring of ten bells has been opened.

new fittings throughout in a new metal frame, and to provide a chiming apparatus so that the bells could be either rung or chimed, and the order was given on condition that the whole contract was finished by May 25th.

The whole work has now been carried out, the metal of the old peal being distributed throughout the recast peal, the tenor of which weighs over 31 cwt.

It was on Sunday morning, May 25th, just three months after the order had been given, that the bells were inaugurated by chiming for the mid-day Mass, while in the evening at the close of the annual three weeks' men's mission an hour's demonstration of chiming and tune playing was given by Mr. S. R. Roper, the representative of the bell founders.

There was an assembly of 7,000 men in the precincts of the church, and the beautiful tone of the bells evoked the admiration of the entire audience. A further demonstration was given on Friday, May

30th, when the Papal Nuncio, the Most Reverend Paschal Robinson, O.F.M., visited Wexford to receive the freedom of the borough. This ceremony took place in the churchyard before a crowded assembly, and the enthusiasm of this Irish Catholic community was a most impressive spectacle to the privileged visitors.

From the ringers' point of view, however, Whitsun Saturday and Sunday were the great days. There is not a single ringer within 20 miles of Wexford, and accordingly arrangements were made to bring a representative band from Dublin. The ringing was arranged primarily for the purpose of testing the tower under ringing conditions, and after a few short touches the architect expressed himself thoroughly satisfied that the ringing bells had no effect on the stability of the tower, and considered that the frame provided all that engineering principles demanded. After this test a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,331 changes) was rung in fifty minutes by: P.C. R. S. F. Murphy 1, G. G. Lindoff 2, G. Lindoff (conductor) 3, T. McMorran 4, W. H. Wilson 5, E. Lutman 6, J. A. Atkinson 7, A. L. Murray 8, G. Wilmet 9, J. W. Townley 10.

Among other ringers taking part in the proceedings were Messrs. Lynch, Hogan and Kennedy, of Dublin, S. R. Roper, of Croydon, and Lungley, of New Ross. London ringers will recognise in the last-named an old Rochester Row ringer, and it is hoped that he will consent to teach a band to ring the new bells.

The volume of sound of the bells proved a revelation to the people in Wexford, and one old gentleman could scarcely believe that the ten bells could be rung by ten men, as he stated that the old eight bells required 17 men to ring them. The 'go' is all that can be desired, while the beautiful tone of the bells is a delight both to the inhabitants and ringers alike. They are pronounced to be equal, if not superior, to any ring of ten in Ireland, and Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., are to be heartily congratulated on this latest example of their craft.

The Dublin ringers wish to place on record their appreciation of being chosen to carry out the opening ringing on these bells, and their thanks are due to the Rev. John Sinnott, and the founders who defrayed the entire cost of their visit.

It is hoped to attempt a peal on the bells in the near future.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.

The annual festival of the North Bucks Branch was held at Whaddon on Saturday, June 7th, and the weather being fine quite a large gathering was attracted, nearly a hundred being present. The following towers were represented: Bletchley, Beachampton, Bradwell, Fenny Stratford, Loughton, Maids' Moreton, Newport Pagnell, Stony Stratford, Swanbourne, Simpson and the local ringers, with visitors from Central Bucks Branch and the Beds Association. The bells were set going about 2.30 p.m., and service was later conducted by the Vicar of Whaddon (Rev. E. A. Selby Lowndes). The Guild form was used, and an eloquent address was delivered by the Rev. Wynne (Vicar of Grendon Underwood), and much appreciated by all.

The members were afterwards the guests of Col. W. Selby Lowndes, who had made arrangements for tea to be supplied on the lawn of Whaddon Hall, situated amidst beautiful surroundings, and where a complete view of the historic Whaddon Chase could be obtained.

After tea the business of the branch was transacted, the Rev. L. Moxon (chairman of the branch) presiding.

The Secretary (Mr. W. Sear) gave a brief account of the work of the branch during the past year, and explained the financial position, which was considered very satisfactory, grants up to £10 having been made, and a balance of £12 4s. maintained.

The election of officers resulted in both the Rev. L. Moxon and Mr. W. Sear being elected chairman and secretary respectively.

The Master (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) addressed the meeting, expressing his appreciation of the healthy condition of the North Bucks Branch, and specially remarking on the good attendance of the clergy. Mr. E. T. Hibbert also spoke a few words of good advice.

The Rev. L. Moxon proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to Col. W. Selby Lowndes for his kind hospitality. The grounds were open to members to walk round, and proved a great attraction. The bells were also kept going, the methods rung during the afternoon ranging from Grandsire and Stedman Doubles to London Surprise Minor.

WEDDING OF A WELL-KNOWN SUFFOLK RINGER.

On Saturday, June 14th, a wedding took place at St. Peter and Paul's Church, Lavenham, between Mr. William R. J. Poulson, a well-known ringer, and Miss Elizabeth C. Mills, both of Lavenham. The bride was given away by her brother. Mr. Lawrence Poulson, brother of the bridegroom, and also a ringer, acted as best man. As the happy pair left the church, the bells were thrice 'fired,' followed by a merry touch of Grandsire Triples. The bridegroom, who is deputy conductor at Lavenham tower, has rung upwards of 100 peals, and has a large circle of ringing friends in Essex and Suffolk. He is an adept, whether at the 'big' or 'little' end, his striking being an example for any young ringer. Mr. and Mrs. Poulson were the recipients of many useful presents, including one from the Lavenham ringers.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. PRESENTATION TO HON. SECRETARY.

The annual meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association held at Northallerton on Whit Monday was a record in more ways than one.

The attendance was greater than that for many years past, representatives attending from Middlesbrough, Skelton, Ormesby, Stockton, Darlington (St. John's, St. Cuthbert's, and Holy Trinity), Selby, Thirsk, Ripon, Sharow, Tadcaster, West Hartlepool, and the local band, in addition to a visitor from the Lancashire District.

All had gathered to do honour to the ever-popular and enthusiastic secretary, Mr. Thomas Metcalfe, who, on that day, celebrated the 21st anniversary of his appointment. The presentation, consisting of a gold watch and chain with ringer's badge, and also a cheque for 26 6s., was made at the Primrose Cafe, when over fifty members and friends were present.

The President, in proposing a vote of thanks to Mr. Metcalfe for the valuable services he had rendered the association and the art in general during his years of office, mentioned that the secretary, in addition to being secretary and treasurer, had acted as Ringing Master, and, more often than not, president as well. Mr. Metcalfe's peal list was a formidable one, and had been performed in many and various towers of the association, but his chief forte lay in his work of teaching learners, a thing which many of the other leading ringers seem to ignore. Most of the members there owed their success in the art to Mr. Metcalfe, and the president voiced the opinion of the meeting when he declared that but for the work of the secretary the association would have died. Mr. Pollard also referred to Tom's famous 'bark,' but everyone agreed with him that the 'bark' was worse than the 'bite'—a fortunate thing for most of them. He gave a statement of the presentation fund which had been subscribed by 191 members and friends.

Vice-President Newton, in seconding the motion, dwelt on his many happy recollections of good times spent with Mr. Metcalfe, and touched the meeting by his sincerity and deep regard for the great and happy friendship he had enjoyed.

Mr. Pickering, a representative of the Tadcaster tower, eulogised Mr. Metcalfe's services to the association, and dwelt specially on the assistance he had rendered the Tadcaster band in their hard and uphill fight to gather together a useful company.

Mr. Robson (secretary of the Eastern Division of the Durham and Newcastle Association) accorded the thanks of the life members to Mr. Metcalfe for the way he had helped the younger members in the art.

Mr. Porter, of Darlington, one of the original members of the association, and one of Mr. Metcalfe's oldest friends, then made the presentation, which was accorded musical honours.

Mr. Metcalfe expressed his thanks in a few homely words, and gave some amusing reminiscences of his many adventures in pursuit of his favourite hobby.

At the annual meeting which followed, the secretary's report was presented, showing a continued run of successful and happy meetings and useful work performed by the association. The balance sheet showed that the funds were in a healthy condition. The first certificate under the Sunday service ringing scheme was awarded to the Middlesbrough tower, and the Ripon band received the second certificate. Meetings for next year were fixed for Guisborough in the autumn, Richmond pre-Lent, and the annual meeting at Thirsk on Whit Monday.

The service held in the Parish Church was attended by all the ringers, and the Vicar of Northallerton gave an inspiring address and welcome to the ringers, making special reference to the unique ceremony which was to be performed that day.

Photographs of the gathering and of Mr. Metcalfe were taken by Mr. Venus, of Darlington.

The peal of eight was kept going from an early hour till late at night in the various methods, ranging from Grandsire to Superlative, a special feature of this meeting being the number of young ringers present, who were made heartily welcome.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. PEAK DISTRICT.

A pleasant meeting was held at Eyam, on Saturday. About twenty-five ringers and friends were present from Bakewell, Baslow, Castleton, Dore, Eyam, Fairfield, Hathersage, Manchester, Matlock and Tideswell, and good use was made of the pretty light ring of six, tenor about 8 cwt., from 3 to 7 p.m., all the standard methods being made use of, and the ringing being concluded by a well-struck 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor by: V. Dane (Eyam) 1, Rev. W. P. Wright (Eyam) 2, F. Barker (Eyam) 3, F. Sheldon (Baslow) 4, A. G. Wallace (Bakewell) 5, J. E. Lewis Cockey (Dore) (conductor) 6.

At the kind invitation of the Rev. W. P. Wright, tea was partaken of at Godber's Cafe. After tea, a short business meeting was held, at which eleven members were elected, subject to confirmation at the next general meeting. Nine of these were from Fairfield (Buxton), which tower had expressed a wish to join en bloc, and were given a hearty welcome. The remaining two were Messrs. D. Carey and G. Thorpe, of Dore, the latter of these being 10½ years of age, who has to be placed on a stool to reach his bell, but who rang the treble through three courses of Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob quite creditably. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Dore on July 19th.

A cordial vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. W. P. Wright for his kindness in making all the arrangements, and for his generosity in providing tea and in opening his beautiful grounds to those present—an addition to the usual programme which always makes visits to Eyam so attractive.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

A joint meeting of the Dorchester and Wimborne Branches was held at Milton Abbey on Saturday, 120 members and friends attending. At 2.30 p.m. some members soon got the bells in motion. The following towers were represented: Bournemouth (St. Peter's and St. John's), Bradford Peverell, Bere Regis, Dorchester, Charborough, Fordington, Milton Abbey, Poole, Puddletown, Childs Okeford, Kingston Magna, Okeford Fitzpaine, Shroton, Sydling, Upwey, West Lulworth, Warham, Wimborne and Wyke Regis, and welcome visitors from Devizes in the persons of Mr. C. D. Heginbotham (chairman of Devizes Branch) and son. Four clergy accompanied their ringers.

At 4.30 the party assembled at the Abbey, where an inspiring service was held, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. C. J. Ellwood), and by request the Vicar of West Lulworth (Rev. C. D. Job) gave the address, in the unavoidable absence of the Master (Rev. R. H. Gundry). The organist (Mr. S. Sweetapple) presided at the organ, and the ringers' hymn, 'Unchanging God Who liveth,' set to the bell music, was sung for the first time in the Abbey, and the organist played the bell anthem as a voluntary. An al fresco tea followed in the grounds of the Hambro Arms. At the business meeting the Rev. C. D. Job was in the chair in the absence of the chairman (Mr. R. N. Dawes). Apologies for absence were received from the Master (Rev. R. H. Gundry), the general secretary (Rev. F. L. Edwards), Messrs. R. N. Dawes (chairman) E. Hutchings (Abbotsbury), R. Hawkins (Frampton), H. A. Runyard (Wool), and W. Cheater (Ringwood). Mrs. E. F. Middleton and Miss L. R. Clapcott (Bradford Peverell) were elected hon. members. It was left in the hands of the hon. secretary to arrange the next meeting at Bere Regis. The secretary was asked to write to Mr. T. Hervey Beams, sympathising with him in his illness.

Rev. C. A. Phillips proposed, and Rev. Wynn Wernick seconded, that a comprehensive vote of thanks be given to all concerned. The large party visited the Abbey gardens. Afterwards the Dorchester party visited Hilton and enjoyed a ring on this handy six in which the lady ringers took part. The Bournemouth and Poole party went to Puddletown and indulged in some nice touches of Minor and Doubles, and here the two parties met again, after having spent a most enjoyable day.

THE DEVON GUILD.

A meeting of the North-East Branch of the Devon Guild was held on Saturday at Cruwys Morchard. A good muster of ringers attended, and some very good ringing was done. The bells are a nice peal of six, with the tenor about 15 cwt. A service was held in the church, and the Rector gave an excellent address. After tea, the business meeting was held, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and passed. New members were appointed, and all the band of Cruwys Morchard.

A SUFFOLK ANNIVERSARY.

A very pleasant gathering took place at Lavenham on Saturday last, this being the 119th ringing anniversary. Upwards of 40 ringers were present from the following places: Ipswich, Colchester, Halstead, Sudbury, Long Melford, Coggeshall, Mistley, Stowupland, Glemsford, Groton, Finborough, Monks Eleigh, Little Waldingfield, Shipley (Yorks), and the local band. Everyone present obtained a pull on this far-famed peal. Many touches were rung in the following methods: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich. The Maldon (Essex) band, who had been touring Suffolk and Norfolk, were unfortunate in arriving at Lavenham just as the bells were being lowered.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

PULBOROUGH.—On Sunday, June 22nd, for morning service and as a welcome to Mr. P. H. Doick to the tower after his long illness, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: L. Stilwell (Windsor) 1, C. S. Greenfield 2, C. Smart, sen., 3, A. Holden 4, V. A. Corden 5, S. W. Corden (Pittlewell) 6, A. C. Greenfield (conductor) 7, T. A. Doick, (Chichester) 8.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Sunday, June 22nd, at the Parish Church, for the annual service of the Wiltshire Bowling Association, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,257 changes): R. G. Townsend 1, E. Bishop 2, R. W. Hyner 3, W. W. T. Daniels 4, H. W. Bishop 5, E. J. Berry 6, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 7, W. B. Kynaston 8, S. Palmer 9, W. A. Bullock 10.

NOTTINGHAM.—On Sunday, June 22nd, for evening service, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich (1,280 changes) in 49 mins.: J. E. Hobbs 1, F. A. Salter 2, F. Bradley 3, N. Hemmington 4, L. Chadburn 5, J. A. Barratt 6, Geo. West 7, Sam Pinder (conductor) 8. First quarter in the method as conductor. Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. H. R. Cobbin, Ringing Master of the above company.

SEVENOAKS.—In the garden of the Vine House, on June 22nd, a quarter-peal of Bob Major in hand by the following: *Dr. E. L. Taylor 1-2, E. H. Lewis 3-4, Stephen H. Wood (conductor) 5-6, *Stafford H. Green 7-8. * First quarter-peal in hand.—At St. Nicholas' Parish Church, for evening service, on June 22nd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Dr. E. L. Taylor 1, H. B. Baker 2, Stephen H. Wood 3, P. Turley 4, D. Ford 5, S. H. Green 6, E. H. Lewis 7, F. Paige 8. Conducted by Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council).

PAIGINTON.—At the Parish Church, for evensong, on Sunday, June 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 47 mins.: F. Allwood 1, H. G. Lewis 2, H. H. Fearn 3, T. S. Collings 4, A. L. Pope 5, F. E. Parnoll 6, C. R. Walker (conductor) 7, H. J. Hole 8. Arranged for Mr. Fearn, who hails from Smithwick.

LONDON.—On Sunday, June 22nd, at the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, E.C., for evensong, 1,120 Spliced Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major: H. Belcher 1, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 2, G. H. Cross 3, J. H. Crampion 4, W. H. Hewett 5, E. F. Pike 6, W. Williams 7, J. E. Davies 8.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—On Sunday, June 15th, for evening service, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 43 mins.: Dr. E. L. Taylor (conductor) 1, W. Latter 2, C. Collinson (first quarter-peal in the method) 3, S. H. Green 4, W. Collison 5, A. Richardson 6, H. Markwell 7, A. Mayes 8.

WINDERMERE.—On Sunday, June 15th, for evensong, at Windermere Parish Church, 672 Grandsire Triples in 27 mins., with the bells fully muffled, as a token of respect to Sir H. Segrave and Mr. V. Halliwell, who lost their lives under such tragic circumstances on Lake Windermere on Friday, June 13th: E. Hadwin 1, H. Richardson 2, H. Woodburn 3, G. Sutton 4, T. Jefferson (conductor) 5, J. Tebay 6, F. Wilson 7, W. Walker 8.

OXFORD.—At St. Ebbe's Church, on Sunday, June 8th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) for morning service in 41 mins.: Jack Harris 1, W. Henagough 2, F. Taylor (conductor) 3, F. Beckitt 4, W. H. B. Wilkins 5, F. White 6, F. A. H. Wilkins 7, G. Horwood 8. Arranged for Mr. F. White, of Cranbrook, who was spending a week-end in Oxford.

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NOTICES.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Established 1623).—The 307th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Friday, June 27th. Bells (12) available from 9 a.m. All visitors welcome.—Leonard E. Pitstow, Hon. Sec., 21, Debden Road, Saffron Walden.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The summer meeting of the Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association will be held at Dumbleton on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 (by invitation of the Rector, Rev. Collens Ashwen). All welcome.—Walter Yeend, Branch Hon. Sec., Millfair, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Longwood, near Huddersfield, on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea provided at a charge of 1s. 3d. per head.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Sutton Coldfield, on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Tea at 5 (1s. 3d. per head).—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Clement Danes', Strand, W.C., on June 28th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Service 5 o'clock, followed by tea and business meeting. Gentlemen cordially invited.—F. E. Orr, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Laitwood Road, Balham, S.W.12.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The first general quarterly meeting will be held at Duffield on Saturday, June 28th. Bells (10) open for ringing during afternoon and evening. Committee meet at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in Church Hall, followed by general meeting. Special business to be discussed, so turn up in crowds!—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (East Berks and S. Bucks Branch) and **MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION** and **LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD** (South and West District). A joint meeting has been arranged on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available; Old Windsor 3.30-4.30 p.m. and after tea; Wraysbury 3.30. Guild service 5. Tea in the Scouts' Hall, Wraysbury, 5.45, at 1s. 3d. per head.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION and **LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Next meeting at Stanmore on Saturday, June 28th. Bells from 3. Service at 5. Tea, usual terms, at 5.30. Please advise me if you are coming. Harrow Weald bells available after tea, if required.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held on Saturday, June 28th, at Hartfield. Tower opened 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Hon. Sec., Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Rishton on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Shipham on June 28th. Bells open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow. Recently affiliated tower. Please attend.—L. G. Tanner, 51, Locking Road, Weston-super-Mare.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—An invitation meeting will be held at Brabourne on Saturday, June 28th, by kind permission of Rev. S. K. Lockyear. Service at 5. Tea at 6 o'clock. Motor bus will leave College Road at 2.30. All ringers invited to attend.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Southminster on Saturday, June 28th. A short service in the church 4.45 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. A bus will leave Chelmsford at 2 p.m. (Baddow Road Corner). The towers of Tillingham and Burnham-on-Crouch will be open during the afternoon and evening.—A. E. Coombs, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A combined practice will be held at Worplesdon on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available at 3.30 and after tea. Tea at 5 p.m. at the Rectory, by kind invitation of Rev. J. C. and Mrs. Bruce.—W. R. Melville.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the branch will be held at St. Katherine's, Savernake Forest, on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m.—Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec., East Leaze, Baydon, Marlborough.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Aysgarth, Wensleydale, on Saturday, June 28th, when the peal of six bells will be available for ringing. Tea will be served at the George and Dragon Hotel at a charge of 1s. 6d. each.—J. W. Addison, Northern Division Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Newbury Branch) & **WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD** (Andover Branch).—A joint meeting of the above Guilds will be held at Highclere on Saturday, June 28th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis and the Rev. H. Sears, Hon. Secs.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A district meeting will be held at Bentley on Saturday, June 28th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting at Linden Cottage.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Don't miss Barkway on Saturday, June 28th. The peal of 8 will be available at 3 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at Wheatsheaf. Come along and make the attendance a record! All visitors welcome.—D. C. Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Woburn on Saturday, June 28th. The bells (8) will be available from 2.45 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High St. N., Dunstable.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Balderstone on Saturday, June 28th.—W. Horan, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Blackrod on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on July 3rd, 17th and 31st. *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 8th, Southwark Cathedral on the 10th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 22nd, St. Andrew's, Holborn, 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.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual summer festival will be held on the Thames-side, with Egham as the centre, on Saturday, July 5th. Egham bells available from 2.30; the bells of St. Mary's, Staines, will be available during the afternoon and evening and St. Peter's, Staines, 6.30 to 8.30. Service 4.30 at Egham, followed by tea. Ladies are particularly asked to attend, as their annual business meeting will be held after the tea. All intending to be present must notify G. L. Grover, Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, Guildford, by Tuesday, July 1st. All visitors will be welcome.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry will be held at Soham, near Ely, on Saturday, July 5th. Bells (10) 2.45 p.m. Please try and attend this meeting. P.C. will oblige, and also help to make arrangements.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec. and R.M., Ashcroft, Mill Road, Over, Cambs.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Swynnerton on Saturday, July 5th. Will all who intend to be present please inform the Rev. J. B. Frith, The Rectory, Swynnerton, near Stone, Staffs, on or before July 2nd?—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will take place at Lichfield on Saturday, July 5th. Bells, St. Mary's (8), St. Michael's (6), from 3 o'clock. Tea (1s. to fully paid up members, to others 1s. 6d.) at Wade Street School, at 5 p.m., to be followed by the general meeting. Subscriptions are now due. Please send word by Tuesday, July 1st.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold their annual meeting and a six-bell contest at Sandal, near Wakefield, on Saturday, July 5th. Draw to take place at 2.45 p.m. Will those who require tea, 1s. 6d. each, please send not later than June 30th, to L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax?

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—A district meeting will be held at Leiston on July 5th. Bells available 2.30. Tea will be provided. Please notify by July 1st. All ringers welcome.—C. F. Bailey, 20, Haylings, Leiston.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Southampton, Saturday, July 5th. Executive Committee at 11.30. General meeting 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. in St. Mary's Church. Three towers of 8 bells available. Tea at 5 p.m., Chantry Hall. Replies, Mr. W. T. Tucker, 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

—The annual meeting will be held at Minehead on Saturday, July 5th. Bells available: Minehead (10), Dunster (8), Carhampton (6) from 2.30 p.m. Evensong 4 p.m. Preacher: The Rector of Porlock. Tea and meeting at the Gymnasium, Bancks Street, 5 p.m. Members requiring tea please notify me by July 1st.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton, Bath.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bowdon and Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Marple on Saturday, July 5th (instead of June 28th). Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Will those requiring tea please inform Mr. J. B. Wood, Norbury Smithy, Marple, near Stockport, before July 2nd?—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Collingtree on Saturday, July 5th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Business: Election of officers. Please notify me not later than Tuesday, July 1st, who require tea.—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Trowbridge on Saturday, July 5th. Bells (10) ready 3 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome.—F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Summer Festival will be held at Cardington on Saturday, July 5th. The bells will be available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at the King's Arms at 5 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Withernsea on Saturday, July 5th. Bells (6) available from 2. Short service in church at 4.30. Tea, served in the Select Café, Queen Street, at 5. Those requiring same are requested to notify Mr. H. S. Webb, 10, Seacroft Road, Withernsea, not later than Thursday, July 3rd. Business meeting to follow. For further particulars see circular.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at Bebington on July 5th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. Will those who intend to be present please let me know soon?—H. S. Brocklebank, Sec.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting and shield contest will be held at South Kirkby on Saturday, July 12th. Draw takes place at Church Institute at 2.45 p.m. Ringing commences immediately afterwards. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. A. E. Harrison, 74, Mill Lane, South Kirkby, Pontefract, not later than Wednesday, July 9th?—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 12th. Service in Cathedral at 11.15. 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 8th; 2s. 6d. on day of festival; 3s. to non-members. Will all members who intend being present please send for tickets, as it means easy working for organisers and caterers?—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting will be held at Linton on Saturday, July 12th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45, followed by tea (kindly provided by the Vicar) and business meeting. All ringers welcome. Please notify me not later than Wednesday, July 9th.—C. S. Sone, Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Odiham on July 12th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Business meeting follows.—D. L. Board, Hon. Sec., Basingstoke District.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Ruislip on Saturday, July 12th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Cheap tickets are issued on the District and Metropolitan Railways. Tea arranged as usual. All ringers and friends welcome.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on July 12th at the Parish Church, Llanfagan. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec., Belle Vue, Brecon.

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Bristol on Saturday, July 12th. Fuller particulars later.—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The annual invitation meeting will be held at Ardleigh on Saturday, July 12th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Mr. Newth's room. All wishing to attend will they please notify me not later than Tuesday, July 8th?—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—Meeting at Seaford, Wednesday, July 16th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (by kind invitation of Thomas Fisher, Esq.). Those desiring tea must notify the undersigned not later than Friday, July 11th.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

ABOUT that Meeting.—Abbots Langley.—Further instalment next week.

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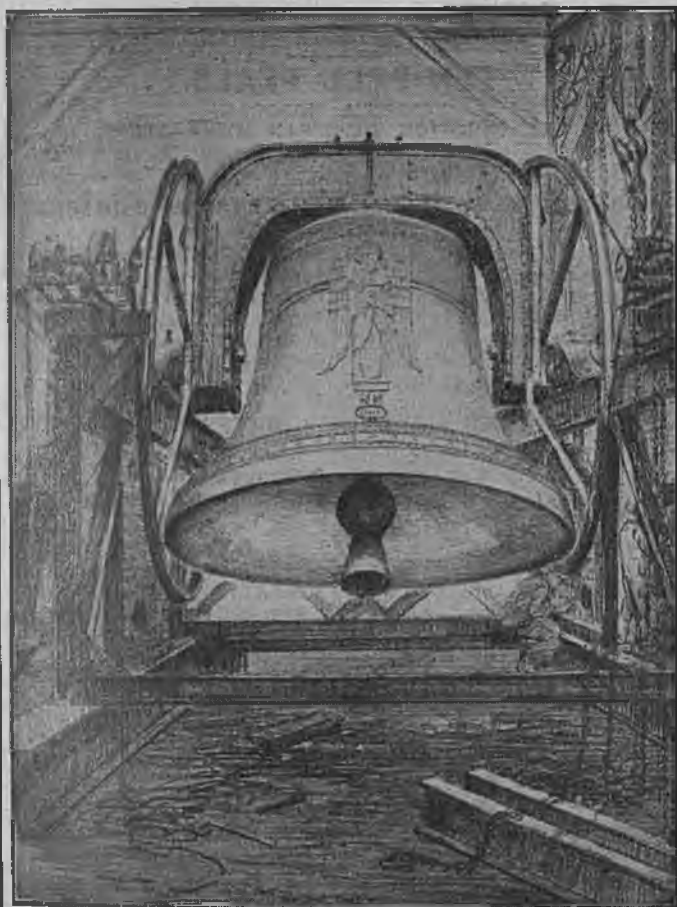
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Then take the work of the Methods Committee. That has a more direct bearing on the future of ringing, and, in the eyes of ringers, probably, a greater present value to the Exercise. We may not all agree with every view which the committee holds on various points of detail, but everyone who contemplates all that has been done in the last thirty years or so must appreciate the sacrifice of thought, time and labour which successive members of this committee have given, not only in their efforts to reduce the previously existing notions of the method construction to some sort of order, but to open up to all ringers the opportunity to extend their practice and expand their knowledge of method ringing. Years of study and work are compressed into the 'Collections' of methods which are published in the Council's name, and but for this committee's labours a great deal of what is now common knowledge or readily accessible information might never have been available to the ordinary ringer.

Then, too, there is the work done so unostentatiously by the members of the 'Peals Collection' Committee. In the early days of the Council some of the results of their labours appeared in print in the shape of 'Collections' of peals in plain odd and even bell methods. For a long period now work has been proceeding on peals of Treble Bob, and volumes of typed figures lie in the Coun-

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cil's library. Every one of these peals has had to be proved, and, in addition, a large number proved have been discarded for one good reason or another. The average man in the belfry has no idea of the tedious and exacting nature of a task like this, and where would it have been possible to find men voluntarily to undertake it, but for the stimulus given by an organisation which represents the whole Exercise.

And one might write thus of all the Council's committees; of the practical work done by the Towers and Belfries Committee, which is made up of men of scientific and practical qualifications, from whom even architects and the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings are able to learn something. The Legal Committee, dissolved at the last meeting because its work had been completed, has drawn together all the strings of the law as it relates to bells, bell ringing and ringers, and the committee's labours have produced a recital of legal information which would have been very costly to obtain in any other way. And so the work goes on. There may seem to some people little result from the deliberations and discussions of the Council; the debates may sometimes appear to lead nowhere, but the practical work is done by the committees, and a realisation of what has been accomplished ought to convince even the most indifferent that the Exercise without the Council would be very much like a ship without a pilot, drifting through uncharted seas.

TEN BELL PEALS.

AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 21, 1930, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

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| WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 2 | ARTHUR G. KING 6 |
| GEORGE MAYERS 2 | JOHN A. GODFREY 7 |
| FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 3 | CHARLES E. LOVETT 8 |
| *JOHN W. WASEY 4 | WILLIAM CLOVER 9 |
| JOHN C. DICKEN 5 | WILLIAM E. BASON Tenor |

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by WM. B. DUNCAN.
* First peal of Royal.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 28, 1930, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5087 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

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| ROBERT G. KNOWLES Treble | CYRIL TANSELL 6 |
| SIDNEY T. HOLT 2 | WILLIAM RANFORD 7 |
| JOSEPH T. DYKE 3 | JOHN A. BURFORD 8 |
| ALFRED E. REEVES 4 | CHARLES CAMM 9 |
| WILLIAM H. THOMAS 5 | URIAH W. BRAVEN Tenor |

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

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| RONALD H. DOVE Treble | JACK M. CRIPPS 5 |
| DAVID WRIGHT 2 | *ALFRED J. TRAPPITT 6 |
| EDWARD G. TALBOT 3 | FRANK JENNINGS 7 |
| JOHN BRAMS 4 | CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor |

Composed by CHAS. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN

* 150th peal. Rung after meeting short for Grandsire Caters, Mr. Arthur Dean kindly standing out.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At Christ Church,

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

Tenor 17½ cwt.

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| *FREDERICK A. COLEY ... Treble | EDWIN F. PIKE ... 5 |
| HARRY HOVERD ... 2 | JAMES E. DAVIS ... 6 |
| FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 3 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7 |
| WILFRED WILLIAMS ... 4 | RONALD H. BULLEN ... Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* 50th peal. The ringer of the 3rd has now rung every bell in this tower to a peal. Rung after meeting short for New Cambridge.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF STEOMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

G. LINDOFF'S SIX-PART, No. 6.

Tenor 10 cwt.

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| E. HARRY STONELEY ... Treble | JOSEPH BAILEY ... 5 |
| MAURICE SWINFELD ... 2 | JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... 6 |
| CHARLES DRAPER ... 3 | JAMES GEORGE ... 7 |
| JOHN H. SWINFELD ... 4 | RICHARD C. BELTON ... Tenor |

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

HAWKHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 21, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt.

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| F. J. LAMBERT SEN. ... Treble | HARRY PARKES ... 5 |
| *DR. E. L. TAYLOR ... 2 | †STEPHEN H. WOOD ... 6 |
| REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 3 | STAFFORD H. GREEN ... 7 |
| ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 4 | FREDERICK WHITE ... Tenor |

Composed by J. S. WILDE.

Conducted by S. H. GREEN.

* First peal of Superlative. † First touch of Superlative. First in the method, on the bells, and by ringers of 2 and 6. Mr. Wood's first touch of Superlative.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 21, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

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| ALBERT E. WHITING ... Treble | GEORGE WHITING ... 5 |
| MISS K. WILLERS ... 2 | LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 6 |
| GEORGE PRYKE ... 3 | T. WILLIAM LAST ... 7 |
| LESLIE G. BRETT ... 4 | WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by T. W. LAST.

This peal was arranged to oblige Miss Willers, of Trumpington, Cambs, who is the first lady to ring a peal in this tower.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 23, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

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| GEORGE MARRINER ... Treble | ARTHUR H. SMITH ... 5 |
| ALFRED SERUSS ... 2 | ALBERT HARMAN ... 6 |
| *MISS IRENE L. HASTIE ... 3 | HARRY ELLIOTT ... 7 |
| *ALBERT E. FLETCHER ... 4 | ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor |

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

* First peal in the method 'inside.'

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PONTEFRAC.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 23, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS' SIX-PART.

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| *HERBERT WALKER ... Treble | WILLIAM PEARSON ... 5 |
| *ALFRED FOX ... 2 | JOHN H. LENTON ... 6 |
| *WALTER SWALLOW ... 3 | HARRY C. WALTERS ... 7 |
| ARTHUR WALKER ... 4 | ALBERT T. STRANGWARD ... Tenor |

Conducted by J. H. LENTON.

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

WIGAN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(WIGAN & BOLTON BRANCHES.)

On Monday, June 23, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. James, Poolstock,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.

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| FRED F. RIGBY ... Treble | PETER CROOK, JUN. ... 5 |
| ALBERT PARKER ... 2 | PETER CROOK ... 6 |
| NORMAN BROWN ... 3 | JOHN BOOTH ... 7 |
| SYDNEY FORSHAW ... 4 | JAMES W. GROUNDS ... Tenor |

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

Rung to celebrate the Prince of Wales' birthday, also the conductor's. The ringers of the 7th and tenor hail from Standish, treble from Westhoughton, 5th and 6th from Bolton, and the remainder are local.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 24, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

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| ALFRED J. BULL ... Treble | FRANK BENNETT ... 5 |
| KENNETH SNELLING ... 2 | NELSON ELLIOTT ... 6 |
| ROBERT SWIFT ... 3 | CECIL NICE ... 7 |
| REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 4 | OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor |

Composed by G. WILLIAMS.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 24, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

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| HARRY ALLRED ... Treble | *NORMAN BERRY ... 5 |
| ROBERT ALLRED ... 2 | WILFRED J. MOES ... 6 |
| *CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... 3 | JOSEPH H. RIDYARD ... 7 |
| THOMAS ALLRED ... 4 | JOHN POTTER ... Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

* First peal in the method.

DITCHLING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 25, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

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

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

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| KEITH HART ... Treble | NELSON ELLIOTT ... 5 |
| JOHN DEARLOVE ... 2 | ALFRED W. GROVES ... 6 |
| KENNETH SNELLING ... 3 | FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 7 |
| ROBERT SWIFT ... 4 | OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor |

Composed by G. WILLIAMS.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 25, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

G. LINDOFF'S SIX-PART, No. 7.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| JOHN H. SWINFELD ... Treble | BENJAMIN GREATORREX ... 5 |
| JOSEPH BAILEY ... 2 | W. RICHARDSON DRAGE ... 6 |
| CHARLES DRAPER ... 3 | JAMES GEORGE ... 7 |
| MAURICE SWINFELD ... 4 | JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... Tenor |

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time. The band take this opportunity of thanking the Rev. J. J. Galloway for his kindness in providing tea after the peal.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, June 28, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

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| WILLIAM H. HEWETT Treble | CHARLES W. ROBERTS 5 |
| * HORACE BELCHER 2 | JAMES E. DAVIS 6 |
| WILFRED WILLIAMS 3 | JOHN T. KENTISH 7 |
| FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 4 | RICHARD F. DEAL Tenor |

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal of Cambridge on an 'inside' bell.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 28, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

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| ALEC RICHARDSON Treble | REGINALD E. LAMBERT 5 |
| FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 2 | FRANK BENNETT 6 |
| ROBERT T. LAMBERT 3 | FREDERICK J. LAMBERT 7 |
| DR. E. L. TAYLOR 4 | HERBERT MARKWELL Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Rung as a birthday peal to F. J. Lambert, jun., it being his first peal in the method.

BUNBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 28, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BONIFACE,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in F.

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| G. RONALD EDWARDS Treble | EDWARD V. RODENHURST 5 |
| HARRY F. HOLDING 2 | LESTER L. GRAY 6 |
| JAMES H. RIDING 3 | GEORGE R. JONES 7 |
| RICHARD T. HOLDING 4 | JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor |

Composed by W. WILLSON (C.C.C. No. 223).

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

This composition contains extent of 4-6-8 and 5-6-8 with 7th in 5th's, Queens, Tittums, Whittingtons, and the 6th extent home.

GREAT BARDFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 28, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt. in G.

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| JOSEPH JENNINGS Treble | WILLIAM J. NEVARD 5 |
| BASIL REDGEWELL 2 | ALBERT WIFFEN 6 |
| ALBERT E. AUSTIN 3 | WILLIAM KEEBLE 7 |
| LEWIS W. WIFFEN 4 | EDWARD H. FINCH Tenor |

Composed by N. GOLDEN (No. 2.) Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

First peal in the method on the bells.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, June 28, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

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| ALBERT TAYLOR Treble | ALBERT D. COLLINS 5 |
| ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 2 | HARRY BOSWELL 6 |
| HAROLD L. FLAVELL 3 | ALFRED FALLON 7 |
| HERBERT E. BOOTH 4 | JAMES SHAW Tenor |

Conducted by A. FALLON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. Taylor, the ringer of the treble. The band wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Taylor for their kind hospitality after the peal.

FAIRFORD, GLOS.—On Wednesday, June 11th, at the Church of St. Mary, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: F. J. Lewis, sen. (conductor) 1, H. L. Cook 2, F. J. Lewis, jun., 3, E. Pearson 4, H. R. Accock 5, J. Hope 6, W. G. Cook 7, A. J. King 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman on the bells.

MONK'S KIRBY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 28, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. EDITH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 24½ cwt. in D.

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| PERCY AMOS Treble | ERNEST H. BAGWORTH 5 |
| RONALD RUSSELL 2 | JAMES GEORGE 6 |
| FREDERICK WALLINGTON 3 | C. ARTHUR MANNING 7 |
| ERNEST W. TIPLER 4 | WILLIAM HECTOR Tenor |

Conducted by C. ARTHUR MANNING.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 29, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

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| PERCY H. WALKER Treble | WALTER LONGMAN 5 |
| WILLIAM J. CHESTERS 2 | * WILLIAM H. JONES 6 |
| ALAN M. HICKMAN 3 | WILLIAM WEATHERBY 7 |
| * RICHARD J. WARRILLOW 4 | EDWARD V. RODENHURST Tenor |

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by E. V. RODENHURST.

* First peal of Major. Arranged for Messrs. Jones and Warrilow, of Stafford, and rung in honour of St. Peter's Day.

WALDRON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 29, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| * FREDERICK S. HART Treble | HAROLD S. HOBDEN 5 |
| ALBERT HOBDEN 2 | FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 6 |
| PHILIP S. THOMPSON 3 | JAMES A. HART 7 |
| WILFRED BOOTH 4 | WILLIAM JENNER Tenor |

Conducted by JAMES A. HART.

* First peal.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, June 16, 1930, 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.

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| ROBERT G. KNOWLES Treble | WILLIAM RANFORD 4 |
| FRANK LAWRENCE 2 | CYRIL TANSSELL 5 |
| SIDNEY T. HOLT 3 | CHARLES CAMM Tenor |

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Lady Lettice Lygon (eldest daughter of Earl Beauchamp, of Madresfield Court) and Mr. N. C. G. Cotterell, which took place at St. Margaret's, Westminster, the same day.

LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 17, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 14 cwt.

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| * WILLIAM E. GATEHOUSE Treble | ERNEST T. WHITE 4 |
| † EDWARD C. MARLOW 2 | WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5 |
| EDWARD G. L. COWARD 3 | * BERT SHEPPARD Tenor |

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

* First attempt for a peal. † First peal away from tenor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

NETTLEBED, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 21, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob (Treble Bob and Plain alternately).
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in G.

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| WILLIAM E. TAYLOR Treble | WILLIAM HENLEY 4 |
| THOMAS J. FOWLER 2 | JAMES SMITH 5 |
| CHARLES DENYER 3 | GEORGE GILBERT... .. Tenor |

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

First peal on the bells. Rung as a 50th birthday compliment to Mr. J. Smith. This was also Mr. Taylor's fiftieth peal.

MERE, WILTS.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 21, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 25 cwt.

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| CAPT. W. LINTERN C.A. ... Treble | EDWARD G. L. COWARD ... 4 |
| MISS NORA G. WILLIAMS ... 2 | WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT... 5 |
| WILLIAM C. SHUTE 3 | JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor |

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

LEIGH, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Sunday, June 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

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| ROBERT SWIFT Treble | GEORGE ELLIS 4 |
| REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 2 | ALFRED J. BULL 5 |
| KENNETH SNELLING 3 | OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. Tenor |

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

First peal in seven methods on the bells.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Monday, June 23, 1930, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 6½ cwt.

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| JOHN H. BAILESS... .. Treble | WILLIAM A. WOOD 4 |
| JOSEPH W. LOMAS 2 | ALFRED BALLARD 5 |
| M. EDWARD WATSON 3 | FRANK BAILESS Tenor |

Conducted by M. E. WATSON.

Rung on the occasion of the Prince of Wales' 36th birthday.

LAVERSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 23, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

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| *BERT GARRETT Treble | *WILLIAM HUNT 4 |
| *D. CECIL WILLIAMS 2 | GEORGE WILLIAMS 5 |
| *HENRY GARRETT 3 | WILFRED ANDREWS Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. First peal on the bells. The band were afterwards entertained to tea at the Rectory by the Rev. and Mrs. W. Wragge.

BLACKWELL.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 24, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 960 of Old Doubles, 960 St. Simon's, 2,400 Grandsire and 720 of Plain Bob.

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| F. W. KNOWLES Treble | A. SMITHSON... .. 3 |
| *W. PARKES... .. 2 | T. E. MALLENDER 4 |
| W. RILEY 3 | Tenor |

Conducted by F. W. KNOWLES.

* First peal inside. † Rung for the wedding of Mr. W. Tomlinson, of South Normanton, and Miss E. Alton, of Blackwell.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 28, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

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| GEORGE EDWARDS Treble | KENNETH PATTENDEN ... 4 |
| WILLIAM E. PITMAN 2 | ALBERT RELFE 5 |
| CHARLES W. PLAYER 3 | GEORGE WAGHORN Tenor |

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

Birthday peal for G. Waghorn. This peal contains seven of the eight extents, in which 5-6 are always the right way behind.

HANDBELL PEAL.

ENFIELD.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

On Friday, June 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

At 45, WALSINGHAM ROAD,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

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| EDWIN H. LEWIS 1-2 | E. MAURICE ATKINS 5-6 |
| MRS. E. K. FLETCHER... .. 3-4 | STEPHEN H. WOOD 7-8 |
| GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 9-10 | |

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

Umpire: JAMES PARKER.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

NORTHERN DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Northern District, held at Handsworth, Sheffield, on June 14th, was very well attended. Ringing took place before the choral service held in the church. Mr. Baker, the Rector, gave a very interesting speech, and Mrs. Baker presided at the organ.

Tea was served in the schoolroom. Mrs. Scott, of Rotherham, proposed votes of thanks to the Rector, Mrs. Baker, the ladies for preparing tea, and the gentlemen for assisting in the belfry.

At the business meeting, Mrs. Baker, an honorary member of the Guild, was in the chair. Minutes of last meeting and the statement of accounts and secretary's report were passed. One new member was elected, Miss M. Higgins, of Handsworth. The following officials were elected: Mrs. C. Ryder, of Rotherham, vice-president; Miss N. Cawthorne, of Handsworth, hon. secretary; and Mrs. Wolstencroft, Manchester, Miss Burchall, Sutton-on-Trent, Mrs. Scott, Rotherham, and Miss E. Smith, Norton, Sheffield, on the committee. Mrs. J. Cotterell, Bradford, and Miss Lewis, Nuneaton, Warwickshire, were elected for the Central Committee (subject to their consent).

The next three meetings are: Sutton-on-Trent on September 20th, a joint meeting with the Lincolnshire District; December, at Miles Platting, Manchester; March, at Daybrook, Notts, if the local authorities will agree. The next annual meeting is fixed for Handsworth, Sheffield.

It was decided that the question of dividing the Northern District be brought before the Central Committee, owing to the impossibility of members in outlying districts attending the meetings.

Miss Burchall proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Baker for taking the chair. The bells were kept going in various methods till 9.30, when the bells were lowered in peal.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN DIVISION.

A meeting of the Northern Division was held at Wethersfield on Saturday, June 14th. A service was held at the church at 4.30, at which the Vicar officiated, and Mr. Howard, Master of the Essex Association, read the lesson. The Vicar, in his address, spoke of the great service the ringers rendered to the church. Tea was then arranged in the school, followed by the usual business meeting with Mr. A. A. Saunders, District Master, in the chair. Two new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Sible Hedingham on September 13th. Mr. Howard said it was very gratifying to have such a good attendance at that meeting. He thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells and his excellent address. The Vicar himself was a ringer, and Wethersfield was to be congratulated on having such a nice peal of bells, which were in excellent order. The tenor was a very ancient bell, being originally cast in 1623. Continuing, Mr. Howard said a peal was rung during the week, being the first ever known to have been rung on the bells.

The Rev. Smith, in reply, gave the visitors a very hearty welcome, and he extended an invitation to others. He appreciated the thanks accorded him. Various methods, including Treble Bob and Surprise, were rung during the afternoon and evening.

RINGERS OUTINGS.**LEYTONSTONE RINGERS IN BUCKS.**

The annual outing of the St. John-the-Baptist, Leytonstone band was held on June 21st and 22nd, a very enjoyable time being spent in North Bucks. On Friday night, June 20th, the party travelled to Bletchley, where arrangements for a brief stay had been very kindly made by Messrs. W. and H. Sear. The first stop on Saturday was the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Newport Pagnell. Here the party found a good ring of eight, with tenor 21 cwt. Ringing is done on the ground floor, and, considering the long draught, the bells went very well, and some good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung, also a course of Cambridge Surprise Major. North Crawley was next visited, where at the Church of St. Firman hangs a very good peal of six. Here a 720 Wells Surprise was rung, also 240 Durham. The next place was St. Mary's, Woughton. This church is well cared for, and the bells, a light ring of six, were soon going to Beverley Surprise, a good 720 being the result. A touch of Cambridge, then on to Simpson St. Nicholas. Here was found another well-going peal of six and a very interesting old church. A 720 Norwich Surprise and a touch of York were rung.

After lunch, Shenley St. Mary was visited, and a good 720 Southwell Surprise was rung on the ring of six, also 240 Cambridge, then on to the Church of St. Mary, Whaddon. Here, 240 of Ipswich and 240 of Cambridge were rung. At Winslow, St. Laurence's Church contains a grand ring of six, tenor 19 cwt. approximately, but, arriving late, only 240 London and a touch of Plain Bob could be attempted. Tea over, the ringers were soon on the road to North Marston. The Church of St. Mary contains another handy ring of six, where Mr. T. Faulkner ably conducted a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, after which 240 London was rung. The last place of call for Saturday was Swanbourne. The Church of St. Swithin contains another well-going light ring of six, which were soon going to Surfeet Surprise, a good 720 being the result, with 240 of London.

On Sunday morning the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Buckingham, was visited. Here there is a grand church, a splendid peal of eight bells, tenor 27 cwt., and a spacious ringing room, and bells that went well. A good three courses of Stedman was conducted by Mr. E. Smith, then a course of Kent Treble Bob. Afterwards, the party journeyed to Woughton again, where the local ringers invited them to have another pull, and six of the members rang a 720 London Surprise. Sunday afternoon saw the party at the old-world village of Old Bradwell. At this ancient and well-kept church the Vicar, Rev. Conway Davies, and local ringers were met, and on the handy well-going ring of six a good 720 Ipswich and 720 York Surprise were well rung.

Before returning home, a visit was paid to the Parish Church, Bletchley, where the brothers Sear may well be proud of their handy ring of eight, tenor 16 cwt., which go well. Touches of Stedman Triples and Superlative were rung, making a grand finale to the outing. The thanks of the party are due to the various clergy for readily granting permission to ring, and to the many local ringers, also to Mr. W. Sear and brother, who made the arrangements for such an enjoyable outing, which will be long remembered by all who took part.

GAINSBOROUGH RINGERS' OUTING.

The tenth consecutive annual outing of the Gainsborough Parish Church Guild took place on Whit Monday. With every prospect of a fine day, the members, with their friends and relatives, travelled in a 35-seater bus for Hull, via Boothferry Bridge, Howden and Goole, and at 10.45 the first stage of the journey was completed.

At Hull they were met by Mr. J. Chamberlain, one of the ringers at Holy Trinity Church, Mr. and Mrs. McGuinness, Mr. H. Marcon and Miss Norton, Lincoln, and Mr. R. Daniels, Stamford, who had made the journey by motor-cycles and car. The party were also given a hearty welcome by the Vicar. Owing to service, ringing was limited, but there was sufficient time to have a few touches on the splendid ring of ten bells. Proceeding to Beverley, the grand rings of ten at both the magnificent Minster and the fine Church of St. Mary were at the disposal of the ringers during their visit.

Mr. W. Gibson, one of the Minster ringers, joined the party at tea, after which the journey was continued to Goole Parish Church, which contains a well-going ring of eight bells. Here, as at Hull and Beverley, they were welcomed by some of the local ringers, including Mr. J. Drake. After an hour's ringing, the bells were lowered.

Parting then with the Lincoln and Stamford friends, the homeward journey was commenced, and Gainsborough reached about 11 p.m.

During the trip, the friends and relatives were able to indulge in sight-seeing, but not so for the ringers. With them it was a case of bus riding and bellringing, with the climbing of innumerable steps thrown in, but it is gratifying to be able to state that everyone had a most pleasant and enjoyable time. The best thanks of the ringers are due to the incumbents for the use of the bells, to those who gave them such a hearty welcome at the various churches, and all others who helped toward making the day's proceedings so successful.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday last, the Andover Branch of the above Guild held a combined meeting with the Newbury Branch of the Oxford Guild at Highclere, which was a great success, thirty-three members attending from the following towers: Brightwalton, Bucklebury, East Ilsley, Highclere, Newbury, North Stonham, Overton, Ringwood, Thatcham, Titchfield, Winchester and Woolton Hill.

The bells were set going at three o'clock, with a service in the church at 4.30, which was conducted by the Rev. Chilton Tomkins in the absence of the Rector, Rev. G. B. Dunlop, who was unfortunately away.

An excellent tea was very kindly provided by the Rector, and was greatly appreciated by the members, who wished to convey a vote of thanks to him, and regret that he was unable to be present with them.

A short business meeting followed, with Mr. G. Williams, Master of the Guild, in the chair, Mr. R. Rex acting as secretary, in the absence of the branch secretary, who was unfortunately unable to attend.

It was proposed by Mr. H. Curtis that a return meeting should take place at Thatcham in August, which was agreed. After votes of thanks, the members returned to the Highclere tower and then to Woolton Hill for further ringing until nine o'clock. During the day the following methods were rung: Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Triples, Bob Minor and Major and Cambridge Surprise Major.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the South-Eastern Division was held at Southminster on Saturday, at which ringers and friends were present from Braintree, Burnham-on-Crouch, Broomfield, Chelmsford, Danbury, Galleywood, Great Baddow, Leyton, Little Bentley, Maldon, Romford, Rittendon, Southminster, Sible Hedingham, Tillingham and Great Yeldham.

Ringling took place in the afternoon, and a service was held in the church conducted by the Vicar (Rev. T. W. Scadding). The lesson was read by Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the association.

Tea was presided over by Rev. T. W. Scadding, supported by Mr. C. H. Howard.

A business meeting followed. It was arranged to hold the next meeting at Maldon on August 23rd. Mr. C. H. Howard proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his helpful address, to the organist and blower for their help in the service, and the Vicars of Tillingham and Burnham-on-Crouch for the use of their bells during the afternoon and evening.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Western Division of the Yorkshire Association was held at Longwood on Saturday, when the following towers were represented: Bradford, Keighley, Headingley, Lindley, Brighouse, Batley, Kirkburton, Armley, Huddersfield, Wath, Earlsheaton and the local company. During the afternoon the bells were rung to Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire. At the business meeting, Mr. J. Cotterell (vice-president) was in the chair. The place for the September meeting was discussed, and as a general meeting of the association is to be held at Calverley in September it was decided not to have a district meeting.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells was passed, also to the ladies for presiding at the tea tables, and to the local company for the arrangements. The tower was again visited, when the following methods were rung: Cambridge, Superlative, Double Norwich, Stedman, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

A combined meeting of the Grimsby District and the Lincoln Ladies Guild was held at Elsham on Saturday, June 21st. Members attended from Bigby, Burton-on-Slather, Barton-on-Humber, Lacey, Scunthorpe, Grimsby (St. Andrew's), Surfeet, Brigg, Branston, Gainsborough, Lincoln Cathedral, also the Misses Burchnull, of Sutton-on-Trent, and the local members. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. Inglis, who gave the members an excellent address. The Ladies' Guild service was used, kindly provided by the ladies' secretary, Mrs. R. Richardson.

After tea, the ladies held their meeting on the lawn, whilst the Grimsby District meeting was held in the schoolroom. In the absence of the president, the Rev. H. T. Parry, the Vicar kindly presided over the meeting. One new member was elected, and one non-resident life member's name was confirmed by the meeting, Mr. L. W. Jacques, of Mansfield Woodhouse.

The collection for the district bell fund amounted to 8s. 2½d.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar, to the organist, the ladies, and to all those who had made the arrangements. Some very good ringing was done during the afternoon and evening.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. QUINCENTENARY CELEBRATION.

A successful meeting was held at Crofton on Saturday, June 14th, upwards of 30 ringers attending, the following towers being represented: Ackworth, Dewsbury, Earlsheaton, Felkirk, Horbury, Pontefract, Royston, Sandal, Selby, Shelley, South Kirkby, Wakefield, Wath and local company. A few touches were rung until 3.15 p.m., when the ringers attended divine service, a splendid address being given by the Rev. Marle, Vicar of Cross Stone.

The business meeting followed, the Vicar of Crofton, Rev. H. Brownrigg, presiding. He gave all a hearty welcome, and wanted to make it a good ringers' rally, it being 500 years since the church was built. Tea was served in the grounds kindly lent by Colonel Wilson. Touches of Major, Triples and Minor were rung at intervals on handbells, and the tower bells were kept going in various methods until 9 p.m.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The June meeting was held at Idle on Saturday, June 21st. The bells were kept going from 5.30 to 8.30 p.m. (except for a break for tea and the business meeting) in a variety of methods ranging from Plain Bob to Superlative.

The next meeting is due to be held at Calverley on July 26th. All ringers will be welcome.

DEDICATION SERVICE.

The eight bells of Westhoughton Parish Church, Lancashire, which were originally cast in 1870, have recently been recast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, and rehung in the old oak frame, which has been strengthened. The bells were dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Manchester on Saturday, June 7th, with the prayer: 'In the faith of Jesus Christ we re-dedicate these bells, recast and rehung through the generosity of friends of Westhoughton Church, to the glory of God, and in loving memory of those whose names they bear, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.'

Canon Elsee, president of the Lancashire Association, and many ringers from far and near were present. Mr. J. P. Fidler represented Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. The bells were opened by the local band, and afterwards were thrown open to the visiting ringers, a course of Stedman Triples being rung immediately after the service.

The old bells had never been really satisfactory, but everyone decided that the new bells, with a tenor of 14½ cwt., were excellent, both as regards the 'tone' and the 'go.'

On Sunday afternoon, June 8th, a special service was held, at which Canon Elsee preached a sermon on 'The History of Bells.'

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The mid-summer meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild on Saturday, at Stanmore, once again proved popular. Some fifty members and friends enjoyed a pleasant outing. The District Master (Mr. A. W. Coles) kept everybody in the belfry pretty busy, rounds to Surprise being the general rule.

At the service, the Rector (Rev. W. Howett) gave the members a cordial welcome and a useful message in his address.

After tea, the meeting was made as short as possible, only routine business being taken. Mr. W. Pickworth occupied the chair. Four new members were elected, and Hendon chosen as the place of the next meeting. It was announced that joint meetings with neighbouring associations would be held at North Mimms on July 19th and Edmonton on August 16th. A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells; to the organist (Mr. Springett) and the soloist (Miss Atkinson); to the ladies who arranged tea; and to Mr. G. Hughes.

A course of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung on handbells by G. R. Pye, Mrs. C. C. Mayne, C. C. Mayne, and W. Pye, and afterwards another visit was paid to the tower for ringing in all standard methods, including a very good touch of Spliced Surprise in four methods. Young Ernest Pye rang his first course of Grandsire Triples, and bids fair to add more laurels to that famous name.

RINGER'S WEDDING AT CARDIFF.

On June 21st a pretty wedding took place at St. John's Parish Church, Cardiff. Mr. Jack Phillips and Miss Edith Sullivan were the contracting parties, and the Rev. Jones officiated.

A large number of friends of the bride and bridegroom were present, the bride being a prominent churchworker and Sunday School teacher, and the bridegroom one of the most popular ringers in South Wales, being tower secretary at St. John's Church and one of the delegates on the Central Council for the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association. His fellow-ringers at St. John's rang touches of Stedman and Grandsire immediately after the ceremony, and later in the afternoon a peal of Grandsire Caters was attempted by a band composed of ringers from Aberavon, Llandaff, Whitchurch, and St. John's, but, to the disappointment of all, it came to grief after two hours' excellent ringing.

The happy couple afterwards left for Devonshire, where the honeymoon is being spent.

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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 first peal of Double Oxford Bob was a 6,000 rung at St. Giles', Norwich, on July 6th, 1832.

John Holt first called his famous 'Original' from manuscript at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on July 7th, 1751.

St. Laurence's, Reading, where the bells have recently been augmented to 12, was one of the churches where an early peal of Grand-sire Triples was rung. A peal in this method was accomplished there in 1734.

James Barham, the famous old Kent ringer, who died at the age of 93, rang his last touch (as far as there is any record) when 91 years of age on July 8th, 1817.

William Sottanstell, who wrote a book on ringing, was born at Sowerby on July 9th, 1800.

The peal of ten bells, tenor 30 cwt., at Christchurch Priory, is undergoing a thorough scheme of rehangings by Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Salehurst on Easter Monday, April 21st, and published in 'The Ringing World' of May 2nd, should have been recorded as a Sussex County Association peal.

The Bristol United Ringing Guilds are kindly entertaining members of the Ladies' Guild to tea on the occasion of their meeting at Bristol on Saturday, July 12th.

DECAYING STONE WALLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I should be obliged if any of your readers would give me advice on how to treat the stone walls of our belfry to prevent them from decay.

It should be noted that the church is not yet fifty years old, but the surface of the walls in the belfry is already turning into a powder in places and falling.—Yours faithfully,

F. LORD.

195, Mary Street, Scunthorpe, Lines.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I wish, through your columns, to tender my best thanks to the Master, secretary and members of the above association who attended the annual meeting at Lydney and did me the honour of electing me a vice-president of the association.—Yours faithfully,

JOSEPH GOULD.

WEDDING BELLS.

On Tuesday, June 24th, at Wootton, Northampton, the bells of the Parish Church rang out merrily during the afternoon and evening to celebrate the wedding of Mr. H. C. Frost and Miss A. E. Kightley. The service was conducted by the Rector, Canon T. H. Dodson, assisted by the Rev. J. P. de Putron, Vicar of Kingsthorpe. Mr. Frost has been a member of the local band for a considerable number of years, and has been a regular service ringer. The ringers, to appreciate his services, presented him with a silver bell inkstand suitably engraved. The reception was held on the lawn of the bride's home, the ringers being invited, and they made full use of the handbells and brought round some good touches.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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SERIAL PUBLICATION SUGGESTED.

Mr. P. J. Johnson said that he was not at all sure whether, owing to the cost of printing, the time had not come when the Council should consider the advisability of publishing this and other books in a serial way, instead of sinking, as in this case, two years' income all at once for a very problematical sale. They had a huge mass in the collection of peals of Treble Bob which the vast majority of ringers would never see.

A Member: And do not want to.

Mr. Johnson said that might be so, but if they were going to publish these things at prohibitive prices they were going to defeat their own object. They had made a collection of these things which should be material for the Exercise to work on, and he thought the time had come when, instead of some of the disputes which they found in the correspondence columns of 'The Ringing World,' they might obtain the publication of something of more use to the Exercise. He put this forward as a suggestion, and he thought the time would come in the near future when the Council would have to do this to conserve their funds.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith suggested that it would be possible substantially to cut down the material in the new book without sacrificing its utility. He referred particularly to the large number of Alliance and Little methods which had been introduced, and thought that these would be sufficiently represented by a few of the best examples. If they had not enough money to publish the whole, they must cut their coat according to their cloth.

Mr. Trollope said the ringing of Alliance methods was a new thing for ringers, and they put them in in order that ringers should have in the book everything they wanted. These methods were not rung now, but the idea was that they should be rung in the future. He hoped the Council would not agree to leaving out any single method that had now been included.

Mr. Barker asked if they could not save money by publishing the skeleton diagrams instead of the figures. Would that not considerably reduce the cost? ('No.')

Mr. E. M. Atkins said that they could save on the cost by publishing only half a lead of each method. Anyone who knew anything about methods could easily write out the other half.

Mr. Trollope: We are not publishing this book only for those who understand methods.

Rev. H. Law James said that when they published the first edition they purposely omitted all the 'bobs' and 'singles,' but distinctly stated how they were made. When they were preparing this new book they were asked to add the bobs and singles of every method, because the six-bell ringers could not understand it without. It was not the committee's fault. He would be perfectly willing to cut them all out, but his six-bell friends told him, 'No, we want them, please.' If they wanted them, they must pay for them.

Mr. J. Hunt said he was the person who suggested in the Council meeting that the bobs and singles should be included with the methods, but all he asked for was one page showing how the bobs were made in every class of method. It was not necessary for the committee to exceed their instructions; by doing so they were providing this book at a price which would be prohibitive for the six-bell ringer. He suggested they should cut out the compositions and give only examples of the bobs and singles. They could then publish the book at a much less price.

Mr. Trollope said he did not think that cutting out the bobs would very much reduce the price.

Rev. E. S. Powell said that the thing most six-bell ringers wanted was the methods. It was the conductors who wanted the compositions. The committee could not give any guarantee of what the cost of the methods alone would be; probably they would not cost more than 2s., and surely that was not too much in these days.

Mr. Cave: On a technical point, can you get a 720 of an Alliance Minor method?

Mr. Trollope: Of course not. The Alliance methods have to be used in conjunction with the Little methods, and in this way you can make up an extent.

Rev. E. S. Powell said the splicing of Alliance and Little methods was something which would enable the six-bell ringers to do what had been done at Willesden on eight bells.

The President suggested that it should be left in the hands of the Standing Committee to proceed with the printing of a section or the whole of the book with a money limit, if they liked, say, £35 or £40, otherwise they might be left for another twelve months without anything being done, and certainly there was a demand among six-bell ringers for this revised edition.

Mr. Trollope said he would rather that the actual sum of money was not mentioned if it were left to the Standing Committee. The committee ought to be left with a certain amount of latitude.

The Rev. H. Drake suggested that if a limit were imposed, it should be a limit on the price of the book when sold, and he suggested it should be not more than 2s. a copy.

Mr. T. Faulkner asked whether the committee were not authorised last year to publish the book?

Mr. Trollope: Yes.

Mr. Faulkner: Then why haven't you done it?

Mr. Trollope: Because the Standing Committee stood in the way.

Rev. H. Law James: The Standing Committee have to produce the money to pay the bills.

Mr. Faulkner said that he took the view that there was a great demand for this book, and whether it cost 2s. or 3s. they were more likely to sell a larger number of the complete book than of a portion of it. They must do something for the six-bell ringers. They sold the whole of the copies of the first edition, and now that they were giving them a new and fuller edition, there would be a very great demand which would justify their adventuring some of the money which they had in hand.

THE COMPLETE WORK IN ONE VOLUME.

Canon Coleridge said there was no doubt about the demand for this book, and he for one would like to see the whole book published at once, and he did not see why they should not do it. They had raised the subscriptions of the members, which brought in £10 or £12 a year more, and they had £70 invested, besides another £50 in hand. He thought it would be a very good thing if they published the whole book at once, and he moved that its publication in full be proceeded with, and that stock be sold out for the purpose of meeting the cost.

Mr. Faulkner seconded. It had been said, he remarked, that there was no business in it. Personally, he thought it was good business; they must speculate something.

Rev. E. S. Powell: Do you mean, published in two parts or one?

Canon Coleridge: One part.

Mr. W. Willson deprecated selling their stock. He did not consider it was good business to dispose of their capital.

Mr. Johnson moved as an amendment that the work should be published serially. He was entirely in sympathy with the resolution from the point of view that he believed that the whole of the material should be placed before the Exercise, and he believed also that the Methods Committee themselves would be bitterly disappointed if that were not done. But he also felt that they, as a Council, had no right to sequester the whole of their resources in one particular direction. They ought, however, to do something for the six-bell men, who were an important body of the Exercise.

Rev. E. S. Powell: The Major men have just had their Plain methods published for them.

The President: Do you mean that we should get into touch with the ringing paper and ask them to publish the methods?

Mr. Johnson said that was the spirit of his amendment. What the Council wanted to do was to get the whole of the methods placed before the Exercise, and the only object of publishing them in a book was for that purpose. His amendment was to get it through at a much lower cost.

A member asked if it was Mr. Johnson's intention to pay 'The Ringing World' to do this, and also how long he thought it would be before the whole thing was completed.

Mr. Johnson said that was a matter for arrangement. He did not suggest that they should ask anybody to do it for nothing, but, done in the way which he suggested, he thought the cost would be less and would be spread over a greater period.

Rev. H. Law James asked if it was the intention of the amendment that the book should be published in the newspaper or published in 6d. parts in the same way that Mr. Robinson's book on ringing was published?

Mr. Johnson said he was prepared to accept the idea that it should be published in 6d. parts.

Mr. A. H. Pulling said if they charged more than 1s. 6d. they would go beyond what most ringers could afford.

In the course of further discussion, Mr. Cave said they could reduce the cost per copy by having double the number, and he asked if it was thought that the demand would justify having 1,000 instead of 500 copies.

Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn said, from the amount of copies of old books which he held as librarian, he should not recommend the Council to order any more than 500 copies of any work in the future.

Mr. Johnson's amendment was then put to the meeting and defeated.

Canon Elsee then spoke in favour of publishing the work in two volumes, one at 2s. and one at 1s. 6d., instead of in one volume at 3s.

Mr. Faulkner said the resolution as it stood was plain and straightforward. This book was long overdue to the six-bell ringers, and he did not think that another 6d. or 1s. on the cost would affect the sale of the book very much. Something had been said about sequestering the funds of the Council, but what were the funds for if not for the use and benefit of change ringing, and this book would benefit change ringing very substantially.

The Rev. H. Drake supported the idea of printing in two portions, but Canon Coleridge's motion on being put was carried by a large majority.

On the motion of the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, seconded by Mr. Coles, the committee, consisting of the Revs. H. Law James and E. S. Powell and Messrs. J. A. Trollope and E. H. Lewis, were re-elected with the best thanks of the Council for the work they had done.

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THE ANALYSIS COMMITTEE.

After the luncheon interval, Mrs. Fletcher presented the report of the Analysis Committee (which has been printed in 'The Ringing World'), and, subject to the investigation of a point raised by Mr. Sharman with regard to the peals rung by the Bedfordshire Association, this was adopted, and the committee elected as follows: Mrs. Fletcher, Messrs. G. R. Pye, C. Dean and G. W. Fletcher. Mr. George Williams, who had been for many years on the committee, did not seek to be re-elected, and Mr. Coles asked if any reason could be given for the resignation of Mr. James George who was elected last year but apparently only served for a few months. No answer was forthcoming.

ANOTHER USEFUL PUBLICATION REVISED.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn made a statement with regard to the work of the Towers and Belfries Committee. During the year, he said, the committee had been carrying out the revision of the publication on 'The Preservation of Bells, Frames, and Fittings.' This book was originally brought out in 1891, and there was now only one member of that Committee still alive, and he was with them that day. He referred to Mr. F. E. Dawe (hear, hear). The committee had taken great pains with this revision, and it was now in typescript. There were certain small alterations to be made, chiefly to do with the question of cannons on old bells, and he was happy to say that they were now in a better position to deal with this more in accordance with the wishes of those who wanted to retain old cannons than they used to be. That was one of the things in which an advance had been made in the last year or two. Mr. Jenkyn added that there was now no reason in any place for it to be said that the bells were so noisy in the belfry that they could not be rung comfortably, or that some were so faint that they could not be heard, or that outside there was so much noise that the bells were a nuisance to the public. All these things, as a result of their work in the last few years, could be cured, and it would be found in this revised book how these things could be dealt with. They had kept as far as they could to the old book, but a certain amount of this was out of date and had had to be entirely rewritten, while a certain number of new discoveries had had to be included. They had felt it wise to eliminate Section 5, which was a sort of schedule which gave the prices of various peals of bells according to the weights of the tenors. If anyone was going to have a new ring of bells they could always get estimates from the leading bell founders, and it was really a waste of time and space to get out figures which, in a few years' time, might be quite wrong. They proposed to leave that section out altogether. It might have been of value at some time, but not in the last few years. Continuing, Mr. Jenkyn said with regard to the other work done by members of the committee, he had been quite busy in his own diocese, and the chief work he had been engaged in was the rehanging and augmentation of the peal at Reading. All who had been to that church were agreed that it was as near perfection as possible, both as regards the ringing of the peal and the sound inside and outside the tower. He thought that all members of the committee could report from different parts of the country that they were getting far nearer the state of things which they all desired to see as regarded the hanging of bells inside the tower and the sound of the bells inside and out. Mr. Jenkyn concluded by remarking that after the discussion on the printing of the Minor Methods he ought perhaps to be almost silent on the question of printing this book, but he was not going to be. At the moment, however, he would leave it for the Council to say what they wished and what they proposed to do.

Major J. H. B. Hesse said the principal work in which he had been engaged during the year had been the restoration of the bells at Washington, in Sussex, where he had a good fight for the faculty. He won in the end and got the job done as he wanted it. He had two other jobs in view, in one of which the architect and himself had come to loggerheads, and he did not know what would come of it.

The Hon. Secretary said that all he had been called upon to do during the year was to advise the Rev. Teape in the case to which he had already referred. He thought that the work of this committee would in itself justify, if necessary, the existence of the Council. The members of the committee were always there ready to advise with their expert knowledge.

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THE PEALS ANALYSIS.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the question raised by the representative of the Bedfordshire Association at the Central Council meeting regarding the number of peals credited to his society in the analysis, we have gone carefully into the matter and find that only 27 peals appeared in 'The Ringing World' under the Bedfordshire Association, and not 28 as stated at the meeting. A peal of Minor rung at Sandy on November 2nd, 1923, which appears in the Bedfordshire report, was published in 'The Ringing World,' No. 972, November 8th, page 709, under the Ely Diocesan Guild and Beds Association, and was therefore credited to the former society in the analysis.

A slight error occurred in printing the analysis, whereby two peals of Double Oxford were printed on wrong lines. The peal credited to the Bath and Wells should go to the Bedfordshire Association, and the one to the Cambridge University Guild to the Chester Diocesan Guild. This does not, however, affect the totals.—Yours faithfully,
EDITH K. FLETCHER.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In the instalment of your report of the meeting of the Central Council contained in your last issue I notice on page 413 that the Standing Committee were re-elected with the addition of conveners of committees who were not already members of the Standing Committee.

It will doubtless be found useful from time to time at meetings of the Standing Committee to have the presence of someone who can report as to the work of any one of the other committees where such other committee or committees are not already represented, but I think that care should be exercised lest the Standing Committee should in this way grow to an unwieldy size. Hitherto it has been kept within workable limits, and it would be a pity were it to become larger than is really needed. I do not for a moment suppose that underlying the election of these new members there is the slightest idea that the Standing Committee has any powers of supervision over other committees and their work. It has none such whatever; at least, it certainly had none when I was hon. secretary. The work of the Standing Committee is to manage within recognised limits the work of the Council as a whole. It is not concerned with the work of other committees, which are responsible directly to the Council, and to the Council alone, and it is, of course, up to them to safeguard their rights and position in this respect. Mr. Trollope was perfectly right when he said (see page 414) that the question of obtaining an estimate is one pertaining to the Standing Committee. The Methods Committee do the work, and when that work is finished report to the Council, and the Council through its Standing Committee see to the question of publication.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEATHERHEAD DISTRICT.

A very successful meeting was held at Ockley on Saturday, June 21st, when a number of ringers attended from Ockley, Cobham, Leatherhead, Dorking, Newdigate, Warnham, Charlwood and Rudgwick.

The peal of six bells at Ockley Parish Church are an old peal, dating from 1701. The tenor weighs approximately 15 cwt. Methods ranging from Grandsire Doubles to London Surprise Minor were rung with varying degrees of success.

At the business meeting, the election of Mr. C. F. Winney as a compounding member was confirmed, and Mr. L. Leach, of Dorking, was elected a ringing member. Afterwards, the company adjourned to the tower for further practice. The bells were lowered at 8.30.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DIVISION.

A quarterly meeting was held at Laughton on Saturday, June 21st, 26 members attending from the following towers: Chiddingly, Eastbourne (All Saints', St. Mary's and St. Saviour's), Hellingly, Heathfield, Southover and Ringmer.

Ringing commenced about three o'clock, and the bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening in various methods from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor. The Vicar, the Rev. W. A. Pearson, visited the tower, and welcomed the ringers.

At the business meeting Mr. W. D. Smith occupied the chair, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The usual vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and also to Mr. Brett, the leader of the local ringers, who had everything in readiness. After the meeting, the members returned to the tower and kept the bells going merrily until about eight o'clock.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

A very successful meeting of the Christchurch District was held at Brockenhurst on May 17th, when thirty members were present from Christchurch, Lymington, Lyndhurst, Ringwood, Brockenhurst, Bishopstoke and North Stoneham. The church at Brockenhurst is of great age, and was mentioned in Domesday Book. Formerly four bells hung in the tower. These were augmented to six in 1924 by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, one of the new bells being in memory of the New Zealand soldiers who died at Brockenhurst Hospital for New Zealand soldiers during the war, and were buried at Brockenhurst. This bell was given by the parents and friends in New Zealand.

During the afternoon and evening good use was made of the light ring (the tenor is only 4½ cwt.), and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung.

A splendid tea, provided by the generosity of the Vicar (Rev. W. A. Haslam) was enjoyed, and at the business meeting that followed the new band at Lymington were elected members of the Guild.

It was decided to hold two special meetings—Lymington on Wednesday, July 30th, and Lyndhurst on June 21st, and the next quarterly meeting at Ringwood on September 13th.

FESTAL RINGING DAY AT WHITTLESEY.

DEDICATION OF AUGMENTED PEAL.

Campanologists from a wide surrounding district comprised the greater part of a large and grateful congregation who assembled for the dedication ceremony of the rehung and augmented peal of bells at St. Andrew's Church, Whittlesey, on Saturday afternoon. The service, at which the Rev. D. A. Stewart, R.D., of St. Peter's Church, March, officiated, was a simple and impressive one, and brought back to many present precious memories of a magnificent band of ringers of a former generation.

The two new bells, which have brought those in the tower up to a peal of eight, are the gift of Mr. Charles Aveling, J.P., of Southport, in memory of his father, Mr. William Aveling, who was one of the leaders in the rapid progress of this doughty and enthusiastic band, and to whom campanologists throughout a wide area acknowledge their lasting gratitude. Expression was given to this feeling throughout the interesting proceedings, which included a parochial tea after the service, a reunion in the belfry, and an informal dinner at the Falcon Hotel in the evening, at which Mr. Charles Aveling was the host. The latter then surpassed his previous munificence by presenting the ringers with a fine set of handbells.

THE DEDICATION.

Among those present in the church were the Vicar (Rev. A. E. T. Newman), Dr. J. J. Waddelow, J.P., the Rev. W. Drake, of Lynn, Mrs. Waddelow, Mrs. Cole, the Rev. G. W. Jackson (Congregational minister), Mrs. Jackson, Mr. R. Rose, Mr. and Mrs. W. Oldfield, Mr. W. Rose (at the organ), Mrs. William Aveling, Mrs. Charles Aveling, Mr. H. Lefevre, Mrs. Frank Lyne, Mr. J. Boyce, J.P., Mrs. Boyce and the Misses Boyce, Mr. A. Whitehead, Mr. B. Walker (secretary to the Church Council), Mr. S. R. Neave, Mr. F. W. Tebb, Mr. H. Layton, Mr. F. Oldfield, Mr. H. Coxell, Miss Whyte and many other members of both parishes.

The order of service was as follows: Hymn, 'O praise ye the Lord'; Evensong, beginning with the Lord's Prayer; Psalm cxvii.; first lesson, read by Dr. J. J. Waddelow (Numbers x. 1-10); Magnificat; second lesson, read by Rev. L. L. Chaplin; Nunc Dimittis; the Creed; three Collects; hymn 166.

The choir then proceeded to the tower, where the words of dedication were pronounced by the Rev. D. A. Stewart, who also unveiled two tablets carved from the displaced oaken frame by Messrs. John Thompson, Ltd., of Peterborough, in memory of Eliza Poole, a former benefactor, and of the present donor. The tablets are inscribed: 'This tablet, made from the old bell frame, is here erected to the glory of God and in memory of Eliza Poole, in life a worshipper and in death a contributor to the rehanging of the bells. MCMXXX.'; 'This tablet, made from the old bell frame, is here erected to the glory of God and to commemorate the rehanging of the bells and the gift of the two new bells by Charles Aveling, in memory of his father, William Aveling, a former ringer and a lover of the bells. MCMXXX.'

The ceremony was followed by a short peal, and an address by the Rev. D. A. Stewart, whose text was taken from Psalm xcvi. 6: 'O let us come and worship the Lord.' The preacher, after explaining the purpose of the bells, which was to call the faithful to worship, spoke eloquently of the place of worship in the lives of men. It was, he said, the means by which the soul attained to greater heights.

At the conclusion of the service an opening course of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung by: A. Abrams 1, J. J. Jutson 2, A. T. Newington 3, W. H. Waldron 4, H. M. Day 5, F. Rowlinson 6, W. Rose 7, F. E. Collins 8.

THE BELLS.

The tenor, which weighs 19 cwt., was recast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston in 1911, to commemorate the coronation of King George V., and now, after a lapse of 19 years, two trebles have been added to complete the ring of eight, and the whole peal has been rehung in a new teak frame, whilst the older bells have been fitted with the firm's patent canon-retaining cast-iron headstocks.

All the ringers present were delighted with the 'go' of the peal and the sweet tone of the new trebles, which match perfectly the tenor, just as they 'hold their own' both inside the tower and outside, and the Croydon firm were congratulated on all hands at the successful completion of a restoration that had not been without difficulties in order to comply with the wishes of the diocesan authorities.

Among those present at the subsequent tea was Mr. Cyril Johnston, of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the world-famous bell founders, of Croydon, to whom was entrusted the work of tuning and rehanging. Mr. Johnston later took part in a few 'touches' with the visiting ringers. The tea was well attended, two sittings being held in the commodious Parish Hall. The committee responsible comprised Mesdames Tebb, Coxell, Warner, W. Oldfield, F. Oldfield, Doncaster, Harrison, Britten, Blackshaw, G. Rose, F. W. Brown, B. Walker, the Misses Todd, A. Hipwell, Boyce, Britten, F. A. Walker and E. W. Walker. The very charming table decorations were the work of Mrs. Blackshaw.

The touches included a course of Kent Treble Bob Major, Stedman Triples and Grantham Triples by: A. Abrams 1, J. Jutson 2, A. T. Newington 3, W. H. Waldron 4, H. M. Day 5, F. Rowlinson 6, W. Rose 7, F. E. Collins 8. St. Andrew's ringers who took part were: H. Brown 1, P. Newman 2, U. Britten 3, A. Garton 4, W. Middleton 5, G. Goodwin 6, W. Garton 7, W. Blackshaw 8.

A MEMORABLE DINNER.

A dinner, given to past and present ringers by Mr. Charles Aveling at the Falcon Hotel on Saturday evening, was a memorable meal, the speeches, though few in number and brief, being characterised by felicitous references to a former generation of Whittlesey ringers, of whom there are but few now living, and a solicitude that others as capable might be found to continue the art when the time came for present ringers to 'content themselves with the handbells at home.'

The chair was taken by Mr. Charles Aveling, J.P., who was supported by the Rev. L. L. Chaplin, Mr. J. Boyce, J.P., and Mr. W. Oldfield, churchwardens at St. Andrew's; Mr. W. H. Wickham and Mr. T. H. Aveling, churchwardens at St. Mary's; Dr. J. J. Waddelow, J.P., Mr. W. Maize, J.P., Mr. Henry Lefevre, Mr. Edward Mountfield, Mr. S. R. Neave, Mr. James Oldfield, Mr. Bertram Walker. Other present included Messrs. J. W. Pickett, H. Goakes, C. Wilson, T. Palmer, H. Kilby, H. Taylor, J. G. Kefford, J. N. Duddington, E. Billings, B. Barnes, F. E. Smith, T. Medlock, W. Rose, C. Rawson, J. Barratt, W. Shaw, W. Middleton, G. Goodwin, H. Lewis, J. King, A. Acred, A. Neal, G. H. Wade, W. Slater, W. Smith, Joseph Duddington, J. Hardy, A. Harper, H. A. Scott, B. Walker, and F. E. Collins (of the staff of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston). The oldest Whittlesey ringer present was Mr. J. N. Duddington, aged 84, who was a noted exponent of the art in the seventies, and the only absentee was Mr. R. Burbidge, who was seriously injured in a regrettable road accident that afternoon. Pleasing harmony was ably rendered by Messrs. H. Brown and C. Rawson.

THE SPEECHES.

Following the loyal toast, the Chairman, who was received with cheers, proposed the toast of 'The Ringers of Whittlesey,' and said his first message must be from his mother, whose final words before he left Southport were that she hoped they would have a very pleasant evening.

'Some may wonder why you are present to-night. You need not wonder. I have been looking for an occasion for many years to meet the ringers of Whittlesey, and I have only just found the occasion.'

Mr. Aveling, proceeding, said that nothing had given him more pleasure than to invite them—a pleasure with which he desired to associate his mother (applause). If there was one occasion that she had enjoyed it was the annual dinner of the ringers at the house just across the road (applause). At that time he was a youngster and used to play the handbells in the kitchen, getting into trouble for not striking correctly (laughter). In proposing the toast of the ringers, he wished to include those who had gone before (hear, hear). They had left a good set of ringers to carry on. He was older than many present, the majority of whom he did not know, but he was glad to see his old friends, Mr. Duddington and Mr. E. Mountfield, who, like himself, had changed in forty years. Nothing would keep Mr. Mountfield's father out of the belfry when the bells were ringing, and, indeed, he went up when he could scarcely crawl. He was also glad to see his own cousin, Mr. Harry Lefevre (applause).

Mr. Aveling remarked that he wondered whether bellringers realised the joy they were giving to other people, perhaps miles away from where they were pulling the ropes. Though he had been away for over forty years, the sound of the bells made it a real home-coming for him, and there was nothing more lovely than the link with childhood's days (hear, hear). He hoped they would see that those younger than they would be trained in order that they might carry on and give the joy to future generations that was being given to this. He feared to think of what was coming to the lovely English countryside; they were getting a lot of ribbon dwellings until they were driving between town and town. They had to go away before they could appreciate the beauty at home, and of this beauty the sound of bells was a part. Through the ringers of the past they were what they were to-day (cheers). He coupled with the toast the name of Mr. James Oldfield (applause).

Mr. James Oldfield, of St. Mary's, Whittlesey, in the course of an able reply, said he thought the toast should have been responded to by one of the St. Andrew's ringers, for that was their day. The majority of them would think about past ringers with mingled reverence and regret. The standard of ringing to-day was higher than when he was a boy, and he recalled how several of them had started at St. Mary's with the late Mr. Smith, and by hard practice had accomplished a little chiming. The height of their ambition then was to be able to ring the tenor behind when they were chiming. He recalled being able to do a few call changes, one of which was Jackson's, and also that there had been a disagreement with the Vicar or the wardens, and the ringers dropped out. In those days they were Messrs. Rawson, Jesson, Knight, Woodhouse, G. Clark, E. Clark and others, and later an attempt was made to form a boys'

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PORTSMOUTH RINGERS' ENJOYABLE OUTING.

The St. Mary's, Portsmouth, ringers held their annual outing on Saturday, June 14th, and were favoured with glorious weather. Leaving headquarters shortly after 8 a.m., the party travelled to Reading via Petersfield and Alton. However, on arriving at Alton an excellent course of Cambridge Major was being rung, and on enquiry it was found to be the St. John's, Croydon, ringers on their outing. A few words of greeting and good luck were exchanged, and the party continued their journey to Reading. On arrival here a move was made to St. Laurence's Church, where Mr. E. G. Foster had everything in readiness. These are indeed an excellent ring of twelve, with a beautiful ringing chamber. Some rounds were rung on the twelve and also Stedman Caters and Cambridge Surprise Major. A move was next made to Henley-on-Thames, and after an interval at Shiplake for dinner and refreshments the tower was reached shortly after 2 p.m. Mr. W. Appleby was there to welcome the party. Some enjoyed a stroll over the bridge and by the river, whilst others climbed the steps and rang touches of Stedman Triples, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major. An excellent view of the Regatta course was obtained from the top of the tower and also of the surrounding river and country. On leaving here, the journey was continued via High Wycombe to Beaconsfield, where the local band was there to meet the visitors and also had everything in readiness. Owing to the draught of rope this was somewhat different to the other towers, but being used to it at Portsmouth, some good touches of Stedman, Bob Major, Cambridge and Superlative were rung. An excellent meat tea was partaken of at the Royal White Hart Hotel, after which some touches on handbells were rung on the vicarage lawn, whilst others visited the spacious garden. Very reluctantly a move was made to Slough, the last tower to be visited, where Messrs. Bateman and Fussell met the band, and touches of Stedman, Double Norwich and Cambridge were rung on this excellent eight. After bidding farewell, the return journey was started via Windsor and through the Great Park past huge clusters of rhododendrons, Ascot race course, Bagshot and Farnham, and home was reached at midnight after an excellent and most successful day. Thanks are due to the various incumbents and to those who met the ringers and helped to contribute to the day's enjoyment.

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team. Mr. Oldfield had many other interesting memories of the ringers of those days, with which he delighted his audience, and added that the greatest stimulus to change ringing was that given by the Rev. Colin Bell, Vicar of St. Mary's. It was a fascinating subject, and the more they knew about it the more they wished to know. He had never attended the little suppers over the road, but he recalled how the late Mr. John Lefevre promised the ringers a guinea when they could ring 720 changes of Bob Minor, and how he was waiting at the tower door after they had accomplished it to hand each man his guinea, and how they had turned it into liquid refreshment (laughter). He asked both bands of ringers to get together in good time and 'hang their bells about' to give their host a real feast of bellringing (applause).

The Rev. A. E. T. Newman, proposing the toast of 'Mr. Charles Aveling,' said he had seen five new chambers made; three were in his father's time as Vicar of Axminster. At Kilminster he had seen some churchwardens' accounts for the years 1585, 1587 and 1588 for rehanging and making a new chamber, for the purchase of a Bible and for an official celebration of the victory over the Spanish Armada. The Bible cost 89s.; the new bell chamber cost just over 100s. (instead of £400), and the Armada celebrations cost in drinks for the ringers 112s. (laughter). He supposed the life of an oak bell frame was about three or four hundred years; whether their teak frame would last longer only time would prove, but he thought it was impervious to the ravages of the death watch beetle. Thanks to the generosity of one man the bells at St. Andrew's had been completed (applause).

Mr. Charles Aveling, briefly replying, thanked the Rev. A. E. T. Newman, and pointed out, amid laughter, that of the amount expended in drink a large proportion of the 112s. would have gone in taxation. He hoped they would always have Vicars and churchwardens who were interested in the bells, and that the ringers of St. Andrew's and St. Mary's would always remain good friends and pass from one belfry to the other (hear, hear).

PRESENTATION OF HANDBELLS.

Mr. Aveling requested the ringers to perform a few changes on the handbells. It transpired that these had formerly belonged to the Whitlesey ringers, and had come into the possession of Mrs. William Aveling, who gave them to her son.

After a round by Messrs. W. Hardy, J. King, J. Barrett, J. Oldfield, W. Smith and A. Neal, Mr. Aveling asked the ringers of Whitlesey to accept them, a generous gesture that drew prolonged applause.

The proceedings closed with the National Anthem.

PEALS AT FINEDON.

PERMANENT RECORDS IN THE BELFRY.

An interesting event in the local ringing world took place in the belfry of Finedon Parish Church on Saturday, May 31st, when a beautiful tablet recording four peals recently rung there was unveiled. Ringing commenced about 4.30, and continued until six, when the Vicar (the Rev. A. G. Bagshaw) went into the belfry to conduct the dedication service. Before doing this he gave a very interesting account of the history of the bells in the tower, with the dates of casting, and the inscriptions thereon. He then proceeded to read the dedicatory prayers, and in the presence of Mr. G. J. Pearson and Mr. J. Cuttill, churchwardens, and a goodly company of ringers he unveiled the tablet. He afterwards spoke in very high terms of the local band, and said how much both he and the churchwardens appreciated their loyalty and services. The service concluded with the Blessing.

On behalf of the local band, Mr. J. R. Hensher thanked the Vicar for allowing them, in the first place, to put the tablet in the belfry, and also for his services in connection with the dedication.

Further ringing was afterwards indulged in until about eight o'clock.

Of the peals recorded on the tablet the first is a peal of Double Norwich rung May 29th, 1926, conducted by Mr. A. Y. Tyler, of Irthlingborough, the rest being local men; the second a peal of Grandshire Triples by the local band, and conducted by Mr. J. R. Main; the third a peal of Bob Major by the local band, conducted by Mr. J. R. Hensher; the fourth another peal of Double Norwich in which five of the local members took part, including the conductor, Mr. G. Basford.

Amongst those present at the ceremony were Mr. G. Black, general secretary, and Mr. J. Nickerson, secretary of the Thrapston Branch, who also took part in the latter peal of Double Norwich.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

By the kind permission of Rev. Canon Elnor, a bye-meeting of the Canterbury District was held at St. Mary's, Dover, on Saturday, May 31st. Owing to a meeting taking place in the Dover Parish Room, which almost adjoins the church, the bells were not available until after 4 p.m. Twenty-six members were present, representing the following towers: Canterbury Cathedral and St. Aphaege, Littlebourne, Wickhambreau, Deal, Walmer, Wingham, Brabourne and the local tower. Numerous short touches were rung in the usual methods until 5 p.m., when the ringers adjourned to the Cosy Restaurant, where Canon Elnor had provided a splendid tea for the visitors. Canon Elnor presided, and in a speech in answer to the hearty vote of thanks, welcomed the ringers to Dover.

The Church of St. Mary, owing to its position in the town, among the shops and picture houses, is not an ideal tower at which to hold a ringing gathering, and the Vicar gave his permission for the use of the bells with a request that no 'long touches' should be rung. However, the meeting was quite a successful one, and the Vicar remarked that he thought the shopkeepers should have no cause to complain.

The ringers were very glad to welcome to the meeting Canon F. J. O. Helmore, who in a speech after tea paid a warm tribute to the clergy of the county for their hospitality and kindly encouragement to the members of the association.

There was no necessity for a business meeting, and the ringers then adjourned to the tower for some further 'short touches.'

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DIVISION.

The annual joint meeting of the societies in the Southern Division area was held at Conisborough on Saturday, June 21st. An excellent feature was the good striking which was upheld throughout the afternoon and evening. The towers represented were Doncaster, Ecclesfield, Sheffield Cathedral and St. Marie's, Ranmoor, Rawmarsh, Arksey, Wortley, Norton, Killamarsh, Worksop and Gainsborough. A short service conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. Lee, was very much appreciated, as also were the services of the organist and choir. At the business meeting, the Vicar presiding, the minutes of the annual meeting were read and confirmed. The arrangements for the next meeting in September were left in the secretary's hands. Votes of thanks to the Vicar, etc., were heartily carried.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I be allowed to state that the Saffron Walden Society rang upon Radwinter bells a peal of Superlative Surprise (5,088 changes) on March 24th, 1894; also on January 2nd, 1897, 5,024 Kent Treble Bob, and again on March 5th, 1898, 5,040 Double Norwich Court Bob. I have a record of nine peals in all that the Saffron Walden Society has rung on these bells. I thought that someone would have written about this before. T. E. SLATER.

Hunts Hill, Glemsford,
Sudbury, Suffolk.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

UXBRIDGE.—At St. Andrew's Church, for evening service, on June 29th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples in 45 mins.: J. Peddle 1, E. Hancox 2, P. E. Jones 3, F. Corke (conductor) 4, J. H. Lucas 5, E. G. Swift 6, R. Carter 7, C. A. Nicholls 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

FAIRFORD, GLOS.—On Sunday, June 29th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: F. J. Lewis sen., 1, F. J. Lewis, jun., 2, W. B. Kynaston 3, E. Pearson 4, H. R. Accock 5, J. Hope 6, C. J. Gardener (conductor) 7, J. Smith 8. Birthday compliment to J. Hope.

CROYDON.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, June 29th, for the Patronal Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): D. Wright (conductor) 1, J. O. Weller 2, R. H. Dove 3, H. Wills 4, W. Bulpitt 5, F. Leeks 6, J. W. Trappitt 7, E. Denham 8, E. H. Everest 9, W. J. Adcock 10. First quarter of Caters by the ringers of the 2nd and 9th, who hail from Westerham and Chiddingstone respectively.

LEWISHAM.—On Sunday, June 22nd, at the Church of St. Mary, after evening service, on the occasion of the anniversary of the King's coronation, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): H. Warnott, sen. (conductor) 1, W. W. Fox 2, H. James 3, A. E. Darvill 4, J. Bennett 5, C. Moulton 6, J. Dafters 7, H. G. Goodwin 8.

CAMBRIDGE.—On June 22nd, for morning service, at the church of Our Lady of the English Martyrs, 720 Bob Minor: H. Faulk 1, V. Shorter 2, J. Quinney (first 720 'inside') 3, R. Rathbury (conductor) 4, R. Dennis 5, J. Ward 6.

LOWER HEYFORD, OXON.—On Sunday, June 22nd, at the Parish Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: G. Cuss 1, T. Kirby 2, W. Baggett 3, R. Brock 4, F. Pritchett (conductor) 5, E. Baglestone 6. First quarter-peal by the ringer of the treble. All are Sunday service ringers except the ringer of the second, who hails from Steeple Aston, Oxon.

KIRWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, June 22nd, for children's festival services: Morning service, 720 Grandsire Minor; afternoon service, 360 Oxford Treble Bob; evening service, 720 Bob Minor. The following ringers took part: Miss F. Baxter, Miss Doris Sutton, H. Cook, A. Cook, J. Booth, S. Papworth, A. Sansom, P. Sutton, F. J. Sutton. Conductors, J. Booth and H. Cook.

DARLINGTON.—On Sunday, June 22nd, at the Church of the Holy Trinity, for morning service, 480 Cambridge Surprise Minor, and for evensong 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor, the following taking part: R. W. Gay, R. Jeff, G. W. Park, W. N. Park, R. Park, J. T. Titt and J. Thompson. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Thompson (now of Kendal, and for 45 years a ringer at York Minster), this being his 77th birthday.

STOURTON, WILTS.—On Sunday, June 15th, at the Church of St. Peter, for evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: N. V. Andrews 1, H. Andrews 2, E. G. L. Coward 3, C. F. Andrews 4, W. C. Shute (conductor) 5, J. T. Dyke 6.

BATH.—On Whit Sunday, June 8th, for morning service, at the Church of St. Michael, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): Mrs. A. Evans (first quarter-peal) 1, A. Jones 2, Miss N. G. Williams 3, R. J. Cousins 4, T. F. King 5, A. Evans (conductor) 6, W. J. Prescott 7, J. Hallett 8. Mrs. and Mrs. Evans are from Burnham-on-Sea, Mr. A. Jones from Putney.

GUILDFORD.—For evensong, on June 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,295 changes): E. G. Heath 1, E. Radford 2, F. Radford 3, E. Etheridge 4, G. Tomsett 5, W. Thorne 6, R. Radford (first on an inside bell) 7, C. Hazelden 8, S. Radford (conductor) 9, A. Collier 10.

DOVER, KENT.—On Sunday, May 25th, for the morning service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: G. Eagles 1, S. A. Wells 2, J. Eagles 3, C. R. Millway 4, H. Whitehead 5, H. J. Saunders 6, C. Turner (conductor) 7, C. Hardeman 8.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on July 17th and 31st, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 8th, Southwark Cathedral on the 10th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 22nd, St. Andrew's, Holborn, 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.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual summer festival will be held on the Thames-side, with Egham as the centre, on Saturday, July 5th. Egham bells available from 2.30; the bells of St. Mary's, Staines, will be available during the afternoon and evening and St. Peter's, Staines, 6.30 to 8.30. Service 4.30 at Egham, followed by tea. Ladies are particularly asked to attend, as their annual business meeting will be held after the tea.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A six-bell cup contest will be held at Beighton on Saturday, July 5th. Commence 3 p.m. prompt, competitors please note. A hearty welcome to all.—H. Thorpe, Hon. Sec., 104, Petre Street, Sheffield.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Southampton, Saturday, July 5th. Executive Committee at 11.30. General meeting 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. in St. Mary's Church. Three towers of 8 bells available. Tea at 5 p.m., Chantry Hall. Replies, Mr. W. T. Tucker, 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at Bebington on July 5th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. Will those who intend to be present please let me know soon?—H. S. Brocklebank, Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Afternoon Guild.—A meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 9th, at Holy Trinity Church, Sunderland, in the afternoon and St. Ignatius' at night. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers invited.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting and shield contest will be held at South Kirkby on Saturday, July 12th. Draw takes place at Church Institute at 2.45 p.m. Ringing commences immediately afterwards. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. A. E. Harrison, 74, Mill Lane, South Kirkby, Pontefract, not later than Wednesday, July 9th?—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on July 12th at the Parish Church, Llanfagan. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec., Belle Vue, Brecon.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford district meeting at OLD WOKING (instead of Dunsfold) on Saturday, July 12th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Numbers for tea to me, please, by Monday, July 7th.—G. L. Grover, Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, Guildford.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Odiham on July 12th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Business meeting follows.—D. L. Board, Hon. Sec., Basingstoke District.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Ruislip on Saturday, July 12th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Cheap tickets are issued on the District and Metropolitan Railways. Tea arranged as usual. All ringers and friends welcome. — Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Bristol on Saturday, July 12th. Fuller particulars later.—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The annual invitation meeting will be held at Ardleigh on Saturday, July 12th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Mr. Newth's room. All wishing to attend will they please notify me not later than Tuesday, July 8th?—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at High Littleton on July 12th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Divine service 4 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify me by the 8th inst.—R. T. Clark, Hon. Sec., Timsbury, near Bath.

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Bristol on Saturday, July 12th. St. Stephen's bells (10) will be available at 2.30. Service at 4 o'clock, followed by tea and meeting at St. Thomas' Church. Ringing at St. Philip's (8) in the evening. Will all desiring tea kindly notify Miss E. Smith, 4, East Shrubbery, Redland, Bristol, by July 9th? — Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Gen. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Colston Bassett on Saturday, July 12th. Bells (8) ready 2.30. Company's bus leaves the Black Boy Yard, Parliament Street, Nottingham, 2.30, 4 and 6.20. Returns 5.40, 7.40 and 9.55. Tea can be arranged for. Very fine peal. Come and try them.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Edwinstowe (6) on Saturday, July 12th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who notify Mr. F. Martin, Villa Real Cottage, Edwinstowe, Mansfield. Good attendance requested. Good bus services from all directions.—H. Revill and R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, July 12th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Tea at Notts Café at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested. Good bus and train service.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL GUILD.—Chippenham Branch will hold their next quarterly meeting at St. Andrew's, Chippenham, on Saturday, July 12th. Bells from 3 o'clock. St. Paul's bells will also be available. Visitors are welcome. — F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., 38, Downing Street, Chippenham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 12th. Service in Cathedral at 11.15. 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 8th; 2s. 6d. on day of festival; 3s. to non-members. Will all members who intend being present please send for tickets, as it means easy working for organisers and caterers? — Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—The meeting of this district will be held at Hever on July 12th. The tea will be provided at Henry Eighth Hotel, after a visit to the Castle.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Barton-under-Needwood on Saturday, July 12th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Names for tea to be sent to me by the 9th at latest. — John Leach, Dis. Sec., 4, Vernon Terrace, Burton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Desborough on Saturday, July 12th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Tuesday, July 8th?—H. Baxter, Bredon, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Hever on Saturday, July 12th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4. Tea will be provided at 1s. per head. All requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, July 8th. Permission has been obtained for members and friends to view the Castle and grounds immediately after the service.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The Liverpool branch meeting arranged for Halewood on July 12th is cancelled.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A district meeting will be held at Owslebury and Twyford on Saturday, July 12th. Bells available 2.30. Service in Owslebury Church 4.30. Tea in the Parish Hall. All members welcome. Those requiring tea please let me know not later than Wednesday, July 9th.—C. A. Smith, Dis. Sec., Kings Somborne.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—Meeting at Seaford, Wednesday, July 16th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (by kind invitation of Thomas Fisher, Esq.). Those desiring tea must notify the undersigned not later than Friday, July 11th.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Bury Parish Church on Saturday, July 19th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. Tea provided, as usual, for all those sending in their names to Mr. Joshua Ramsbottom, 336, Hornby Street, Bury, not later than Wednesday, July 16th. Subscriptions are due. Reports, etc., to hand.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

ST. CLEMENT YOUTHS, St. Clement Danes, Strand.—The annual outing will be held on Saturday, July 26th. A charabanc will leave St. Clement Danes at 1.30. As accommodation is limited to 28 early application for seats is requested. Full particulars next week.—F. W. H. Sergison, Hon. Sec.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Turner's Hill on Saturday, July 19th. Tower opened at 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea let me know by Wednesday, July 16th? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The next meeting will be held at Minster, Isle of Sheppey, on Saturday, July 19th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea served at the Blue Bird Cafe at 1/- per head at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Will all those intending to be present kindly let me know not later than Tuesday, July 15th?—Stanley J. T. Sherlock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury & District Branch.—The annual meeting is to be held at Banbury on Saturday, July 19th. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, July 16th. This meeting is the formal opening of this new and excellent peal.—R. R. Lewis, Hon. Sec. & Treas., 17, Easington Road, Banbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Flixton on Saturday, July 19th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, rs. 3d. per head. Names to be sent to Mr. J. H. Collier, 17, Balfour Road, Urmston, not later than July 17th. Meeting after tea. Turn up in large numbers and have a good time.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

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HERTFORDSHIRE AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting will be held at North Mimms on Saturday, July 19th. More details in next issue.—W. Nash and C. T. Coles, Dis. Secs.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Lewisham on Saturday, July 19th. Bells 3.30 to 8.30. Tea (near by) at 5 o'clock. Number will be taken in belfry. Business at 7 o'clock in the tower.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Prittlewell on Saturday, July 19th. Bells (10) from 2.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea in St. Mary's Hall 5.30 p.m. Will all those intending to be present and requiring tea, kindly advise Mr. W. Dudley, 33, Guildford Road, Southend-on-Sea, by Wednesday, July 16th?—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION (North-Western District) & GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Leatherhead District).—A joint meeting will be held at Ranmore Common on Saturday, July 26th. Tower open for ringing 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea. Those requiring tea kindly inform Mr. A. R. Pink, Railway Hotel, Dorking, not later than Wednesday, July 23rd. All ringers welcome.—D. Cooper and A. R. Pink, Dis. Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The summer meeting will be held at Birchington on Saturday, July 26th. Rev. H. A. Serres, Vicar of Birchington, has kindly offered to entertain the ringers to tea. Further particulars later.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

CENTRAL COUNCIL.—The honorary secretary will be glad to know whether members of the Standing Committee and conveners are visiting London during July or early August (or in September), with a view to arranging a meeting, if possible.—E. Alexr. Young, 155, Rushey Green, S.E.6.

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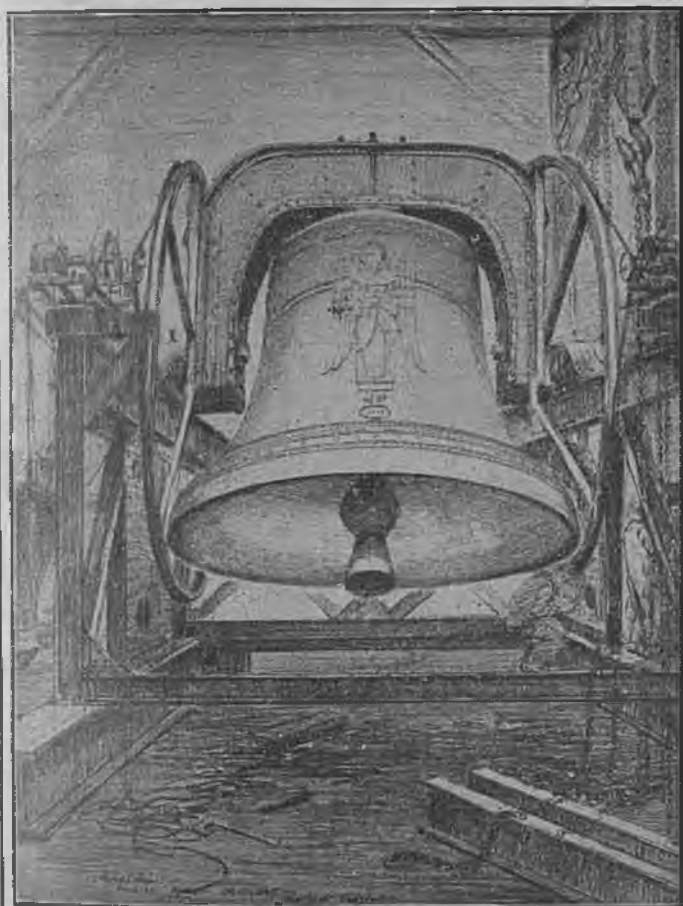
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In these days, when the tendency among ringing societies is towards diocesan status, small territorial organisations operating independently within the sphere of a diocesan association may be a very decided disadvantage—the territorial society may be looked upon, undeservedly perhaps, as something existing for objects quite apart from service to the Church, while the diocesan organisation lacks the strength and prestige of a fully representative association. Where a territorial society is supplementary to the larger diocesan association it can, of course, serve a useful purpose, but if it exists in a condition of rivalry, or even of passive isolation, the object of the diocesan organisation in providing a united body of church workers is definitely hindered. Many of the present associations are the outcome of the amalgamation of smaller societies and the success which has attended the union of forces has been so marked that comment upon it is needless.

The benefits which have been derived in other parts of the country will doubtless manifest themselves in the Towcester district as the result of amalgamation with the Peterborough Diocesan Guild. Not only will the Guild find an added strength, but ringing in the Towcester area ought to receive a welcome impetus from the energies of the larger organisation, and, we think, an increased dignity and prestige. This joining of hands will, we hope, also lead to a considerable revival of activity in the newly acquired district of the Peterborough Guild, and promote the interests of ringing generally in that part of the county of Northants. The amalgamation is one which will be welcomed by all who have at heart the interests of the Diocesan Guild.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 2, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

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| WILLIAM J. DAVISON ... Treble | DAVID VINCENT ... 6 |
| JOHN ANDERSON ... 2 | HENRY B. TAYLOR ... 7 |
| ERNEST E. FERRY ... 3 | JAMES L. GRAY ... 8 |
| *MICHAEL HARRISON ... 4 | STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ... 9 |
| ADAM DEAS ... 5 | WILLIAM H. BARBER ... Tenor |

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Royal. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. E. Ferry and W. J. Davidson, whose birthdays were on July 1st and 3rd respectively.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 5, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

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| CHARLES H. WEBB ... Treble | JOSEPH S. CARTER ... 6 |
| HAROLD J. POOLE ... 2 | JOHN OLDHAM ... 7 |
| REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 3 | HAROLD G. JENNEY ... 8 |
| PERCY HARRISON ... 4 | COLIN HARRISON ... 9 |
| WILLIAM WILLSON ... 5 | FRED H. DEXTER ... Tenor |

Composed by WM. PYE.

Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

First peal of Surprise Royal on the bells. C. Harrison's first peal of Royal and Surprise as conductor, also his 50th peal.

TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 5, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

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| ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... Treble | FRED HAWKES ... 6 |
| SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 2 | WILLIAM RANFORD ... 7 |
| *THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 3 | WILLIAM LEWIS ... 8 |
| HAROLD F. MARTIN ... 4 | CYRIL TANSELL ... 9 |
| REV. E. GEOFFREY BENSON ... 5 | CHARLES CAMM ... Tenor |

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LYDNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 28, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| OLIVER THOMAS ... Treble | JOHN W. DAVIS ... 5 |
| JOHN AUSTIN ... 2 | WILLIAM H. HARRIS ... 6 |
| GEORGE POPNELL ... 3 | GEORGE CONDLICK ... 7 |
| JESSE GILLET ... 4 | HENRY CHRISTIE ... Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD

On Monday, June 30, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

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| P.C. FREDERICK DIGBY ... Treble | JOHN H. CRAMPION ... 5 |
| WILFRED WILLIAMS ... 2 | JAMES E. DAVIS ... 6 |
| GEORGE W. STEERE ... 3 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7 |
| NELSON ELLIOTT ... 4 | CECIL W. PIPE ... Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

Nelson Elliott, for whom this peal was arranged, is from Crawley, Sussex, and he was elected a member of the association previous to starting.

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 30, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

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

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| JOHN BREESE Treble | LESTER L. GRAY 5 |
| *J. NORMAN BENSON 2 | JAMES F. SMITH 6 |
| JOHN BROWN 3 | G. RONALD EDWARDS 7 |
| *DAVID HUGHES 4 | JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor |

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First attempt for a peal of Surprise, and first touch of Surprise Major. The conductor's 100th peal. Ringers of 1st, 2nd, 4th and tenor are members of the local band. Quickest peal of Major on the bells.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

On THE MEMORIAL BELLS OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 6000 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

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| FREDERICK CARDWELL ... Treble | NOEL L. CAWTHORNE ... 5 |
| DORICE TURNER 2 | ARTHUR FIRTH 6 |
| WINIFRED M. RYDER ... 3 | T. COLIN RYDER 7 |
| J. E. LEWIS COCKEY ... 4 | FRED WATKINSON Tenor |

Composed by Geo. LEWIS. Conducted by F. WATKINSON.

This method is now rung for the first time. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the fallen, this being the 14th anniversary of the decimation of the Sheffield City Battalion at Serre.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

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| HARRY HOVERD Treble | JOHN H. CRAMPION 5 |
| FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 2 | CECIL W. PIPE 6 |
| EDWARD J. BEER 3 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7 |
| NELSON ELLIOTT 4 | WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor |

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

Nelson Elliott was elected a member of the association previous to starting for the peal.

SALFORD.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BANKES' SIX-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt.

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| HAROLD HOLLINGWORTH Treble | THOMAS TIMPERLEY ... 5 |
| MISS ALICE BRIERLEY ... 2 | FRANK STONELEY 6 |
| JOSEPH SLATER 3 | WILFRED J. MOSS 7 |
| *RICHARD LONGDEN ... 4 | PETER CROSS Tenor |

Conducted by F. STONELEY.

* First peal 'inside.' Rung in celebration of the 700th anniversary of Salford.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 2, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

G. LINDOFF'S SIX-PART, No. 8.

Tenor 10 cwt.

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| RICHARD C. BELTON ... Treble | CHARLES DRAPER 5 |
| THOMAS MEREDITH 2 | JOHN H. SWINFELD 6 |
| MAURICE SWINFELD 3 | JAMES GEORGE 7 |
| JOSEPH BAILEY 4 | JOHN CURTIS Tenor |

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 2, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

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| CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Treble | P. C. NORMAN S. BAGWORTH 5 |
| NELSON ELLIOTT 2 | *P. C. FREDERICK DIGBY ... 6 |
| ERNEST BRETT 3 | CECIL W. PIPE 7 |
| P. INSP. WM. BOTTRILL ... 4 | JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

* First peal in the method.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCOS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 2, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

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| MRS. J. WHEWELL ... Treble | FRANK SHAW 5 |
| J. WHEWELL 2 | RICHARD BALDERSTONE ... 6 |
| *JOSEPH TOWNELEY 3 | *EDWARD BILSBOROUGH ... 7 |
| LEONARD SCHOLES 4 | LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

* First peal. Rung as a farewell to Wm. Taylor (one of the local band), who is leaving to reside at Liverpool.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 3, 1930, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

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| MISS VIOLET SHORTER ... Treble | JOHN W. WARD 5 |
| *HAROLD J. HAZELL 2 | OLAVE E. BROYD 6 |
| REGINALD LATHBURY ... 3 | ROBERT YOUNG 7 |
| BERNARD W. PETTITT ... 4 | ALBERT CATTERWELL ... Tenor |

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by A. CATTERWELL.

* Proposed a member of the association before starting the peal.

HADLOW, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 3, 1930, in Three Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in A flat

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| GEORGE EDWARDS ... Treble | ALBERT RELFE 5 |
| *CYRIL W. A. BROWN ... 2 | CHARLES H. SONE 6 |
| WILLIAM E. PITMAN ... 3 | *WILLIAM BUTTON 7 |
| ANDREW MARSHALL ... 4 | THOMAS E. SONE Tenor |

Composed by CHARLES SEVERN.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

IRTELINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 5, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

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| GEORGE BASFORD ... Treble | JAMES T. WARD 5 |
| *FREDERICK R. PALMER ... 2 | WALTER PERKINS 6 |
| *JOHN R. MAIN 3 | HARRY CHAMBERS 7 |
| JOHN J. MAWBY 4 | ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... Tenor |

Composed by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by A. Y. TYLER

* First peal of London. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Perkins.

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BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LIANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 5, 1930, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Illtyd.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

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| ALFRED W. WRIGHT Treble | PRRKY JONES 5 |
| JOHN W. JONES 2 | HARRY BROUGHTON 6 |
| CHARLES H. PERRY 3 | GEORGE POPNELL 7 |
| GEORGE COOK 4 | ERNEST STITCH Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE POPNELL.
Rung on the eleventh anniversary of the tenor ringer's first peal.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 5, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

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| A. PERCIVAL ALDHAM Treble | ERNEST H. BAGWORTH 5 |
| ERNEST MORRIS 2 | WILLIAM H. CLARKE 6 |
| CECIL E. CARR 3 | FRED COTTON 7 |
| ERNEST W. TIPLER 4 | GEORGE A. NEWTON Tenor |

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS
First peal in the method on these bells.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 5, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

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| ROBERT H. C. COLVER Treble | WILLIAM BUNCE 5 |
| HARRY IVE 2 | THOMAS COLLINS 6 |
| EDWARD LANKESTER 3 | HARRY KILBY 7 |
| GEORGE M. KILBY 4 | THOMAS HUMPHREYS Tenor |

Conducted by HARRY KILBY.

First peal by Harry Ive and William Bunce, who hail from Ruislip.

RAINHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 5, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

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

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

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| ERNEST J. DOBBIE Treble | FRANK BENNETT 5 |
| CHARLES H. SONE 2 | THOMAS SONE 6 |
| KENNETH PATTENDEN 3 | CHARLES W. PLAYER 7 |
| WILLIAM SPICE 4 | STANLEY B. DOBBIE Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

SIBSEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 5, 1930, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

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| *LAURENCE EVERETT Treble | FREDERICK LEGGOTT 5 |
| ARTHUR J. FARR 2 | *HARRY NICHOLS 6 |
| FRANK DEWEY 3 | JOHN G. AMES 7 |
| RICHARD SMITH 4 | †MAURICE ATKINSON Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

* First peal. † First attempt for a peal.

WILBY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, July 6, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

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| CHARLES F. MEE Treble | *EDGAR RIVERS 5 |
| CHARLES MEE 2 | JOHN F. WOOD 6 |
| WILLIAM J. GROOM 3 | ALFRED G. RIVERS 7 |
| ERNEST E. GRIMES 4 | FRANK ROLFE Tenor |

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by WM. J. GROOM.

* First peal in method.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 28, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Swithin,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's Kent Treble Bob and three 720's Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 8½ cwt.

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| WILLIAM E. CLARKE Treble | *HERBERT LOUTH 4 |
| STANLEY E. BENNETT 2 | FRANK DEWEY 5 |
| ALBERT H. BENNETT 3 | FREDERICK PEARSON Tenor |

Conducted by FREDERICK PEARSON.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. The ringers of the treble and 2nd have now rung each bell in this tower through a peal.

WIDFORD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 28, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

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| A. WREN Treble | W. F. COOK 4 |
| A. BEDINGTON 2 | S. CARTER 5 |
| J. SUCKLING 3 | J. WELCH Tenor |

Conducted by S. CARTER.

Ringers of treble and 3rd are from Widford, 2nd and 4th Hunsdon, 5th Lower Munden, 6th Bennington.

TRYSULL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, July 3, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, called differently. Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.).

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| HERBERT R. PICKERING Treble | ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 4 |
| HAROLD L. FLAVELL 2 | *HARRY BOSWELL 5 |
| ALBERT D. COLLINS 3 | ALFRED FALLON Tenor |

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

* First peal of Bob Minor 'inside.' First peal of Bob Minor by the rest of the band. First peal of Minor as conductor.

SALFORD, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 3, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of the Sacred Trinity,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 11 cwt.

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| HAROLD HOLLINGWORTH Treble | THOMAS TIMPERLEY 4 |
| JOSEPH SLATES 2 | JOSEPH HALL 5 |
| FRANK STONELEY 3 | WILFRED J. MOSS 6 |

RICHARD LONGDEN Tenor

Conducted by W. J. MOSS.

Rung in celebration of the 700th anniversary of Salford. First peal of Minor by all except ringers of 2nd and 3rd.

COWDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, July 5, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

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| JOHN J. BASSETT Treble | JAMES W. KNIGHT 4 |
| WILLIAM G. PATERNOSTER 2 | ALBERT RELFE 5 |
| WILLIAM E. PITMAN 3 | WILLIAM D. ASHDOWN Tenor |

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 5, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, viz.: Double and Single Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Kent Treble Bob and Single Court. Tenor 12 cwt.

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| WILLIAM WILKINSON Treble | ARTHUR RIGGALL 4 |
| FRANK P. HARWOOD 2 | WILLIAM E. CLARKE 5 |
| GEORGE W. HOUGHTON 3 | HORACE M. DAY Tenor |

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

First peal in eight methods by ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th, and first extents of Cambridge and Double Court by ringers of 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Phillips, the highly esteemed honorary secretary of the Eastern Branch.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

EDGBASTON RINGERS' EXCURSION.

The Edgbaston (Birmingham) ringers, together with their friends, had their annual outing on Saturday, June 28th, under the joint leadership of Mr. Harry Withers and Mr. Freemantle (sexton).

A start was made at 8 a.m., the first port of call being St. Michael's, Penkridge, Staffordshire. The bells (tenor 16 cwt.) were soon ringing out Stedman Triples. The party then proceeded to St. Mary's, Stafford (tenor 18 cwt.), where Stedman Caters and Cambridge Major were rung. Whichurch, Salop, was reached at mid-day. The bells were pulled up more or less in peal. Hardly had the band commenced to ring changes when the strong man of the party gave an extra hard pull at the second rope and broke it. This unfortunately ended the ringing here.

The turning point of the tour, viz., Chester, was reached about 2 p.m., where the party were met by Mr. H. W. Wilde. A very nice hot lunch was served at the King's Head Refreshment House, and when the 'inner man' had been satisfied a start was made for Eccleston (St. Mary's, tenor 26½ cwt.). These bells were indeed a pleasure to ring upon and to hear, and London Major, Double Norwich Major, and Stedman Triples were very much enjoyed. On the way back towards Birmingham, via Wrexham, a call was made at Shrewsbury for tea, after which the party were privileged to ring on the fine bells at St. Chad's, where a touch of Stedman Caters was rung on the ten back bells and some rounds on the twelve bells.

The one adventure of note on the way back was lack of petrol about two miles outside Shifnal, but this difficulty was soon got over, much to the relief of some members of the party. Home was reached at about 11.30, after a very enjoyable day's outing. The ringers wish to express, through 'The Ringing World,' their thanks and appreciation to the various incumbents for the use of their bells, and the towerkeepers and others who helped to make the outing the success it was.

HUGHENDEN RINGERS' TRIP.

The ringers of Hughenden, Bucks, participated in a most enjoyable outing on a recent Saturday. Leaving the home tower at 10.30, the first call was at Haddenham, but unfortunately a funeral prevented ringing there. A look round the church, however, was extremely interesting. At Buckingham, after refreshing the inner man, some good touches were rung on the fine peal of bells. Stony Stratford was then visited, and some enjoyable ringing indulged in. Newport Pagnell also have a very nice peal, and another pleasurable half hour was spent both in the tower and at the tea table. Woburn's fine ring was next sampled, and some good touches enjoyed, with the assistance of the talented band at this church. The final call was Leighton Buzzard, where further ringing took place. The ringers would like to take this opportunity of heartily thanking the Vicars and 'brother strings' at the various towers. Everybody gave the visitors a hearty welcome, and everything went off well; the weather was perfect, the country all around beautiful, and the drives between the churches very enjoyable.

FINCHLEY RINGERS VISIT CAMBS.

The annual outing of Finchley ringers was held on Saturday, June 28th, when they visited Cambridgeshire. Arriving at Melbourn, the party were welcomed by the Vicar, who conducted them to the tower. A beautiful peal of six was set going. Lunch was partaken of at Barrington on the village green. At the tower there, another nice peal of six, which had not been rung for some time, was made use of. At Stapleford the party were welcomed by the Vicar and the lovely little six were soon ringing. Tea was provided at Trumpington. Heartly votes of thanks were passed to the captain, Mr. F. A. Barker, and to the various Vicars and steeplekeepers for giving permission and having everything in readiness. The bells are in good order and go well. Several methods were rung, including Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.
SIX-BELL CONTEST.

The annual meeting, together with a six-bell contest, took place at Sandal, near Wakefield, on Saturday. The draw in the competition resulted in the teams being placed in the following order for ringing: 1 Earlsheaton, 2 Holmfirth, 3 Meltham, 4 Shelley, 5 Stainland, 6 Batley, 7 Liversedge, 8 Friesland. The length of touch was 600 changes in any method, with three leads, or one plain course for practice. Earlsheaton, for not taking their proper position, were penalised 30 faults and allowed to ring last. There was some very good ringing.

The day was beautifully fine, and the picturesque surroundings, especially the Castle Grounds, were delightful. A company of about one hundred sat down to tea, which was provided in the Parochial Hall. The organisers were again put to no little inconvenience from the fact that many had not notified their intention to be present. In a small village, tea cannot be provided at a minute's notice.

Ring ceased about 8.30, and the meeting was held immediately afterwards, Mr. Earnshaw (Meltham) occupying the chair.

The secretary read the balance sheet on behalf of the treasurer, Mr. F. Salmons, who was unavoidably absent. The President, in moving the adoption of the balance sheet, remarked that the association was in a very healthy condition, and if the members would keep the payment of their subscriptions more up to date, things would go even more smoothly.—Mr. W. Reyner (Sandal) seconded the balance sheet, which was adopted unanimously.

Mr. Earnshaw was re-elected president, Mr. F. Salmons treasurer, and Mr. L. Hargreaves secretary.

The President moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar (Rev. A. Audley Parry), the churchwardens, and the ladies, for making the contest such a great success.

The Vicar, in reply, said how pleased he was to welcome the ringers to Sandal. It was most gratifying to him when he saw such old friends as Mr. Robinson and Mr. Reyner with them, as they were with him when he came to Sandal close on 21 years ago. In his opinion bellringers were preaching the Gospel just as much as he was. He was pleased to see such a number of young men and also young ladies present, and he asked them to stick together with one accord, and encourage the young men to continue with the art.

Mr. Reyner, referring to the Vicar's remark about sticking together with one accord, said a gentleman recently making a speech stated that he did not care whether it was accord, concord, or any other cord, as long as the cord was strong enough to keep them together. He (Mr. Reyner) thought it might be made to apply to the members present.

The judges, Mr. J. Broadley (Bradford) and Mr. W. Idle (Batley), then gave their decision as follows:—

Holmfirth (Oxford Treble Bob), 130 faults; total 130.

Meltham (Oxford), 162 faults; total 162.

Shelley (Oxford), 202 faults, 10 penalty; total 212.

Stainland (Kent), 170 faults, 10 penalty; total 180.

Batley (Duke of York), rung out.

Liversedge (Kent), 90 faults, 10 penalty; total 100.

Friesland (Oxford), 178 faults, 10 penalty; total 188.

Earlsheaton (Oxford), 223 faults, 40 penalty; total 263.

Liversedge were declared winners of the cup, and Mr. F. Hodgson (conductor) was heartily congratulated by the Vicar. They must have rung very well indeed to be placed first, he said, as there had been such good ringing.

It was resolved that the secretary should write to Longwood with regard to the next contest.

Mr. Reyner suggested that next year there should be a great Yorkshire rally of ringers, to be held, say, at Ilkley, in which all the associations in Yorkshire should be invited to take part.

A vote of thanks to judges and chairman closed a very enjoyable meeting.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.

CELEBRATION OF 307th ANNIVERSARY.

'Great Ringing Day' at Saffron Walden, celebrated on June 27th, was once again well attended, and also favoured with fine weather. This year's anniversary, the 307th in the history of the society, opened at 9 a.m. with the local hand ringing some well-struck Stedman Caters. A number of visitors from all parts arrived during the day, and many old friends met once again. Stedman Cinques was rung immediately before the service, which began at 12.30 p.m. The Vicar, the Rev. Dr. Hughes, conducted the service and preached the sermon, after which all adjourned to the Rose and Crown Hotel, where an excellent lunch was served.

The bells were kept going all the afternoon and evening, touches in various methods being rung, and a plain course of Cambridge Royal just failed to come round. Between the ringing the visitors were able to sit out in the sun on the leaded roof of the church, from which a fine view of the town and the surrounding country can be seen.

At the conclusion of the ringing in the evening, all adjourned to the Cross Keys Hotel, where the handbells were brought out, Grand-sire Caters and Bob Major being the methods rung.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

THE PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO THE LATE PRESIDENT.

In the words of the president, one cannot think of Duffield without connecting with it memories of the late Sir Arthur P. Heywood, for it was here that he had one of his seats, and in the days of the association's early activities did so much to encourage the art. Here it was on Saturday, June 28th, that the Midland Counties Association held its quarterly meeting, which, needless to say, attracted a large concourse of ringers from many parts. The ten bells were kept going during the afternoon, and again after the meeting, but the writer cannot vouch for any of the methods rung, as, owing to a heavy amount of detail work, few of the committee were able to get to the tower.

The committee met in the Church Hall and were most pleased to have with them Mrs. Chambers (widow of their beloved late president), who came specially to assist in choosing a suitable memorial to her husband. The minutes of the annual meeting were first read, and then the hon. secretary explained that the five selected committee men had met at St. Peter's, Derby—where the late Mr. Chambers was for over 20 years churchwarden—and there had met the Vicar and churchwarden. They had endeavoured to fix on a suitable memorial, but the Vicar being emphatic against either a mural tablet or stained-glass window, the choice was very small. The bells and belfry need no addition, and the Vicar suggested two 'useful'



ST. ALKMUND'S CHURCH, DUFFIELD.

schemes: (a) To erect pews at the west-end of the church replacing the chairs at present there, or (b) to put in two oak cupboards under the tower for the reception of hymn and prayer books. The committee, with Mrs. Chambers, deliberated a long time on this, Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey having kindly obtained drawings and estimates of cupboards. No one seemed kindly disposed to either suggestion, the first being too large an undertaking, the second not in keeping as a suitable memorial. Eventually it was decided to have a tablet erected either in Derby Cathedral or Littleover Church, but first to allow Mrs. Chambers to consult her brother, who is a clergyman, on the matter.

Regarding National Savings Certificates invested in the name of the late Mr. Chambers, the Hon. Treasurer explained that negotiations with the solicitors had not yet been completed, and this matter was left over until the next meeting.

At the tea which followed, about sixty ringers and friends were present from Bolsover, Chesterfield, Derby, Dore, Leicester, Loughborough, Nottingham and elsewhere. After tea, the general business meeting was held, the chair being taken by the president, Mr. E. Denison Taylor. He was supported by the vice-president (Mr. J. Griffin), the hon. treasurer (Mr. Wallace), the hon. secretary (Mr. E. Morris), Mrs. Chambers, the Vicar of Duffield (Rev. Dr. Irwin), and the churchwarden (Mr. F. Wright).

HEADING THE PEAL LIST.

The President commented on the fact that the M.C.A. again topped the list of peal ringers for the past year, which certainly was a good sign of a healthy life. He also wished, on behalf of the members of the association, to congratulate 'The Ringing World' on its one thousandth issue, especially the editor (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith) on his splendid editorials covering the whole period without a break. He also said how pleased all were to welcome Mrs. Chambers amongst them once more, and paid a great tribute to her late husband's efforts for and on behalf of the association during his office as president. He welcomed the presence of the Vicar and churchwarden of Duffield, the former of whom they were all glad to know had recently become an hon. member. The President also alluded to the connection Duffield would always have with the memory of the late Sir A. P. Heywood, who did so much to encourage the art, not only for the M.C.A. (as its second president), but for the ringing world at large. He was the founder and first president of the Central Council, aptly described by Mr. Ernest Morris as 'the ringers' parliament.'

The minutes of the annual meeting were read and passed with acclamation, and arising therefrom the Hon. Secretary explained the result of the special committee's deliberations in respect to the memorial to the late Alderman Chambers. He then asked Mrs. Chambers if she would care to say a few words to those present, which she most graciously did under the stress of great emotion. She said how grateful and touched she was that the members of the association should suggest erecting a memorial to her dearly-beloved husband, their president, and she had come specially to the meeting to be of service to them if she could in any way. She herself intended placing a memorial in the campanological world to commemorate their president, who, as all knew, worked so hard for them. Mrs. Chambers also said she would be quite willing to co-operate with the association if they so desired, and as Mr. Morris had so simply explained their suggestions, she would consult her brother and give them an early reply as to his views on the matter. She thanked the members most kindly for their cordial welcome to her, and they would understand what a trial it was to her to come, as on every occasion she had accompanied her husband. It was, however, greatly eased by their great kindness, which she appreciated very much.

An admirable report on the proceedings of the Central Council was given by Mr. William Willson, who gave an outline of most of the business and Mr. J. H. Swinfield also spoke on the matter.

New members confirmed in their election since the last meeting were 16 ordinary, 4 honorary, and 4 life.

Mr. W. E. White proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the local committee for the arrangements made for the meeting, and to the ladies for catering so excellently. The Rev. Dr. Irwin, Vicar of Duffield, suitably replied with a witty little speech. E. M.

A BELFRY ENDOWMENT FUND.

Duffield Church, with which Sir Arthur Heywood was so intimately associated, is especially favoured by having a belfry endowment fund instituted by Sir Arthur and established in 1891. It consists of £500 5 per cent. Midland Railway Consolidated preference stock, the object of the fund being to give the ringers' society an improved position in the parish by providing them with an assured salary, independent of the vote of the church authorities, also to ensure at all times a sufficient sum of money in hand to keep the bells and ringing chamber in perfect order, without any draw upon the Church Expenses Fund. His hope in thus endowing the belfry was that the proper ringing of the bells for the Sunday services would be thereby guaranteed, while the proviso, contained in the trust deed, that only half the salary be paid if half-pull ringing deteriorated into rounds or call change ringing, is intended to encourage future generations of ringers to preserve scientific change ringing. The fund provides for the payment of £2 per annum to each of not more than eight official ringers, and £1 to each of not more than two deputy ringers, and £1 to the steeplekeeper for his care of the belfry, and 6d. for each service at which only one bell is rung. The fund also provides the cost of booking peals and of a new book when necessary. Any balance may be devoted to payment for ropes, muffles, oil for bells, lighting and warming the ringing chamber, treatises on change ringing, repairing bells, bell frames, sound shutters, belfry stairs and doors, painting and refurnishing the ringing chamber, etc.

Prior to 1720 there were four bells at St. Alkmund's Church, Duffield. In that year two trebles were added, while at various times subsequently the original four were recast. This ring of six was replaced by a peal of eight (tenor 17 cwt.), cast by Taylor and Co. in 1884 and in 1887, to commemorate the jubilee of Queen Victoria two more were added by Sir Arthur Heywood.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On Monday, June 23rd, for practice, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins.: R. Dormer (first 720) 1, F. J. Stagg (first 720) 2, C. J. Gardiner 3, J. Tuckwell 4, G. Lancaster (conductor) 5, W. B. Kynaston 6. Messrs. Gardiner and Kynaston are from Swindon, the remainder belong to the local band.

THE PEAL IN A COAL MINE.**HOW PIT LAMPS SAVED THE SITUATION.**

Our readers will have read with interest in our issue of June 27th of the ringing of the first peal in a coal mine. This was achieved by the Newcastle Cathedral Guild in the West Cramlington No. 2 pit of the Hartley Main Coal Co., Ltd., the ringing taking place in a new seam 441 feet below the surface. This performance (a peal of Grandsire Caters) ranks with other unique achievements such as the peal rung on the Irish Sea, the peal rung in a railway train, and another rung while the performers were in bed. It is interesting also to note that Mr. W. H. Barber, who conducted the peal in the coal pit, also took part in the peal rung on the sea.

The ringers in the mine were Messrs. John Anderson, W. H. Barber, W. J. Davidson, R. S. Anderson and Adam Deas, and the referees Messrs. J. E. R. Keen and Oswald Simm.

On arriving at the pit head about 4.30, on Saturday, June 21st, the ringers were met by Mr. Simm and Mr. Wilson (colliery under manager). After the group had been photographed, they were conducted to the lamp cabin, where every man received a small pit lamp. These lamps proved the salvation of the peal. From the lamp room the party proceeded to the engine room (where all cigarettes and matches had to be deposited before descending), then into the cage, which was carefully and quickly lowered to the low main seam. Then with heads down and backs bent, they proceeded through the galleries, and soon reached the 'ringing chamber,' where the walls were of solid 'black diamonds.'

A prompt start was made, and the bells rang out clearly and lively until the 18th course was reached, when suddenly out went the electric light, and darkness prevailed. However, within a second or two the pit lamps, which had been left on the 'roadside' were placed in the centre of the ringers by some of the small audience, and although this was a poor substitute it saved the situation, and the ringers were able to carry on in the semi-darkness.

Mr. Wilson, realising, however, the importance of a good light, immediately despatched a man to 'dig out' the company's electrician from his home in Cramlington, and, after what seemed like a year, though it was really 50 minutes, the electric light rays again streamed out, much to the relief of all, and especially of the worthy conductor. About 40 minutes later the peal was brought successfully to an end, and after the peal a course of Stedman Triples was rung by: J. E. R. Keen 1-2, W. J. Davidson 3-4, W. H. Barber 5-6, Oswald Simm 7-8.

The ringers take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Wilson and Mr. Simm for making the necessary arrangements and having everything in readiness for the peal.

DEATH OF OLD SURREY RINGER.

On Thursday, June 26th, the death took place of Mr. George Sayer, of Ashted, aged 81. George Sayer was a notable ringer about Surrey fifty odd years ago. He was the last survivor of the celebrated peal by four fathers and four eldest sons rung at Epsom Parish Church sixty-one years ago, which is recorded in the tower. He also took part in the first peal for the Winchester Guild at St. Nicolas', Guildford, which is recorded there, also the first peal on Ashted bells, on April 5th, 1874. During the past twenty-five years he did very little ringing. He had a short revival on the 50th anniversary of the opening of Ashted bells by ringing the third faultlessly to a peal of Grandsire Triples on December 29th, 1923; and on April 5th, 1924, the 50th anniversary of the first peal on the Ashted bells, he again rang the third, which was his last peal.

The funeral took place at Ashted churchyard on June 30th. Touches of Grandsire Triples were rung half-muffled before and after the service by the following: W. Messam, A. Dean, G. Mariner (Leatherhead), J. Beams (Ewell), J. Crawford (Epsom), W. Cook, G. A. Cook, W. H. Corbett, D. Auscombe (Ashted).

The Rector of Ashted, Rev. E. J. Austin, wishes the undersigned to thank the ringers who took part in the above ringing, also to express how much he admired the excellent striking and the deep impressiveness of half-muffled ringing.

G. A. C.

DOUBLE LITTLE BOB.

The first peal of Double Little Bob was rung at Handsworth, Yorks, on July 1st. The following are the method and the composition:—

5,000 CHANGES.**BY G. LEWIS.**

| The Method. | The Peal. | | | | | |
|-------------|-----------|---|---|---|---|-------|
| 12345678 | 23456 | B | W | H | 35264 | B W H |
| 21436587 | 32654 | — | — | 2 | 45362 | — — 3 |
| 24163857 | 53624 | — | 3 | | 64352 | — 3 |
| 42618375 | 25634 | — | 3 | | 56342 | — 3 |
| 24613857 | 63254 | — | — | | | |
| 42168375 | 53264 | S | 3 | | 26543 | — — 3 |
| 41263857 | 52634 | — | 2 | | 42563 | — 3 |
| 14628375 | 35624 | — | 3 | | 64523 | — 3 |
| 14263857 | 23654 | — | 3 | | Then repeat the first 24 courses twice. | |
| | 65234 | — | — | | | |
| | 35264 | S | 3 | | | |

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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 Towcester and District Association has joined the Peterborough Diocesan Guild as from July 1st, 1930, and will now be known as the Towcester Branch of the Guild. The Towcester Association had roughly 100 members and nearly 20 towers, so this amalgamation should lead to a considerable increase in the Guild's activities.

The recast peal of eight (tenor 22 cwt.) for St. Mary's Parish Church, Penzance, has now been installed by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The dedication is to take place in the middle of August, notice of which will appear in our columns in due course.

In connection with the Middlesex and Hertford joint meeting at North Mimms, on July 19th, Mr. C. T. Coles asks us to state that cheap day return tickets are issued by the L. and N.E. Railway to Brookman's Park and Potter's Bar stations from King's Cross and immediate stations. Convenient trains from King's Cross are the 2.11 to Brookman's Park (change at Finsbury Park) and the 2.30 to Potter's Bar. There is also a frequent service from King's Cross to High Barnet at cheap fares, thence by the St. Albans bus.

Exactly one hundred years ago next Tuesday a peal of 5,000 New Treble Bob Royal was rung at Leeds. The 'New' Treble Bob is what is now known as Kent.

The first peal of Erin Gaters was rung at North Shields on July 12th, 1909.

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday an exceedingly delightful meeting of the North Staffs Association was held at the beautiful village of Swynnerton in glorious weather. About thirty members attended from Uttoxeter, Leek, Stoke, Burslem, Brown Edge, Kidsgrove, Norton-le-Moors and Norton-in-Hales (Salop). As the village is situated some three and a half miles from the main road, the Rector (Rev. J. B. Frith) with his usual kindness conveyed the members from the main road to the church in relays in his motor-car, this mode of procedure being repeated on the return journey.

The tower contains a nice ring of six bells (tenor about 11 cwt.), which were freely used during the afternoon and evening. Tea was generously provided by the Rector, and, after this had been disposed of, Mr. J. E. Wheldon (Norton) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector, not only for providing tea but for the very good work he was doing for the association. Without doubt, he said, the Rector of Swynnerton was the most popular clerical secretary since the late Rev. J. W. Alston, about thirty years ago. He also congratulated the Rector on the great progress he had made in his ringing since the meeting there last year, especially considering the geographical isolation of Swynnerton from other towers.

Mr. S. Churton (Stoke) seconded the vote of thanks, which was supported by Mr. E. A. Ridgway (Leek).

Ringing was kept up until 8 p.m. in many different methods, and concluded by a splendid 'drop' in rounds, the band being heartily congratulated when they got outside by the other ringers who had stayed to listen to it. This concluded one of the most successful meetings of the year.

J. E. W.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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AN INTERESTING EXPERIMENT.

The President, in a valuable contribution to the Towers and Belfries Committee's report, said that during the year two interesting cases had come up as far as he was concerned. One was the case of Barnet, where the architect asked for information as to the amount and direction of the forces set up by ringing the bells in the tower. That was the first time he had heard of an architect asking this question, which was the first question any architect should ask when he had anything to do with the rehanging of the bells. He (the President) thought that was a step in the right direction. There was another interesting point. The architect himself suggested a reinforced concrete sill round the tower, built into the wall, to carry the frame and make sure that all the forces set up by ringing the bells were properly transferred to the tower as a whole and not to odd stones in the tower. The architect asked him to design a suitable beam. He got out the design and had it checked by a firm associated with his company, and he believed that beam was now in place. It was a continuous reinforced beam right round the tower, built into the walls with strengthening pieces across the corners. Another matter which came before his notice was from the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings. They were considering a frame in which, while some of the bells swung in the usual way, parallel to the walls of the tower, others swung diagonally. The society asked the question on a general principle, was it an advantage to arrange for bells to swing diagonally in a tower or the contrary? That raised an interesting question. It was some seventeen years, he believed, since he gave the Council a general statement on the problem as it then stood, and he would like to restate that to some extent now. They knew now what were the forces which they had to guard against, and they knew that those forces should be transferred to the tower in the most rigid possible way spread as far as possible over the whole of the walls. The amount of the forces was not really serious, because it was, generally speaking, less than the wind pressure on that portion of the tower above the bells in any reasonably stiff wind, so that the actual force, if properly transferred, was not at all serious. The danger was in the period of these forces—because they were regularly recurring forces—getting in tune with the natural beat of the tower at which it swung normally as an elastic body. In this case they might get a much greater movement of the tower gradually built up, and that might do very serious harm to the tower. One thing that could be done to guard against this was to be sure that the direction of the forces was so arranged that the tower should best stand up to them—that was to say, that the direction was that which would give the least movement of the tower. In a perfectly symmetrical square tower, the stiffness diagonally from north-west to south-east was exactly the same as the stiffness from north to south or from east to west. There was no getting away from that, provided that the actual masonry of the tower was sound, so that the tower was a whole piece of masonry and not separated into parts by a series of cracks.

EFFECT OF OPENINGS IN TOWER WALLS.

There were, however, no towers completely symmetrical, uniform and without openings in the walls, so they had to consider the question of towers where parts of the walls were cut away. The relative stiffness of any section of a tower could be accurately calculated. He would not go into details as to how it was done, but it was quite simple. Let them, however, take as an example a tower 14ft. square inside, with walls 3ft. thick. If they cut away 10ft. of the east and the west walls, as in the case of a western tower with an open arch and west window, the stiffness of that section of the tower from north to south was reduced to nearly 1/50th part of what it would be if the walls were continuous all round, and the stiffness east to west would be one-half of what it was with the walls continuous all round. With the stiffness in one direction reduced to about 1/50th, and in the other direction to about one-half, the diagonal stiffness was less than one-third of what it was in the original complete tower. If they went a little further and assumed a tower arch opening and west window opening 14 feet wide, so that they had walls left on the north and south sides 20 feet long and 3 feet thick, the stiffness of the section east and west was about two-fifths, and the stiffness north and south was less than one one-hundredth part of the complete section of the tower. He mentioned that as a practical example, because it was one of the commonest types of tower which they met with, and seemed to show that the heavier bells should be hung to swing east and west, if they wanted them to swing against the greatest stiffness. When they came to buttresses and other portions of the church which supported the tower, the problem became more complicated, but still to a large extent could be calculated. If to the tower which he had given as an example they put at each corner two buttresses 3 feet wide and 2 feet in depth, they increased the stiffness by approximately 50 per cent., and if in that case they had a 10 feet opening in the north and south walls, they would bring the east and west stiffness back to the figure of the original complete tower without buttresses. The north and south stiffness would be about twice what it was without buttresses. It was only right to point out that in certain particular cases a section of a tower might

be stiffer in a diagonal direction, as in the case of Northaw. There the tower rests on two walls, one on the west and one on the south side, with a single pillar in the north-east corner, and it had been confirmed by measurement that the tower was stiffest in the north-west to south-east direction, the actual movement of the tower in different directions varying directly as the force applied, and inversely as the calculated stiffness. These principles had been applied to Barnet tower, which had been somewhat damaged by the way in which the bells were arranged to swing, and partly, it was alleged, by the heavy traffic on the roads on each side of the fork where the church stands. This would be more serious on account of the comparatively shallow foundations, and also probably on account of the natural water level in the ground being lowered by drainage, which in these days was more elaborate than formerly. The two heaviest bells originally swung on the west side of the tower in a north and south direction, and the ropes were hung on opposite sides of the wheels, so that they got the worst possible arrangement for the tower. It was difficult to do anything much in the way of rearranging the bells in the frame, but the whole frame was being turned ninety degrees, so that the tenors would swing east and west next to the north wall of the tower, and he would be looking forward with considerable interest to the result in regard to the movement of the tower when the bells have been so rehung.

This speech by the president was followed by the members with the closest interest.

COST OF BOOKLET TO BE MET VOLUNTARILY.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn proposed the adoption of the report, and moved that the revised edition of the pamphlet on 'The Preservation of Bells, Frames and Fittings,' be printed as soon as possible. Canon Elsoe seconded, and said the revised book would be of great use to those who were members of diocesan advisory committees.

The report was adopted, and the Rev. H. Drake, in proposing the re-election of the committee, viz., Revs. C. D. P. Davies and C. W. O. Jenkyn, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Messrs. E. A. Young and E. H. Lewis, asked whether it would not also be possible to include in the book Mr. Lewis' paper.

The President said he did not know if it could be conveniently published in the report, but it might be published later.

The Rev. E. H. Powell seconded.

Mr. F. E. Dawe said he did not agree entirely with all the funds of the Council being expended on one subject, but he thought that part of the cost of publishing the book on the Preservation of Bells might be met by subscriptions among the members themselves. He had sometimes been asked what was the good of the Central Council? Here was an opportunity for them to show that they were of some good to the Exercise. By having a subscription list for the publication of this interesting matter they would be able to meet part of the cost at any rate, and he was sure the great majority of the Council would be glad to subscribe. He would be pleased to start such a fund with a couple of guineas (hear, hear).

Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn said he was glad Mr. Dawe had made this suggestion. Mr. Dawe had spoken to him about it that morning, and he told him that the same idea was in his own mind. He would be glad to back up the suggestion with a subscription of two guineas, because he thought it was going to be a book which would be very useful to the Exercise.

A number of other members intimated their willingness to contribute, and the President asked them to communicate with the secretary. From the promises, it appeared as if the book would be printed without cost to the Council.

The Rev. E. S. Powell suggested that the book should include the chapter from Sir Arthur Heywood's book written by Mr. Lewis. It would be an extremely valuable thing to the Exercise as a whole, as Sir Arthur's book was now out of print.

The President said if they would leave it in the hands of the committee they would see what they could do in the way of publication. The motion to print the book at once was carried.

THE YEAR'S NEW RECORDS.

The report of the Records Committee, read by the hon. secretary, submitted a list of records of first peals in new methods and of progressive lengths in the same or other methods up to date. In new or differently spliced methods the list was as follows: April 5th, 1929, 5,280 Spliced Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Maximus by the Essex County Association; May 18th, 5056 Loughborough Bob Major by the Chester Guild; August 13th, 5,120 Surprise Major in ten methods by the Middlesex County Association; November 30th, 5,280 Yorkshire Surprise Maximus by the Suffolk Guild; February 12th, 1930, 5,000 Double Norwich, Double and Plain Bob and Little Bob, and Double Oxford Bob Major Spliced by the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. In progressive lengths there were: May 18th, 1929, 5,184 Spliced Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure Major by the Kent County Association; August 5th, 15,312 Cambridge Surprise Maximus by the Lancashire Association; November 20th, 5,760 Duffield Major by the Midland Counties Association.

To the report there was attached a note by the Rev. H. Law James as follows: 'Superlative Surprise Maximus was published in the "Bell News" by my brother, and has never yet been rung. The variation which has been rung is only an inferior variation.'

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Referring to Mr. James' note to the report, the President said so long as the figures of the method that was rung were known, the object of the Records Committee's report was complete.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston having resigned from the committee, the remaining members, the Rev. H. Law James and Mr. T. H. Beams, were re-elected, and Mr. G. Grover was added.

LEGAL COMMITTEE'S REPORT TO BE PRINTED.

Alderman J. S. Pritchett, on behalf of the Legal Committee, said that no reference had been made to them during the year. The work which the committee was appointed to do was completed when the report was presented at Chelmsford last year. The only thing now to do was to discharge the committee with thanks for their services, and he moved accordingly (laughter).—Mr. A. P. Smith seconded.

Rev. H. Drake said he did not think the work of the committee had finished. There were one or two things which might crop up, and they ought to keep the committee in existence, even if there was no work for them to do. There was one thing to do, and that was to publish the report. The committee's report ought to be printed. They had just heard a good deal about the cost of printing, but this report would not cost very much, and he would be glad to stand the expense of it (applause). It was a most important thing that there should be something in print to put before people who might raise any point covered by the report.

Alderman Pritchett said he was now the only member of the committee. Mr. Elwell was no longer a member of the Council. Mr. Milne had died, and he did not see that it was any good to keep the committee alive, unless there was something for it to do. He himself saw no further work for it.

Rev. F. Ll. Edwards said one of the duties they requested the committee to undertake was to keep an eye on legislation which might be contemplated, and it was for that purpose that they needed trained lawyers to watch over their interests and communicate with the Standing Committee in case of any emergency. The committee had defined the law as it stood so far, but something else might arise.

The President said one thing they had not referred to, and that was the unfortunate death of Mr. Milne. He thought they ought to take that opportunity of noticing that fact, and of expressing their regret and sympathy with the relatives in the usual way.

The members thereupon rose and stood in silence for a few moments.

The President added that he would propose that the committee, as suggested, be discharged with thanks for their services, and that Mr. Pritchett be asked to retain a watching brief for the Council on any new legislation which might be proposed. If he would do that, and if at any time he wanted assistance, the Standing Committee would give him permission to co-opt anybody he wanted to help him.

Alderman Pritchett said he would be happy at all times to advise the Council on all legal matters so far as his ability extended (applause).

The President said they should thank Mr. Drake for his offer to print the report of the committee, which was so very valuable (applause).

On the formal motion of the President, seconded by Mr. W. H. Shaker, the committee were discharged with thanks for their services. (To be continued.)

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The summer meeting of the Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was held at Dumbleton on June 28th, and was attended by a fair number of members. The weather was gloriously fine, and probably this fact kept a number away, for the haymaking was in full swing in the district. The bells were started at three o'clock. A short service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. Collins Ashwin), with the organ and a full choir to support him. After service all were the guests of the Rector to an excellent tea, which was much appreciated.

At the business meeting the Rev. Collins Ashwin presided, supported by the Rector of Alderton and some 35 members of the branch. Regrets for absence were received from the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Mr. J. Austen and Mr. Jesse Gillett.

Several new members were elected, and hearty votes of thanks were accorded the Rev. Collins Ashwin, the organist, the lady helpers and, last but not least, Mr. Fred Nurdin, the energetic captain of the local tower.

The Chairman, in reply, said it always gave him the greatest of pleasure to welcome members of the association to Dumbleton, and trusted they would pay him another visit shortly.

After the meeting, some members returned to the tower, but the larger portion took the opportunity of visiting the beautiful grounds and greenhouses of Dumbleton Hall, the residence of the Right Hon. Sir Boulton Eyres Monsell, M.P. The party was conducted round by the head gardener (Mr. Gillett), and everyone was delighted with all they saw. The best thanks of the members are extended to Mr. Gillett for his courtesy.

More ringing on the bells made this one of the most enjoyable days the branch has had.

BELL RESTORATION AT BROUGHTON.

The peal of six bells at Broughton Parish Church, Lanes, have been thoroughly overhauled and relung with ball bearings and a guide for the ropes fixed to counteract the long draught, the bells being rung from the floor of the tower. The bells were rung for the first time since the restoration on Whit Sunday, when everyone was delighted with the splendid go and the great improvement which has been brought about.

The whole of the work has been carried out in a most satisfactory manner by Mr. J. E. Groves, Birmingham, and is a distinct credit to him.

AN EASTERN COUNTIES OUTING.

On Saturday, June 28th, the Helmingham and Otley bellringers had a most enjoyable day on the occasion of their annual outing. The party proceeded to Braintree, where they were met by Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Essex Association) and Messrs. L. and G. Wiffen. Here a touch of Bob Major, two courses of Stedman Triples and a course each of Cambridge and London Surprise were rung. At Dunmow, a nice peal of eight (tenor 22 cwt.) was found. A touch of Bob Major and a course each of Superlative and Pudsey Surprise Major were achieved. At Bishop's Stortford, after dinner, a visit was made to the church, where there are ten bells, and a course of Kent Treble Bob Major, a course of Kent Treble Bob Royal and a course of Grandsire Caters were rung. Then a long run brought them to Clare for tea, and, afterwards, touches of Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob Major and Grandsire Triples were brought round. The Vicar welcomed the ringers, and expressed his pleasure at hearing the bells rung. A surprise call was made at Lavenham, where Mr. A. Symonds and his son, Stedman, were called on, and kindly responded, so that the company had an opportunity of ringing on this fine peal. A course of Bristol Surprise Major and three leads of Kent Treble Bob Major were accomplished. The party wish to thank the various incumbents for granting permission to ring, and also to thank all the friends who met them at the towers.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A 'CANCELLED' MEETING.

A meeting of members of the Ely Diocesan Association took place at Soham on Saturday, when among the visitors who attended were ringers from Fyfield (Essex), Saffron Walden, Brentwood, Newmarket, Sawston, Exning, Mildenhall and others, besides the members of the local band. Ringing took place on six, eight and ten bells. Unfortunately those responsible for the appeal, 'Please try and attend this meeting,' failed to attend themselves, therefore no business could be transacted.

An informal meeting was, however, held after ringing, when general dissatisfaction was expressed that no notice was given of the quarterly meeting being cancelled, thereby causing not only disappointment but unnecessary expense to those visitors who responded to the request to attend.

The visitors were afterwards shown over the picturesque gardens of the Vicarage by the Vicar (Rev. P. F. Boughey), who also entertained the ringers to tea on the lawn.

Those present expressed to the Vicar their thanks for the use of the bells and also for his kind hospitality.

AUGMENTATION AT ALMELEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

Service at the Church of St. Mary, Almeley, on Sunday evening, June 29th, was a memorable one for the large congregation that was present to witness the dedication of a new treble bell to the memory of Mrs. C. T. Hunt. The ceremony was performed by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese (Dr. Linton Smith), who afterwards preached an eloquent sermon on the uses of bells.

The five bells in this tower had done duty since the year 1733, having been cast at the celebrated Rudhall foundry. Some time ago the question of adding a treble was brought forward, and in due course the scheme was to be proceeded with. In November last, Mrs. Cecelia Teresa Hunt passed away, and when the question of a suitable memorial to her was suggested to the Vicar by her relatives, he at once thought of the extra bell, and this was agreed to, as she had been an hon. member of the Clifford District ever since the division of the Hereford Guild into districts.

The new bell, which weighs 4 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb., and bears the simple inscription, 'Cecelia Teresa Hunt, 1929,' was cast at the Whitechapel Foundry, and makes an excellent splice. In addition, the two back bells have been put on ball bearings, and four of the original five have also had new heads of the latest type put on the clappers. Angle plates have been fitted in every corner, and vertical bolts put through all the struts of the frame. The whole cost has been borne by the relatives of the deceased lady.

Ringers were present at the dedication service from Lyonshall, Norton Canon, Staunton-on-Wye, Kingstone, Eardisley and Madley. A few rounds were rung during the service by the local band and also after the service, the district secretary (Mr. J. P. Hyett) ringing the new treble. The bells were then thrown open, but a 720 of Bob Minor failed to materialise, although conducted by the Guild Master, Mr. C. Edwards.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**NEW SECRETARY APPOINTED.**

The annual general meeting of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was held at Southampton on Saturday last, when nearly 80 ringers were present from various towers in the Alton, Andover, Basingstoke, Christchurch, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth, Southampton and Winchester Districts. The visitors included Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Richardson (Surfleet), and Mr. J. M. Cripps (Shoreham-by-Sea). The peals of eight at St. Mary's and St. Michael's were available to the members during the afternoon and evening, and were used to full advantage. The business meeting was held in the Chantry Hall, presided over by the Master (Mr. G. Williams), supported by the hon. treasurer (Rev. Evan Jones) and the general secretary pro tem. (Mr. F. W. Rogers). Mr. G. Pulling (late hon. secretary) was also present.

The balance sheet showed a balance in hand of £48 15s. 1d. on the general account, and £23 16s. in the special purposes fund.

The election of officers (other than ex-officio) resulted as follows: Master, Mr. G. Williams; hon. treasurer, Rev. Evan Jones; recorder of peals, Mr. H. R. W. Aitken; auditor, Mr. G. Smith; Central Council representatives, Messrs. H. Barton and G. Williams.

Owing to the regretted resignation of the general secretary earlier in the year, it was necessary to elect a successor. Several prominent members were asked to carry out the duties, but declined, and as a last resource Mr. F. W. Rogers offered to carry out these duties for the ensuing year, or until such time as a permanent secretary could be found.

A discussion took place on the subject of Guild hymns and prayers at Sunday services, and also on the relationship between clergy and ringers. As the proposer of this motion was unable to be at the meeting, it was decided to defer it until the proposal could be fully explained.

On the question of the new Guild certificate, a rough sketch, drawn up by Mr. W. H. Fussell, was on view, and it was approved in principle and left to the sub-committee to decide on its final design. Mr. Fussell was thanked for his kind services.

Mr. E. C. Merritt (St. Peter's, Brighton) was elected a compounding member.

After proposals that either Portsmouth, Christchurch or the Isle of Wight should be the venue of the next annual festival, it was decided by vote that it should be held at Carisbrooke and Newport on Saturday, July 4th, 1931. The secretary was also instructed to invite the Bishop of Portsmouth to be the special preacher.

The Guild service was held in St. Mary's Church, at which the Vicar of Highfield (Rev. A. W. Chute, O.B.E.) was the preacher.

An excellent tea was served in the Chantry Hall, after which votes of thanks were accorded the Rector of St. Mary's and the Vicar of St. Michael's for the use of the respective peals of bells.

At the conclusion, the members adjourned to the two belfries for ringing until 8 p.m., the standard methods and Superlative, Cambridge, London and Bristol Surprise Major being rung.

THE DEVON GUILD.*To the Editor.*

Sir,—The report supplied to you of the annual meeting at Exmouth of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers stultifies itself. According to the concluding paragraph, 'the keen interest shown would appear to belie the allegation that the Guild has reached its decay.' But the report of the general committee, given earlier, says: 'Only 15 peals have been rung, compared with 27 in 1928. While peal ringing is not the sole aim of the Guild, it is undoubtedly an index of progress, and this falling-off, together with a decline in membership, are factors that give the committee some anxiety.' The compiler of the report of the meeting undoubtedly attempted to put the Guild in as favourable a light as possible, but those who have the best interests of the Guild at heart cannot agree with the policy of letting things go by default.

The decline and the causes that have contributed to it are matters that demand serious consideration. Attempts were made at the meeting to propound ideas that might be helpful, but the closure was relentlessly applied, and only one or two who refused to be brow-beaten succeeded in getting a reasonable hearing. Their challenge that the Guild membership had declined could not, apart from some quibbling about details, be denied, and there was no satisfactory answer to the assertion that a great deal of bad striking, mainly associated with even-bell methods by immature performers in various parts of the county, where call change ringing is usually carried out with beautiful rhythm, had done and would do much harm to the reputation of the Guild. There was some abuse of local and other critics of the Guild, including yourself, as Jeremiahs, and I was tempted to use Jonahs by way of retort, but refrained, as personalities are neither dignified nor desirable. It is not a comforting reflection that about a third of those who took part in the business felt compelled to break away from the traditional procedure and offer opposition to the present regime. That third includes a big proportion of the most experienced and most thoughtful members of the Guild. I am ready to bear tribute to the enthusiasm that has been shown, but venture to suggest that it should be tempered by consideration for others.—Yours truly,

A. W. SEARLE.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.**VISIT TO SUTTON COLDFIELD.**

The summer quarterly meeting of the above Guild was held on Saturday, June 28th, under very pleasant climatic conditions, at the ancient and royal borough of Sutton Coldfield, which is situated in lovely country about eight miles north-east of Birmingham. The bells of the Parish Church of the Holy Trinity were kept going in various methods from three o'clock to 4.30, when a shortened form of the Guild's service was conducted by the Rector (Canon W. J. Lyon, M.A.), who gave, instead of the usual address, an interesting account of the church. This dates from the latter half of the 13th century. The massive tower was restored by Bishop Vesey in 1533, and the whole of the church, with the exception of the base of the tower and part of the east wall, was restored in 1761. About three years ago the restoration of the interior of the church was taken in hand, and the whole work was completed last year. Features of interest are the fine specimen of Norman font, with its interlacing carving and remains of the bolts and hinges, the carved oak screens which once formed part of the communion rails in Worcester Cathedral, several fine stained glass windows and the Vesey Chapel in the north aisle, which contains the tomb of Bishop Vesey, with recumbent effigy, restored to its original beauty. The inscription on the tomb is as follows: 'Beneath lie the remains of that pious and learned Prelate, John Harman, alias Vesey, who was promoted by King Henry VIII. in the 11th year of his reign to the See of Exeter; was employed by him on sundry embassies; was tutor to his then only daughter, the Lady Mary, and President of Wales. So great was his affection for this his native place that he spared neither causes nor pains to improve it and make it flourish. He procured it to be incorporated by the name of a Warden and Society of the King's town of Sutton Coldfield, granting to them and their successors for ever the Chase, Park and Manor. He built two aisles to the church and an organ; erected the Moot Hall with a prison in it; a market place, 51 stone houses; 2 stone bridges (one at Curdworth and one at Water Orton), paved the whole town; gave a meadow to poor widows; and for the improvement of youth founded and endowed a free Grammar School. He built the Moor Hall, where he spent the latter part of his life in hospitality and splendour; saw for many years the effects of his munificence, and died in the 103rd year of his age in the year of our Lord 1555.' The Vesey Chapel is enclosed by a fine oak screen erected in memory of the late Rector, Canon Barnard, who was greatly revered by all who knew him.

Tea was partaken of at 5.30, and was followed by the usual business meeting, at which the presiding Ringing Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, took the chair.

An interesting account of the proceedings at the recent Central Council meeting was given by the chairman, supported by Mr. A. P. Smith.

Several new members were elected, and it was agreed to hold the next meeting at Handsworth Parish Church on Saturday, October 4th. A vote of thanks to the Rector for his interesting address and use of the bells, proposed by Mr. A. P. Smith, seconded by Mr. Albert Walker, concluded the business.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Irish Association was held at Arklow on Whit Monday, over eighty members attending from various centres. The Arklow ringers kindly entertained the members to luncheon and tea, which was greatly appreciated by all.

The business meeting was held under the chairmanship of the president (Rev. W. B. Allman, M.A.).

The report for the past year showed that good work was being done all over Ireland.

Rev. W. Carroll, Rector of Arklow, was elected president, Mr. W. Gibson treasurer, Mr. G. Lindoff hon. secretary, Mr. R. S. F. Murphy (P.C.), and G. Lindoff representatives on the Central Council.

Twelve new members were elected and Dublin selected for the annual meeting next year.

The bells of St. Saviour's Church were kept going to touches of Plain Bob, Grandsire Triples, Stedman and Treble Bob.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A very successful meeting of the Farnham District was held at Bentley on Saturday, June 28th, when about 25 members and friends attended from Aldershot, Farnham, Hawley, Farnborough, Seale and Bentley. Ringing commenced at three o'clock, and later the Guild service was conducted by the Rector of Bentley (the Rt. Rev. Bishop Chandler).

Tea was served on the lawn at Linden Cottage. The District Ringing Master (Mr. R. Hasted) was in the chair for the business meeting, supported by Major H. M. Gale, of Hawley. Two ringing and six honorary members were duly elected.

Votes of thanks to the Rector, the organist, the local band, and to the ladies who prepared tea, were carried with acclamation.

The tower was then revisited and the bells kept going in various methods until 8.30 p.m.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**A LIBRARY ESTABLISHED.**

In beautiful weather and amid glorious surroundings, the mid-summer meeting of the Northern Branch of the above association was held at Chaddesley Corbett on Saturday, June 28th. Although the village is well off the beaten track, about 60 members attended from Kidderminster, Bromsgrove, Acoley Kings, Hartlebury, Belbroughton, Clent, Hagley, Oldswinford, Stourbridge, Lye, Old Hill, Kinver, Wordsley, Wellaston, Brierley Hill, Dudley and Smethwick, the branch being thus well represented. Service was held in the village church, and was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. H. D. Thatcher), who also gave an eloquent address. Tea was served in the billiards hall of the Swan Hotel. The Vicar presided at the business meeting which followed, and was proposed as an honorary member, while the two companies of Stone and Cradley were elected as ringing members.

The Secretary stated that he had received a very kind invitation from Miss F. E. Thatcher, of Clent, to hold the next branch meeting at Clent. Mr. Quarry (churchwarden), of Wordsley, said he and his fellow-ringers had come to that meeting for the express purpose of inviting the branch to Wordsley for the next meeting, but he added that he would be content to withdraw his invitation in favour of Clent, providing the branch favoured them for the January meeting.—It was ultimately decided to accept Miss Thatcher's kind invitation to Clent for the September meeting, and Mr. Quarry's for the January meeting.

The Secretary made reference to the loss the association had sustained by the death of Mr. M. Hackett, of Halesowen. The deceased was very highly respected by all sections of churchworkers, and it was resolved that a letter of sympathy should be sent to the family, the members present standing in silence for a few moments.—Mr. J. Cox replied on behalf of the Halesowen band.

Mr. H. Mason moved a vote of thanks to Mr. T. J. Salter for the good work he had done in assembling such a fine collection of books for the association's library.

Mr. Salter said it had been his ambition for years for the association to have a good library, and it had been a great pleasure to him to do what he could to start it. The librarian, Mr. W. Cooper, of Lye, gave his report, and mentioned the advantages to be obtained by making good use of the books at the disposal of members.

The Secretary moved a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for all the arrangements he had made for the comfort of the visitors, and this was carried with applause.—Mr. Salter moved a vote of thanks to the organist, and the Vicar replied.

The members then paid another visit to the tower, and touches in different methods were indulged in until well after eight o'clock.

The collection at the service for the belfry repairs fund realised 12s. 6d.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On Sunday, July 6th, for evening service, at St. Michael's Parish Church, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: H. Wacey 1, F. Springham 2, H. M. White 3, Rev. F. W. Lane 4, W. T. Prior 5, W. W. Tucker 6, F. Bird (conductor) 7, E. Ansell 8. This quarter-peat was arranged to celebrate the golden wedding of the Rev. Canon H. T. Lane and Mrs. Lane.

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, July 6th, for evensong, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: Major H. M. Gale (Hawley) (first quarter-peat) 1, C. W. Denyer (conductor) 2, P. L. Eldridge 3, W. H. Viggers 4, A. Cox 5, H. Tinsey (Seale) (first quarter-peat) of Triples 6, W. Denyer 7, R. Chance (Grenadier Guards) 8.

ABERAVON, GLAM.—On Sunday, July 6th, for evening service, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 45 mins., 7.8.8 covering: W. Williams 1, A. J. Pitman (conductor) 2, W. J. Norton 3, W. E. Wiseman 4, C. Mathers 5, G. Chappell 6, F. E. Stone 7, J. Weathersby 8. Rung to oblige the ringer of 4th, who could not ring Triples, and hails from Biddisham, Somersetshire.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, July 6th, for morning service, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: T. Marshall 1, H. Wright 2, R. T. Evans 3, H. T. Hughes 4, W. B. Kynaston 5, R. Edwards 6, R. Kynaston (first quarter-peat as conductor) 7, E. H. Kynaston 8.

NEWDIGATE, SURREY.—On Sunday, June 22nd, at St. Peter's Church, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor in 23 mins.: Miss Wilkins 1, G. Horley (first 720) 2, Mrs. W. Spooner 3, W. Spooner 4, E. Vine 5, R. Brett (conductor) 6. All are Sunday service ringers.

NOTICE.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Huntingdon.—A meeting will be held at Godmanchester on Saturday, July 19th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, July 15th?—D. Clarke, 36, Cromwell Gardens, St. Neots, Hunts.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on July 17th and 31st, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 22nd, St. Andrew's, Holborn, 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.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting and shield contest will be held at South Kirkby on Saturday, July 12th. Draw takes place at Church Institute at 2.45 p.m. Ringing commences immediately afterwards.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on July 12th at the Parish Church, Llanfigan. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec., Belle Vue, Brecon.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford district meeting at OLD WOKING (instead of Dunsford) on Saturday, July 12th. Bells available 3 o'clock.—G. L. Grover, Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, Guildford.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Odiham on July 12th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Business meeting follows.—D. L. Board, Hon. Sec., Basingstoke District.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting will be held at Linton on Saturday, July 12th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45, followed by tea (kindly provided by the Vicar) and business meeting. All ringers welcome.—C. S. Sone, Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Ruislip on Saturday, July 12th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Cheap tickets are issued on the District and Metropolitan Railways. Tea arranged as usual. All ringers and friends welcome.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The annual invitation meeting will be held at Ardleigh on Saturday, July 12th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Mr. Newth's room.—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at High Littleton on July 12th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Divine service 4 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—R. T. Clark, Hon. Sec., Timsbury, near Bath.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, July 12th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Tea at Notts Café at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested. Good bus and train service.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Colston Bassett on Saturday, July 12th. Bells (8) ready 2.0. Coy's bus leaves the Black Boy Yard, Parliament Street, Nottingham, 2.30, 4 and 6.20. Returns 5.40, 7.40 and 9.55. Tea can be arranged for. Very fine peal. Come and try them.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Edwinstowe (6) on Saturday, July 12th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who notify Mr. F. Martin, Villa Real Cottage, Edwinstowe, Mansfield. Good attendance requested. Good bus services from all directions.—H. Revill and R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL GUILD.—Chippenham Branch will hold their next quarterly meeting at St. Andrew's, Chippenham, on Saturday, July 12th. Bells from 3 o'clock. St. Paul's bells will also be available. Visitors are welcome.—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., 38, Downing Street, Chippenham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 12th. Service in Cathedral at 11.15. Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Christ Church Hall at 1.30. Tickets, to members, 2s. 6d. on day of festival; 3s. to non-members.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Barton-under-Needwood on Saturday, July 12th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m.—John Leach, Dis. Sec., 4, Vernon Terrace, Burton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Desborough on Saturday, July 12th. Usual arrangements.—H. Baxter, Bredon, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Hever on Saturday, July 12th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4. Tea will be provided at 1s. per head. Permission has been obtained for members and friends to view the Castle and grounds immediately after the service.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The Liverpool branch meeting arranged for Halewood on July 12th is cancelled.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A district meeting will be held at Owslebury and Twyford on Saturday, July 12th. Bells available 2.30. Service in Owslebury Church 4.30. Tea in the Parish Hall. All members welcome.—C. A. Smith, Dis. Sec., Kings Somborne.

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Bristol on Saturday, July 12th. St. Stephen's bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at St. John's-on-the-Wall 4.15. Tea at Carwardine's Café, Baldwin Street, 5.15, when members of the Guild will be the guests of the Bristol United Guilds. Business meeting to follow. Ringing at St. Philip's in the evening.—Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The branch meeting arranged for July 12th at St. Helen's, Garstang, is postponed.—F. Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—Meeting at Seaford, Wednesday, July 16th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (by kind invitation of Thomas Fisher, Esq.).—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Bury Parish Church on Saturday, July 19th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. Tea provided, as usual, for all those sending in their names to Mr. Joshua Ramsbottom, 336, Hornby Street, Bury, not later than Wednesday, July 16th. Subscriptions are due. Reports, etc., to hand.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Flixton on Saturday, July 19th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, 1s. 3d. per head. Names to be sent to Mr. J. H. Collier, 17, Balfour Road, Urmston, not later than July 17th. Meeting after tea. Turn up in large numbers and have a good time.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Turner's Hill on Saturday, July 19th. Tower opened at 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea let me know by Wednesday, July 16th? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The next meeting will be held at Minster, Isle of Sheppey, on Saturday, July 19th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea served at the Blue Bird Café at 1/- per head at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Will all those intending to be present kindly let me know not later than Tuesday, July 15th?—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury & District Branch.—The annual meeting is to be held at Banbury on Saturday, July 19th. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, July 16th. This meeting is the formal opening of this new and excellent peal.—R. R. Lewis, Hon. Sec. & Treas., 17, Easington Road, Banbury.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Lewisham on Saturday, July 19th. Bells 3.30 to 8.30. Tea (near by) at 5 o'clock. Number will be taken in belfry. Business at 7 o'clock in the tower.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Herts and Beds Joint Meeting.—A meeting will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, July 19th. Bells (8) ready 2.45 p.m. Tea is being arranged at the Grange at 5.30. A postcard if you want tea would be a great help for catering purposes. Everyone welcome. Come early and stay late. Postcards to D. C. Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin; C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., Sandy, Beds.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 19th, at Billingborough. Bells (6) available during the afternoon and evening. Service in the church at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting at Tateson's Café. Will those intending to be present for tea please notify me by Wednesday, July 16th?—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lincs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Dore on Saturday, July 19th. Christ Church (8 bells, tenor 114 cwt.) available 2.30 to 7.30 p.m. Tea in the schools 5 p.m., 1s. each, guaranteed *only* to those who notify the undersigned by the previous Thursday. At 3.30 p.m. a 'centenary' peal tablet will be unveiled by Mrs. A. J. Grant, of Door Moor House. All visitors welcome. Members of the Peak District who have not already done so are earnestly requested to pay their subscription and to obtain any reports they require.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Prittlewell on Saturday, July 19th. Bells (10) from 2.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea in St. Mary's Hall 5.30 p.m. Will all those intending to be present and requiring tea, kindly advise Mr. W. Dudley, 33, Guildford Road, Southend-on-Sea, by Wednesday, July 16th?—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at Alsager on Saturday, July 19th. Bells (8). Will those intending being present kindly let me know on or before July 16th?—Richard D. Langford, 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Southam on Saturday, July 19th. Bells (8) available during afternoon and evening. Tea at 5 o'clock at the Black Dog. Business meeting to follow.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuncaton.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Prees, near Whitechurch, on Saturday, July 19th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Tea 4.30, followed by meeting. All ringers welcome. Please send number for tea before the 15th to the Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Appledore, by invitation of the president, the Rev. M. M. Vischer, on Saturday, July 19th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (free) 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden, Kent.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Pitminster on Saturday, July 19th. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow. Anyone requiring tea, please notify by Tuesday, July 15th.—P. Merson, Bishops Hull.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—A combined meeting of the Hinckley and Leicester Districts will be held on Saturday, July 19th. Bells of St. Thomas', South Wigston (8) available from 3 p.m. till 5 p.m., and All Saints', Wigston Magna (8) from 6 p.m. till 8 p.m. Tea in St. Thomas' Schools, South Wigston, at 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please be sure to inform Mr. A. Disney, 3, Highgate, Aylestone Lane, Leicester, not later than Wednesday, July 16th. All ringers and friends heartily welcome. Let's have a really good meeting!—W. Cope and A. Disney, Hon. Secs.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at East Meon on Saturday, July 19th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Will all those requiring tea kindly inform me by Tuesday, 15th? All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Easton Maudit on Saturday, July 19th. The arrangements will be as usual. A special bus will leave the Market Square, Wellingborough, at 2.45. Return fare 1s. Will those who wish to travel by bus and require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, July 15th?—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

HERTFORDSHIRE AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting will be held at North Mimms on Saturday, July 19th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at a nominal charge after. A train leaves Finsbury Park at 2.17 arriving Brookman's Park at 2.50. Half hourly bus service from St. Albans passes the church. All ringers and friends welcome, but a postcard of your intended visit by the 17th would be very much appreciated by either of the undersigned.—W. Nash, North Mimms, Hatfield, and C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, Highams Park, E.4.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Welton (5) on Saturday, July 19th. Usual arrangements. Will members requiring tea kindly notify me as early as possible?—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Come to Bromham on Saturday, July 19th, and try the fine toned peal of 6, available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Let us have a record meeting. Visitors welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Dis. Sec., Staggsden.

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—A meeting will be held at Fakenham on Saturday, July 19th, at 2.45 p.m.—W. B. Duncan, Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Quorn, St. Bartholomew's Church, on Saturday, July 19th. Bells (8) will be ready 3.30. All ringers are welcome.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—A meeting will be held at Eckington on Saturday, July 19th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea provided by the Vicar, the Rev. A. W. Fletcher. Please let me know who is coming by the Tuesday previous.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Long Sutton on Saturday, July 19th. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by July 15th?—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Eynsford on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 1s. 3d. per head. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, July 22nd. Half fares up to 2s. paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

SURREY ASSOCIATION (North-Western District) & **GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (Leatherhead District).—A joint meeting will be held at Ranmore Common on Saturday, July 26th. Tower open for ringing 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea. Those requiring tea kindly inform Mr. A. R. Pink, Railway Hotel, Dorking, not later than Wednesday, July 23rd. All ringers welcome.—D. Cooper and A. R. Pink, Dis. Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The summer meeting will be held at Birchington on Saturday, July 26th. Rev. H. A. Serres, Vicar of Birchington, has kindly offered to entertain the ringers to tea. Further particulars later.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Flamstead (bells 6) on July 26th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by a tea in the village, at 1s. per head. Will those intending to be present notify me by the 22nd? All ringers welcome.—J. Puplett, Hon. Sec., Aylesbury Road, Tring.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A special Guild meeting will be held at Hazelbeech (a new ring of eight) on Saturday, July 26th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.15. Mrs. Ismay is kindly providing tea at 5 p.m. for those who send in their names to either the Master or the general secretary to reach them by first post Monday, July 21st. — R. G. Black, Gen. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

ST. CLEMENT YOUTHS.—St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C.—The annual outing has been arranged for July 26th to Saffron Walden and Dunmow. A charabanc will leave headquarters at 1.30 p.m. As accommodation is limited early application for seats is requested. Members 5s. each, including meat tea.—F. W. H. Sergison, Hon. Sec.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Llantwit Major (Glam.) on Saturday, July 26th. Bells (6) available. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. — Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton, Lancashire.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Our next meeting will be held at Burnley Parish Church on Saturday, Aug. 2nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. A good attendance requested. — F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

CENTRAL COUNCIL.—The honorary secretary will be glad to know whether members of the Standing Committee and conveners are visiting London during July or early August (or in September), with a view to arranging a meeting, if possible.—E. Alexr. Young, 155, Rushey Green, S.E.6.

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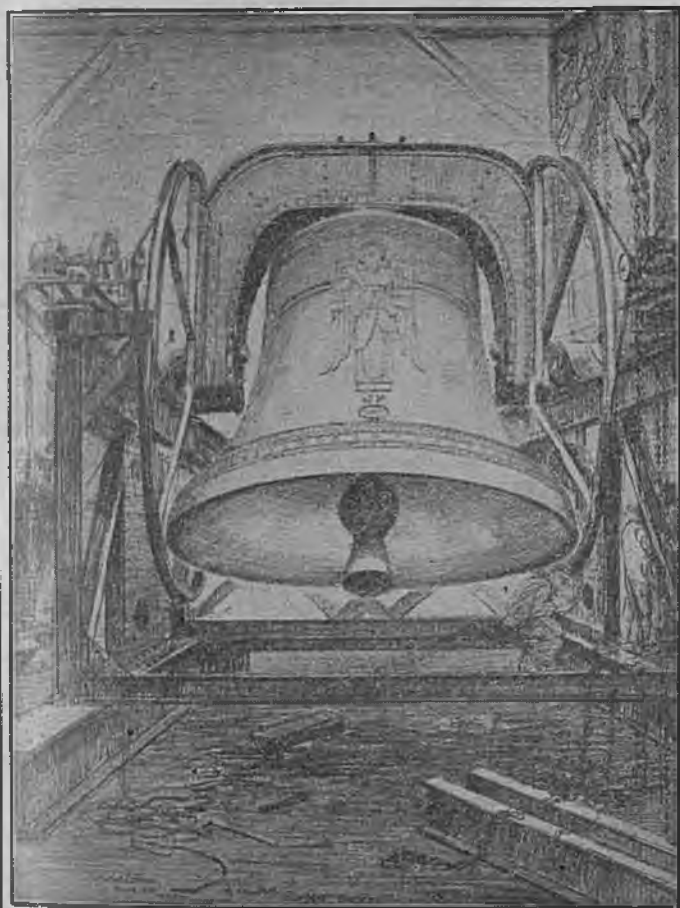
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The Oxford Guild is, of course, not alone among the associations in contributing to restoration schemes. Many of them devote funds to this excellent purpose, but none, we believe, has a record quite equal to the Oxford Guild, who dip their hands into both pockets, as it were, by accepting as the best recommendation for a grant from the general fund, a prior grant from the branch coffers. Financial restrictions prevent many of the associations from following the example of the Oxford Diocesan Guild—they would have the opportunity if they had the funds—but it is interesting as well as gratifying to see the gradual spread of the restoration fund idea. A proposal is now on foot to establish a fund in the Bath and Wells Association and other societies have it under contemplation, so that eventually, we anticipate, it will be a recognised feature of the work of all associations. And, even at the cost of some small sacrifice on the part of ringers, the project is one to be commended, if for no other reason than that it helps to prove to church authorities that ringers are ready to put something into their work as well as take something out of it—that their desire for the preservation of bells is something to which they themselves are prepared to contribute. It is one of the ways by which ringers can show that their interest in bells is not one-sided or their activities outside service ringing purely selfish. By their contributions to restoration schemes, therefore, associations are doing useful work in more ways than one, but there is another direction in which we wish they could use greater influence, and that is in ensuring the maintenance of bells in good condition.

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On Tuesday, July 8, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| ERNEST CUTSFORTH Treble | TITUS BARLOW 5 |
| FRED F. RIGBY 2 | PETER CROOK 6 |
| THOMAS B. WORSLEY 3 | JOHN POTTER 7 |
| GEORGE PINCOTT 4 | *ROBERT WALMSLEY Tenor |

Composed by REV. H. EARLE BULWER. Conducted by JOHN POTTER

* First peal. First peal on the bells since recasting.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 9, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A. J. PITMAN'S ODD-AND-EVEN BOB ONE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

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| MAURICE SWINFELD Treble | JAMES GEORGE 5 |
| JOHN H. SWINFELD 2 | W. RICHARDSON DRAGE 6 |
| CHARLES DRAPER 3 | EDWARD C. GOBEY 7 |
| JOSEPH BAILEY 4 | CECIL J. BAKER Tenor |

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time. It was published in 'The Ringing World,' April 14th, 1922.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 12, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.

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| WALTER CHARMAN Treble | ARTHUR H. SMITH 5 |
| JOHN HOYLE 2 | JOHN H. WHITE 6 |
| MISS IRENE L. HASTIE 3 | *WILLIAM G. NEWBERRY 7 |
| GEORGE MARRINER 4 | ALAN R. PINK Tenor |

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in the method away from the treble. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a farewell to the conductor, who is leaving the neighbourhood for Petersfield, Hants.

CHILHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
AND ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, July 12, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

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| CHARLES W. BRETT Treble | EDWIN G. BUESDEN 5 |
| FREDERICK WELLER 2 | FREDERICK FAIRBEARD 6 |
| PERCY PAGE 3 | HARRY PARKES 7 |
| FREDERICK G. BRETT 4 | CHARLES FRANKLIN Tenor |

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. The band wish to thank the Vicar, Rev. Hilton Spratt, for his kind permission to use the bells, and having everything ready.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 12, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5392 CHANGES;

IN THE GRANTA VARIATION.

Tenor 12 cwt.

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| REDVERS F. ELKINGTON Treble | T. HENRY WRIGHT 5 |
| PERCY A. ALDEAM 2 | T. KELHAM DEACON 6 |
| C. HENRY WEBB 3 | ALFRED BALLARD 7 |
| GEORGE A. NEWTON 4 | ERNEST MORRIS Tenor |

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS

Arranged for the 9th anniversary of the dedication of the bells, but rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. Joseph Ball, an eminent churchman, who died suddenly, and was interred in the churchyard prior to the peal. First peal in this variation by all and by the association.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 12, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| *G. JAMES R. PRICE Treble | JOHN J. PRICE 5 |
| WILLIAM J. BENIAMS 2 | WILLIAM R. NASH 6 |
| JAMES P. HYETT 3 | FRANCIS EVANS 7 |
| FREDERICK SMITH 4 | HUBERT JONES Tenor |

Conducted by FRANCIS EVANS.

* First peal of Triples away from tenor. Mr. J. P. Hyett's 150th peal.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 12, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 11½ cwt. in A.

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| GEORGE GREEN Treble | WILLIAM LINCOLN 5 |
| WILLIAM KEEBLE 2 | *DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS 6 |
| *DR. E. L. TAYLOR 3 | JOHN WOOD 7 |
| *PERCY GREEN 4 | ARTHUR HEAD Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Dr. E. L. Taylor, and believed to be the first Surprise peal in which two doctors have taken part.

BRITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 12, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

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| *PERCY L. DEBLING Treble | WILLIAM R. BOND 5 |
| BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE 2 | WILLIAM J. BEER 6 |
| ALFRED G. HILL 3 | FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 7 |
| †THOMAS H. COLVER 4 | FREDERICK A. COLEY Tenor |

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

* First peal. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 12, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| STEPHEN H. WOOD Treble | RONALD H. BULLEN 5 |
| JACK A. WAUGH 2 | ERNEST C. S. TURNER 6 |
| JOHN H. CRAMPION 3 | CECIL W. PIPE 7 |
| GEORGE B. COLE 4 | GEORGE W. FLETCHER Tenor |

Conducted by STEPHEN H. WOOD.

First peal of Surprise as conductor.

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Sunday, July 13, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

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| FRANK REYNOLDS Treble | JOHN J. YATES 5 |
| WILLIAM GOULD 2 | THOMAS GRIMSHAW 6 |
| JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW 3 | ERNEST LEATHERBARROW 7 |
| WILLIAM HAMPSON 4 | WILLIAM LEATHERBARROW Tenor |

Composed by E. TIMBRELL. Conducted by JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW

Rung to commemorate the 50th year of the Liverpool Diocese.

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SPALDWICK, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr.

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| ANSFIELD GINN... .. Treble | FRANK WARRINGTON 4 |
| DENNIS ADAMS 2 | ARTHUR J. GINN 5 |
| WILLIAM BAYIN 3 | CHARLES ROBINSON Tenor |

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to treble ringer, it being his first peal on tower bells. Mr. A. J. Ginn entertained the band after the peal. The 4th 700 in this was the conductor's 100th Minor extent in 1930.

ORLINGBURY, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 5, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 21 six-scores of Plain Bob and 21 six-scores of Grandsire.

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| *CECIL SERGEANT Treble | GEORGE BROWN 3 |
| *SYDNEY ROWSEY 2 | FREDERICK RANDALL 4 |

P.C. ALBERT STAPLETON Tenor

Conducted by P.C. ALBERT STAPLETON.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

PETERCHURCH, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, July 6, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

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| *JOSEPH T. PEARCE Treble | JAMES P. HYETT 4 |
| DENNIS J. SHARPLES 2 | G. JAMES R. PRICE 5 |
| WILLIAM DUFFY 3 | *ARTHUR J. B. EMBREY Tenor |

Conducted by G. J. R. PRICE.

* First peal. Rung for evening service.

UPHILL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 6, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS-ON-THE-HILL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

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| JAMES F. HATCHLEY... .. Treble | †P.C. RICHARD STUCKEY 4 |
| *HAROLD S. BANWELL 1 | WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5 |
| †FREDERICK G. STUCKEY 3 | EDWARD G. L. COWARD Tenor |

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

* First peal. † First peal away from tenor.

PRESTWICH, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 12, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford, two of Kent and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

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| VERNON SYKES Treble | HERBERT DAVENPORT 4 |
| WILLIAM HORAN 2 | LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS 5 |
| RICHARD BALDERSTONE 3 | †JAMES GROUNDSON Tenor |

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in three methods. Rung after meeting short for Double Norwich.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.

On Saturday, July 12, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 extents.

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| J. POWLES Treble | W. DEMPSTER 4 |
| *A. BOWLER, JUN. 2 | W. J. COPE 5 |
| A. BOWLER, SEN. 3 | †A. SMITH Tenor |

Conducted by A. BOWLER, SEN.

* First peal on inside bell. † First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal away from tenor by J. Powles, who is sixty years of age.

SHILTON, COVENTRY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 12, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six 120's Canterbury, six 120's Bob Doubles, thirty 120's Grandsire, ten callings. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

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| JOHN H. BAILLESS... .. Treble | M. EDWARD WATSON 4 |
| RONALD RUSSELL 2 | WILLIAM A. WOOD 5 |
| ARTHUR E. BARLOW 3 | FRANK BAILLESS Tenor |

Conducted by M. E. WATSON.

First peal in three methods by ringers of treble, 3rd, 4th, 5th and tenor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the mother of the conductor.

CORFE MULLEN, WIMBORNE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 12, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HUBERT,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

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| JIM RALPH Treble | †CYRIL F. TURNER 4 |
| *MISS MARCIA WHITE 2 | ARTHUR G. ROSK 5 |
| †CHARLES H. JENNINGS 3 | EDWARD G. L. COWARD Tenor |

Conducted by E. G. L. COWARD.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells. Rung at the request of the treble ringer to enable him to ring a peal with the ringer of the 3rd. The band were kindly entertained to tea by the Rector (Rev. E. C. Eddrump) after the peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Friday, July 11, 1930, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, BLAKENHALL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings.

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| ALBERT D. COLLINS 1-2 | *JOSEPH FLAVELL 4 |
| HAROLD L. FLAVELL 3 | HARRY BOSWELL 5-6 |

Conducted by HAROLD L. FLAVELL.

* First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. First peal 'in hand' by all the band.

SOUTHBOROUGH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 13, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT THE RIDGE, SOUTHBOROUGH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A flat.

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| *DR. E. LEONARD TAYLOR... .. 1-2 | STEPHEN H. WOOD 5-6 |
| EDWIN H. LEWIS 3-4 | *STAFFORD H. GREEN... .. 7-8 |

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by STEPHEN H. WOOD.

* First peal 'in hand' and first attempt.

STOURBRIDGE RINGERS' TOUR.

On Saturday, July 5th, the ringers of St. Thomas' Church, Stourbridge, with their wives and friends, had their annual outing, the party numbering twenty-three. Proceeding by motor charabanc at 1.45 p.m., via Bromsgrove, Headless Cross and Alcester, Stratford-on-Avon was reached by three o'clock, after a most delightful run in glorious sunshine. Here the party broke up into groups to visit the various places of interest in Shakespeare's town. The next move was a run to Leamington, where a capital tea was served at Ballinger's Restaurant, and was thoroughly enjoyed. After a walk round the town and through the Jopson Gardens, the party went on to Warwick, where, at St. Mary's Church, they were met by Messrs. Adams and Bond and several of the local ringers, and adjourned to the tower to ring on this fine peal of ten, touches of Grandsire Caters, Grandsire Triples and Stedman Triples being accomplished. The party left at nine o'clock for home, which was reached after a most enjoyable run. The band wish to take this opportunity of expressing their thanks to the Vicar of St. Mary's, Warwick, for allowing them permission to use the bells, and to Mr. E. H. Adams and the local ringers for having everything in readiness and for their kind assistance. Best thanks are also due to the churchwardens of St. Thomas' for making the outing possible, and to Mr. J. W. Smith, secretary of the band, for so capably carrying out the arrangements to the complete satisfaction of all.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION CRITICISED. SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD'S RESOLUTION.

The annual meeting of the society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford was held at Lichfield on Saturday, July 5th. Although the attendance was not as great as might have been expected, yet the number mounted up to nearly seventy. As this was not the year for the use of the Cathedral bells, St. Mary's (eight) and St. Michael's (six) came in for extra attention. Tea was laid in the Wade Street Schools, which had been prepared under the supervision of Mrs. Cresswell, who, together with many willing helpers, waited at table. After the 'corks' had been cleared, the general meeting followed, when the Rev. H. S. Cresswell (Vicar of St. Mary's) was invited to take the chair. An apology for absence was received from the Ven. Hugh Bright, Archdeacon of Stafford.

The report and statement of accounts were passed and ordered to be printed. Next came the election of officers. For the position of Ringing Master, Mr. Wm. A. Cooper, of St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, was elected to succeed Mr. John Perry, retired.

The hon. secretaries were re-elected. Messrs. Joseph Timms, of Tamworth, and Frank Hallsworth, of Walsall, each with 44 years' membership to their credit, were elected as hon. ringing members.

At this juncture a vote of thanks was passed to Mr. J. Perry for his services during the year as Ringing Master; also to the auditors. Mr. Perry, in acknowledging the appreciation of his services, said he hoped his successor would get as much pleasure from the work in the coming year as he himself had done in the past.

The following places were selected for meetings during the coming year: Enville in September; Coseley and All Saints', West Bromwich, were put forward for the January meeting, and, upon being put to the vote, the latter was declared carried; Burton in April; and Lichfield for the annual meeting in June.

Mr. J. Perry moved the following resolution: 'That the members of the Society of Change Ringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, assembled to-day at Lichfield for their annual meeting, express great surprise at the action of the Midland Counties Association who, at their meeting held on Easter Monday last at Burton-on-Trent, passed a resolution stating that in future the association area shall comprise, among other dioceses, the Diocese of Lichfield. Seeing that this diocese has already a flourishing society in each of the three archdeaconries that form the diocese, of which our own society is one, it is considered that an alteration like this is not fair to our own society, and will not be beneficial to the Diocese of Lichfield, and will also have a tendency in future of creating a spirit of competition and antagonism between the various societies, instead of a spirit of brotherhood. We respectfully ask the Midland Counties Association to reconsider its decision.'

Mr. R. P. Brindley seconded the motion, and it was supported by Messrs. F. Colclough and H. Knight.

Mr. Brindley appealed for assistance to the bell restoration fund at St. Edith's Church, Tamworth, and it was agreed that one guinea should be forwarded.

A vote of thanks to Mrs. Cresswell and her helpers, also to the chairman, was carried with applause. The chairman replied in happy mood, and said he would pass on the expression to his wife.

INCREASE IN PEAL RINGING.

The committee in their report recorded that successful meetings had been held during the year: at Lichfield, with a fair attendance; at Wombourne, with about 80 present; at Wolverhampton (St. Peter's), with upward of 100; at Cannock, also with a very fair muster. At the latter three places tea was generously provided. Bell restorations had been made both at Penn and Lapley; at the latter place it was hoped to have an additional bell placed in the near future, thereby completing a ring of six. The number of peals rung during the year was considerably larger than had been the case of late years, those in the Grandsire method being of greater proportion than usual, the cause of which was not far to seek, as several 'first pealers' had made their debut. One of the young members, H. Boswell, of St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, had rung no less than 28 peals during the year, which was a record for any individual member for twelve months. The peals were as follows: Doubles (three methods) 1, Grandsire Doubles 7, Triples 28, Caters 3, Cinques 1, Erin Triples 1, Stedman Triples 4, Caters 4, Cinques 2, Kent Treble Bob Minor 1, Plain Bob Minor 1, Major 2, Cambridge Surprise Major 1, New Cambridge Surprise Major 1, Superlative Surprise Major 1; total 58.

The committee regretted to record the loss the society had sustained through the death of the Rev. Thomas W. Wilkes, who, it would be remembered, most ably filled the office of clerical secretary and treasurer of the society for several years, until failing health caused him to give it up; of Mr. Joseph Key, Lichfield, who was the sole survivor of the original members; of Mr. Thomas J. Bratton, Birmingham; and Mr. William Kent, Aston.

WAVERTON, CHESHIRE.—On Tuesday, June 24th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Thomas 1, A. E. Richards 2, J. W. Clarke 3, G. Jones 4, J. Swindley (first touch in the method) 5, J. Morgan (conductor) 6.

DECAYING STONE WALLS. HOW TO PROTECT THEM.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Although I am secretary of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, I have noticed in 'The Ringing World' a letter from Mr. Lord with regard to the decay of 'modern' stone walls. Mr. Lord asks a difficult question. The decay of stonework is due to impurities in the air, and it is the prevention of these impurities that is the only real way to preserve stone.

The question is really parallel to the hypothetical one which follows: 'I have a piece of copper in an acid bath. I want to be able to see the copper, but I do not want the acid to eat into it. Can you advise me how this may be prevented?' The answer is: 'Remove the acid.'

Of course, it would be possible to preserve the structure of the tower by covering it with properly made plaster; on the other hand, most people to-day would hold that to do so would make it a disagreeable sight, and there would be other objections. As long as the stone is exposed to the polluted air it will suffer.

The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings and those who have the care of Government ancient buildings, under the 1913 Act, and, I believe, also the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, are all of opinion that little can be done with colourless stone preservatives when they are applied to stone which already shows signs of decay. I can call to mind a number of cases where stone has been treated in this way some years ago, and where, after a short period of apparent hardening, the decay is rapidly accelerated. The only preservative which does no harm at all to the stone, and which, if it is reapplied at intervals of five and ten years, does definitely act as a preservative, is limewash.

It was always used by mediæval builders as a covering coat for all their stone buildings—cathedrals, parish churches, cottages and barns. The chemists affirm that the lime has an affinity for the sulphur in the air; but in cases where the practice has been continued the protection accorded by the wash is satisfactory.

There are, however, a good number of people who dislike limewash because it changes the colour of a building. It is true that there is this change, but it is a change from one beauty to another. Everybody is agreed that mediæval mason work is beautiful; that the men who worked the stone then knew what they were about; it may therefore be presumed that the gleaming whiteness of a tower was a quality our great predecessors liked; and it may be held that the treatment is technically sound because these much-admired builders employed that method.

In addition to a limewash treatment, and, indeed, as a necessity before it, the joints between the stones must either be known to be sound or be made so. Everything should be done to secure that the acid laden rain shall run off the building and not soak into it.

I might add that Henry VII.'s Chapel at Westminster Abbey, and the cloisters there, have lately been completely limewashed; and, further, when Professor Lethaby was asked to give an address to the society this year, he devoted himself almost entirely to its use as a protection to stone work.—Yours truly,

A. R. POWYS.

THE CANCELLED MEETING AT SOHAM.

To the Editor.

Sir,—With reference to the account in your last issue of an Ely Association meeting held at Soham, with regard to cancelling, I met some of the committee at Cambridge, and with them and the general secretary discussed the situation, as I could not attend myself. In my letter of permission to hold the meeting it was a condition that we must make good any repair needed after ringing, should it be caused by us, also that an official of the association must be present. It was left to me to do the best I could, and I had to cancel the meeting. I cancelled the notice in your columns by wire, but unfortunately no further reference was made to it in Belfry Gossip or elsewhere. In reply to my appeal, 'Please try and let me know,' etc., I received one postcard, to which I replied. I wired to three and sent about a dozen postcards. Before the next meeting I hope those who intend to be present will buy a penny stamp and postcard and send to me. Should the meeting be cancelled I shall then know to whom I must reply. Some come if the weather is suitable and everything is easy. Were there more at this meeting than at the 'annual'? I think not. I am in no hurry to say there were enough to ring Caters, let alone Royal. I do not know who sent you the report, and I care less. In closing, may I apologise to all those who did really travel such a long distance and had unnecessary expense (I had some) and disappointment. I was disappointed. I have yet to have a pull at Soham. There will be a meeting again shortly. I will appeal now to others to help. Make the postman busy; it only costs a penny to write to my new address.—Yours truly,

F. WARRINGTON,

District Secretary and Ringing Master.

Mill Road, Over, Cambs.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Continued from page 446.)

HONORARY MEMBERS INVITED TO SUBSCRIBE.

The Council then dealt with the motions on the agenda paper, the first being one which stood in the name of the hon. secretary: 'That the Council do further revise the incidence of the annual subscription.' Mr. Young said that when the matter was brought up last year it came up towards the end of a meeting in which they had spent several hours over another subject, and consequently it was rather rushed through, without the consideration which the Council usually afforded; therefore, in order to allow the matter to be better ventilated, he put it on the agenda again this year. They would remember that last year he proposed that the subscription, which was then 2s. 6d. per member for each representative of an association, should be raised to 5s., and that honorary members should pay 5s. The former was agreed to, but the latter proposal was rejected. The result had been that their funds had been increased by the double fee to the extent of some £7 or £8, and if they left it as it was they would be that much better off every year. But in view of the difficulty which some of the associations had in finding money, he had heard it suggested that 5s. was too much, and his suggestion now was that, for the first two members of any association, 5s. each should be paid, and for the third or fourth member 2s. 6d. only. With regard to the honorary members, he was quite aware that they came there without remuneration, a fact which indicated that their hearts were in the work, and that they enjoyed coming. He thought, however, that not only did they consider it a privilege, but that they would also be prepared to pay 5s. if that fee were imposed upon them. He, therefore, moved that in future, where there were three or four representatives of an association, the fee for the third and fourth should be 2s. 6d., and that honorary members should pay 5s. a year. As far as the finances of the Council were concerned, they would be about where they were now—what they lost on the swings they would make up on the roundabouts. He was asking the honorary members to do something which would in a way make up what they lost in the case of societies who returned three or four members. There were 17 societies who returned four members, and on them they would lose about £4. There were five who returned three members. They had fifteen honorary members, and 5s. from each would nearly recoup the Council.—The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards seconded.

Alderman Pritchett said, as an honorary member, he would like to go one better than Mr. Young, and therefore he made the following proposition: 'That honorary members be invited to subscribe not less than 5s. in each year.' He said 'invited,' because that would necessitate no alteration in their rules. A copy of the resolution could be sent to every honorary member at some time during the year, and he was quite sure that everyone would respond. In many cases they would be prepared to give more than 5s. towards the funds of the Council. He for one would be willing to subscribe a guinea, because he felt it was a great honour to be an honorary member. He had been one now for a great many years, and he had never subscribed anything, which was rather on his conscience, and he would be glad to make up for lost time (laughter). He had put the Council to some expense. The other day he had a letter from the secretary, which cost 1½d. to send and which enabled him to save 10s. on his railway fare. A subscription to the Council would be a good way of repaying the kindness. His proposition did not mean any alteration of the rules, and gave an honorary member the opportunity of subscribing a sum of not less than 5s., or nothing at all, according as he thought fit.

Mr. W. Willson seconded the amendment, and the Rev. R. P. Farrow remarked that he would support it on the ground that it was a pleasure to hear of a lawyer putting his hand into his own pocket (laughter).

The Hon. Secretary said he was prepared to accept the amendment proposed by Alderman Pritchett.

Rev. E. S. Powell moved that there should be no alteration in the present scale of fees for the association representatives. Had the proposal been put forward in its present form at Chelmsford it would have had something to commend it, but now the change had been made it would lead to confusion and uncertainty if they made a fresh scale.—Mr. Sedgley seconded.

Canon Elsee said that one thing had not been mentioned, and that was that the honorary members came to the Council always at their own expense, whereas by custom the expenses of the ordinary members were paid by their associations. He was rather anxious that no one should be shut out from the honour of being an honorary member of the Council by considerations of expense, and if he had to pay a subscription in addition to his own expenses, it was possible that it might shut out one or two.

The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson and Major Hesse spoke in favour of the subscription of honorary members being compulsory, but Mr. Pulling opposed the principle of asking honorary members to pay anything.

Canon Coleridge said the associations relied upon honorary members' subscriptions to assist their funds and to save some of them from becoming bankrupt. He thought the members of the Council

were in the same position. It was a great privilege to be an honorary member, and he thought everybody ought to pay. Whether they used the word 'shall' or 'may' was another thing.

Mr. James George favoured the use of the word 'shall.' There were few, he said, who would not be willing to pay a small sum for the pleasure of attending their enjoyable meetings.

Mr. Cave suggested that the question of honorary members' subscriptions should be dropped, because he thought, after what had been said that day, subscriptions from the honorary members would be forthcoming next year without any request.

The President divided the motion for the convenience of voting, and the portion relating to the reduction of the ordinary representatives' fees in the case of the third and fourth members was defeated, while that with regard to honorary members, as put forward by Alderman Pritchett, was carried.

THE COUNCIL'S RULES.

The Hon. Secretary, in accordance with a motion which stood on the agenda, initiated a discussion on the subject of alteration in the rules of the Central Council, as suggested in 'The Ringing World' of October 18th, 1929. He said that last year there was a considerable ventilation of ideas as to what might be done to improve the Council and make it more useful. As a result of this, he expected to be inundated with all sorts of proposals and motions, but when the time came to issue the agenda for this year they could imagine his surprise when he found that there seemed to be a conspiracy of silence, for some reason or other. He felt it was a pity that something should not be done to ventilate the grievances, and he had some correspondence with his predecessor, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, who knew the Council so well and how to get over the difficulties. He (Mr. Young) had been very much indebted to him whenever there had been any point he desired to have cleared up, and Mr. Davies had said that he thought it would be a good thing to put down a motion which would enable them to see where they were with regard to these grievances. On October 18th last year an article appeared in 'The Ringing World' from an anonymous contributor putting forward certain suggested alterations to the rules. At first glance it looked formidable, but he found on examination that there was not very much in it. The main point seemed to turn largely on the question whether the Council should have a purely advisory position, as it had now, or whether it should put the Exercise more into bonds. As some of them might remember it was deemed by Sir Arthur Heywood and those who founded the Council that they would be wise in maintaining themselves as an advisory body, and he had noticed that when Mr. Davies was secretary he tabled his motions in words which made it clear that the Council should advise this or that. Did the Council now wish to say that the associations must do so and so? If the associations and guilds did not fall in with the Council's rules or suggestions, what were they going to do about it? It was quite worth their while to think these things over and ventilate them. Another point raised was under Rule 2, by which the Council was to consist of representative members under a certain schedule of numbers. Under the suggested new rule, it was proposed that any recognised society could apply for affiliation, but that it should subscribe to an undertaking to recognise and observe the rulings of the Council. If they did not do so, he supposed there was no object in their subscribing, but if they refused to subscribe he supposed they would be outside the pale. That seemed to be the primary thing. Another point was that instead of the Council being constituted for three years, as they were at present, they should be on a yearly basis with a meeting every third year in London. He did not know that that would make very much difference, but he thought that if a man was only elected for one year they might not get to know his work, for it was only after a period of years on the Council that they were really able to recognise a man's value. He should prefer to stick to the triennial arrangement. But there did seem something, if they could strike a line of agreement, in endeavouring to draw the bonds between the Council and the associations a little closer. He did not think it would be of harm to the Council if they tried to get their rules observed, and he believed Mr. Cave had a motion to bring forward on this subject. If he did so it would go a long way towards ventilating the position and perhaps enabling them to reach a decision next year.

UNFAIR CRITICISM.

Mr. Cave said some of the criticisms which had been levelled at the Council were not fair, and some were actually untrue. For instance, one speaker at a meeting, reported on page 150 of No. 937 of 'The Ringing World,' said: '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.' The latter part of this was not true, but it had not been contradicted, and they might imagine the effect of this upon a reader who, of course, took it as being true. If they would refer to the rules they would see that this latter part was a note to Rule 2 defining the word 'Member,' and meant that associations might, if they thought fit, appoint any person to represent them, whether a member or not. This note came about in this way: While he was acting as assistant secretary of the

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Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, he discovered that one of the representatives had not paid his subscription for two or three years, and by the rules had ceased to be a member of the association. This was brought to the representative's notice. He refused to pay, but he attended the Central Council meeting at Exeter, where the question was brought up and decided, as they saw in the note to Rule 2. The association accepted the ruling and did not elect anyone to take this representative's place until his period of service was up, an example that the Gloucester and Bristol Association might well have followed last year. Then they had heard a lot about the member who was instructed to do one thing, although his own feelings prompted him to do the opposite. Most of the people he (Mr. Cave) had spoken to about it had blamed the member for saying what he did, and upheld the chairman in his ruling; and he was with them. This member was not the first, and probably he would not be the last, to do for an association what he would not do for himself. He (the speaker) did the same thing three years ago when proposing Bristol for the 1928 meeting of the Council entirely against his own feelings in the matter. Another instance was that of a resolution passed at the annual meeting of his association held at Painswick in 1925, and which was to have been put to the meeting at Ipswich in 1926. There was no authority from the Painswick meeting to put it on the Council's agenda, but the association having passed it he was quite willing to support it in their name. The fact that the chairman of the Council would not allow it to be put was the fault of the secretary of the association; the necessary alteration in the wording was pointed out to him before he sent it to the Council.

AN INVITATION TO ASSOCIATIONS.

Mr. Cave, continuing, drew attention to what he described as another instance of unfair criticism, in which it was stated: '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 5 and 6 bells during the last year.' Mr. Cave said it was nothing of the kind. In 1927 there were 17 peals (not 14) on five and six bells, thirteen of which were Doubles, seven conducted by one and the same ringer. In 1928, of the eight peals, six were Doubles, only one of which was conducted by him—a drop of six, due to one man alone. Of course, the 'bartering' referred to was the Council's discussions on Mr. Bankes James' Cambridge Minor and the various 240's and 360's of Doubles. The secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was in favour

of admitting them, and he (Mr. Cave) was against it. If the association had rung any of these, one could have understood it, but the fact was they had rung none of them, either before or since. Mr. Cave added that the associations had always sent their representatives to that Council to thrash out ringing matters so that they might benefit from the deliberations, and also to abide by their decisions. Although many associations had no reference to the Council in their rules, these decisions had been accepted as law. For example, he would refer them to page 20 of 'Rules and Decisions,' where it was stated: 'That Bob Triples and Grandsire Major are not worthy of being practised.' To-day peals in these methods were practically unheard of. Mr. Cave then moved: 'That in order to bring ringing societies into closer communion and co-operation with the Central Council of Church Bellringers, every affiliated society be requested to include in its rules words to the following effect: "That this society be affiliated to the Central Council of Church Bellringers and loyally carry out the rules and decisions thereof."' He thought that if this resolution was passed it would strengthen the bonds between the Council and the associations.

Mr. Young seconded the motion, remarking that the Council could not amend its rules without proper notice printed in the agenda, but they could pass a resolution which was advisory. This resolution recommended their affiliated societies to take a certain action, and he thought it would help to meet some of the criticisms.

Rev. H. Law James thought that the two words at the end of the motion 'and decisions' should be taken out. He had not the slightest objection with regard to the rules, but when they came to the 'decisions' it was another question (laughter). The Council were not like the M.C.C. in regard to the laws of cricket. The laws of cricket could be altered, but the laws governing change ringing could not—for instance, they could not get more than six changes on three bells. They were not dealing with a thing like cricket; they were dealing with a science. From time to time they found out that there were points and old decisions which had got to go. On the scientific side of change ringing they had to do with facts and not with theories. A scientific theory was like a clothes line—if they put too much weight on it, it would break. They could not ask associations to abide by decisions which in a few years' time might be out of date.

Alderman Pritchett said it was no use a society being affiliated to the Council unless the society was prepared to accept its rules. He suggested a slight alteration to the form of the motion by substituting the words 'abide by' instead of 'carry out,' and this was accepted by the mover.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Bishop of Liverpool has promised to speak at the annual meeting of the Lancashire Association on September 27th.

Mr. W. Griffin, of Walsall, writing on Saturday night, said: 'Re the peal of Maximus just finished, I can only say it acted as a real tonic. A really splendid peal; fine striking from start to finish.'

It was, in a way, an 'All-England' team that rang the peal, and one would have been surprised at anything else but fine striking from such a band. It is not always the case, however, that praise is given where praise is due.

The old peal of six bells at Hope Parish Church, Derbyshire, all of which were cast by Daniel Hedderley in 1733 (tenor approximately 15 cwt.) is to be rehung with modern fittings in a new framework designed for eight bells by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. It is not yet definitely decided whether the two trebles, required to complete the octave, will be put in hand at the same time.

At Surrey Assizes, at Kingston, £500 was awarded to the widow and £100 to the daughter of the late Mr. Alwyn Charman, a ringer of Cranleigh, Surrey, who, while wheeling his cycle, was killed as the result of a collision between a motor-cycle and a car.

The bells of St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, were opened by the College Youths with a peal of Grandsire Cinques on July 18th, 1798.

Next Monday is the seventh anniversary of the record peal of Treble Bob, 17,280, in the Kent Variation, rung in ten hours, at Over, Cheshire.

The death of Mr. I. G. Shade, in a motor-car accident, took place on July 19th, 1925.

The ringer of the 6th in the peal at Wilby, Suffolk, on July 6th, was John W. Ward.

AMERICAN VISITORS.

MR. WARREN STURGIS, JUN., QUALIFIES FOR A.S.C.Y.

Mr. Warren Sturgis, of Groton, U.S.A., with his son, E. Warren Sturgis, who are on a visit to Europe with Mrs. and Miss Sturgis, paid a 'flying' visit to London recently from Paris. Mr. Sturgis, sen., is a master at Groton College. He was initiated into the art of ringing by the late Dr. Nichols, of Boston, Massachusetts, and is keenly interested in maintaining ringing at Groton, where he teaches students the art. When at home, Bob Major is practised on handbells in the family circle.

The recent visit to London was largely made to enable Mr. Warren Sturgis, jun., to qualify for membership of the Ancient Society of College Youths, which his father joined some years ago. The qualification for membership is ability to ring a quarter-peal in a standard method, and this Mr. Sturgis, jun., did on July 4th by ringing 7-8 to a 1,330 Grandsire Triples on handbells in admirable style. The band was: W. Roughton 1-2, C. F. Winney 3-4, H. Langdon 5-6, Warren Sturgis, jun., 7-8. He was elected a member of the society on July 8th. The other ringing done during the visit included 672 Stedman Triples at St. John's Church, Wilton Road, in which father and son took part. It was regretted that the visit was so short that a peal could not be arranged. Mr. Warren Sturgis, who is 17 years of age, is a born ringing enthusiast, and the College Youths look forward to the opportunity of ringing a peal with him at some future date.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

FESTIVAL AT OXFORD.

The annual festival, the 49th, of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, was held at Oxford on Saturday, and, as usual, attracted a large and representative gathering of members, who assembled for service in Christ Church Cathedral, where the Rev. H. E. H. Probyn, Vicar of St. Andrew's, Oxford, gave a striking address.

The business meeting was presided over by the Master (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), who was supported by the hon. treasurer (Mr. A. J. Wright), the secretary (Mr. R. T. Hibbert) and Canon G. F. Coleridge, about 120 members being present from all the branches. A number of apologies for absence had been received, and the Secretary read an extract from that received from Canon Norris, who desired to remind the Guild how much they ought to appreciate the Master for the work he did in advising and helping in bell-restoration work throughout the diocese (applause).

OFFICIALS' REPORTS.

The Master, in his report, referred to the numerous towers in the diocese in which bell restoration was either contemplated or completed, and drew attention to the fact that in four of the latter might be found excellent examples of what could be done by careful modern turning. Newbury and St. Laurence's, Reading, were as good as many of them believed they might be; St. Mary's, Reading, were a great deal better than most of them thought possible; Thatcham, with two trebles added, were a surprise even to the founders themselves. As a fitting crown to a year remarkable for restoration work, came the ring of twelve for Berkshire by the addition of two trebles to the ten at St. Laurence's, Reading. The raising of a fund for these two bells was undertaken by Mr. Hibbert and himself, and right well were they backed up by members of the Guild and their many ringing friends throughout the country. In the matter of peals, the Guild showed a slight improvement both as to quantity and quality. For the latter, they were chiefly indebted to Mr. George Martin and his friends. The young Central Bucks Branch was doing well, owing to the untiring efforts of the hon. secretary, the Rev. J. F. Amies. Towers were beginning to press into it. On the whole, the branches were in a decidedly healthy state.

The secretary's report recorded that the Guild was steadily increasing in numbers and in useful activity. The number of towers affiliated was now 205, an increase of four from last year. This was due to the growth of the Central Bucks Branch, owing to the indefatigable work put in by Rev. J. F. Amies, the branch secretary. The hon. members had increased by 12, and now stood at 221, while ringing members had increased from 2,015 to 2,222.

A SOUND FINANCIAL POSITION.

The Treasurer reported that the statement of accounts showed a balance of £158 4s. 11d., as compared with £145 9s. 5d. the previous year. The income was £123 5s. 3d., and the expenditure £111. The amount received from the branches was £89 7s., being £5 3s. 6d. in excess of any previous year. The balances held by the branches were £172, a decrease of £21 on the previous year. The balance sheets showed that a considerable sum had been given in grants for the restoration of bells—a worthy object and one which should be encouraged. The amount received from hon. members showed a decrease, and the subscriptions received by the general Guild were only £2 15s. as compared with £15 7s. 6d. in 1924. Considering that the Restoration Fund depended somewhat upon hon. members' subscriptions for a portion of the income, it was hoped that every effort would be made to increase the number. During the year grants have been made from the Restoration Fund amounting to £26 5s. A balance of £36 19s. 6d. was brought forward, and thanks were due to the North Bucks Branch who gave a donation of £5, and to the Master for one of £1. The fund had now a balance of £28 10s. 11d., which it was hoped would meet all demands for this year. This fund, started in 1924 with £10, has, since that time, made grants amounting to £52, without in any way reducing the general funds. The income from the sale of annual reports was only £3 7s. The reports were sold at sixpence per copy, and only 134 members appeared to want one. The net cost was eightpence-halfpenny; 325 are printed for those who desire to buy one. The demand appeared to be very small and getting less. It would be a question for the committee to consider whether it was worth while printing any copies beyond those actually required for the officials and hon. members. During the past four years the general funds of the Guild had increased 20 per cent. This meant a gradual increase of 5 per cent. per annum. Taking into consideration the position of many societies who were making no progress, it was a matter of congratulation that the Guild was in such a sound financial position.

The reports of the Master, hon. treasurer and secretary, having already been issued, were taken as read and adopted. The Hon. Treasurer pointed out that the £89 7s. received by the general fund from the branches was the largest ever received in the history of the Guild. The branch balances amounted to £172. With regard to the restoration fund, which had a balance of £28 10s. 11d. at the end of the year, a special donation of £10 10s. had been received from the Master and secretary. The fund had voted £10 10s. to the augmentation of St. Laurence's bells, but as sufficient was received without this amount, it was returned to the fund. After paying

the grants recommended for this year, they would have a balance of £24 to carry forward, and in addition there would be the interest on investments, the collection that day of £3 0s. 2½d., and they might expect to get about £6 from honorary members.

THE SECRETARY'S SALARY.

A resolution was next brought forward: 'That the general secretary's salary shall be £10 per annum.' This was moved by Mr. A. D. Barker, who, replying to the Master, said it was a private motion, and did not come from his branch (East Berks and South Bucks). He moved it because he thought it might be of interest to the Guild to discuss it.

There was no seconder, and the motion, therefore, fell to the ground. The present salary of the secretary is £20.

The Master was re-elected with acclamation, on the motion of Canon Coleridge, seconded by Mr. W. P. Routh. The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, in acknowledgment, thanked Canon Norris for his letter, and said that he would go on doing his best for the Guild, for the preservation and restoration of bells in the diocese, and for the furtherance of the art and science of change ringing.

The hon. treasurer and secretary were also re-elected, the latter remarking that if there was any dissatisfaction or loss of confidence in him, that was the time to nominate a new secretary. If he did the work again, he would continue to do it in his own way. The question of salary did not worry him one bit.—The election was carried amid applause.

Mr. Hibbert caused a good deal of laughter in acknowledging his re-election by remarking in his characteristic way, 'I shall make a lot of mistakes if I live, and I hope I shall live long enough to make hundreds.'

The Master said he must express the great gratitude he felt in having two such able officers as the treasurer and secretary. He need not tell them, for they had already shown they realised it, that the Guild was most fortunate in having two such men, who were always out to do their best for the Guild and for every branch. They were willing to sacrifice time and anything else required to give help to a branch. They could not do impossibilities, and he personally valued the Guild's expression of gratitude for their services (applause).

The twelve elected members of the committee were re-elected en bloc, as follows: Messrs. J. F. Barlow, J. Evans, G. Cauldwell, G. Holifield, W. Hibbert, senr., G. Martin, Miss V. Robinson, Messrs. R. White, A. D. Cullum, H. Sear, J. W. Wilkins and Miss S. Davis.

The confirmation of 172 members elected since the last meeting was also agreed to.

The committee recommended that the festival in 1931 be held at Oxford, and the Master pointed out that it would be the jubilee of the Guild.

On the motion of Mr. Barker, seconded by Mr. R. T. Hibbert, the recommendation was agreed to without discussion, and with it a proposal that the Master be invited to preach at the service.

RESTORATION GRANTS.

The committee recommended that a grant of £5 5s. be made towards the restoration of the bells at Somerton, and £5 5s. to Harwell. At Somerton, it was stated, the bells badly need rehanging, and Messrs. Taylor and Co.'s estimate has been accepted. The bells were to be hung in two tiers because it was desired to add two trebles to make a ring of eight. At Harwell the bells were in a bad state of repair and had to be rehung. Their condition had been condemned, and the bells could not now be used at all.—The grants were agreed to.

An application was also received for a grant for Standlake. At this church the shape of the tower added to the difficulties. It is a round tower, with a peal of six hung in two tiers in a timber frame, and the tower had been cut away to accommodate it. The Master said it was a deserving case.

The Vicar (Rev. Lovett) spoke in support of the application. The cost of the work, he said, would be about £260. They had raised about £160 in the parish (hear, hear), but he had made up his mind that they ought not to begin the work until they had all the money in hand. The present frame was acting as a battering ram on the tower, but the bells, when rehung, would be in two tiers in an iron frame. He appealed for the help of the Guild, because he was afraid the parish by its own efforts could not raise all that was required.

The Witney and Woodstock Branch had voted two guineas, and the Guild now voted a further five guineas.

A motion, 'That the travelling expenses incurred by members of the committee in attending committee meetings shall be paid by the general Guild, applications for same to be made to the general secretary after such meeting,' was moved by Mr. A. D. Barker. He said the motion was intended to apply to the twelve elected members. He said that certain of these had previously been branch representatives, and as such had been paid their travelling expenses by the branch. When they became 'elected' members they were, in a sense, promoted, but lost their privilege.

At the suggestion of Mr. A. J. Wright, the motion was amended to read 'that the treasurer be authorised to pay the railway fares of the twelve elected members,' and in this form it was agreed to.

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LOSS ON REPORTS.

Mr. Barker then moved that 'The branch secretary shall inform the general secretary in January each year the number of annual reports his branch will require; these to be supplied free.' Mr. Barker referred to the fact that only £3 7s. was received last year from the sale of reports, which appeared to show that only 134 members wanted one. In 1924 it was decided that branch secretaries should inform the general secretary in January of each year of the number of copies the branch required, and these should be supplied to the branch at 6d. a copy, the copies for hon. members being supplied free. For two or three years several branches paid for their reports, but last year he believed only two branches paid.

The Hon. Treasurer: All paid for them that had them.

Mr. Barker, continuing, said the treasurer complained that only a small sum was received from the sale of reports. His point was that he did not get all the money he was entitled to from this source. If reports were to be free for some branches, let them be free to all. He mentioned that during the last five years £126 5s. 8d. had been spent on printing reports, and only £25 2s. had been received for their sale. He compared the cost of the 325 copies printed with the cost of 750 copies printed at a less price for another society of which he was a member, and said that on the score of economy they should take into consideration the cost as well as what they received.

The Hon. Treasurer suggested that the motion was out of order in view of the motion passed, adopting the treasurer's report, together with the statement of accounts and the recommendations contained therein.

The Master said it was before the committee at their last meeting and would not come before them again until next April.

Mr. Barker said if the motion was out of order, it should have been pointed out before, so that he might have saved his breath and the members' time.

The Master said when it came to the question of altering rules it was much better if the matter was brought before the committee first of all, but if it came before the annual meeting he had no right to stop it. According to the report of the hon. treasurer, which had been carried, the whole question would be gone into at the committee meeting next April.

Mr. H. Miles said the treasurer's report was not read, and conceivably the point was lost sight of by members. He thought it should have been pointed out if it was out of order.

The Master said members had had ample time to know what was in the reports. If they wanted them read, that could be done, but it would take up much more time.

Mr. Barker said, arising from the discussion at the committee meeting, he wrote to the treasurer for certain information, which was not, however, forthcoming. He had, therefore, no alternative but to bring the matter up. If they had this 'hole and corner' business with their finances they would not know where they were.

The Treasurer said Mr. Barker asked for information relating to five years without giving any reason for asking for it. If Mr. Barker expected him to dive into documents for five years simply to satisfy his curiosity—well, he was not going to do it. If he had given him a reasonable cause he would have done it. As far as he knew, all the reports that had gone to the branches had been paid for. Some branches had only taken two or three copies, but they had always paid for them.

Mr. Taylor said that as they lost £22 last year on reports, was it necessary to print so many? Was there no means of cutting it down?

The Master said the whole question of the reports would be gone into by the committee next April; and the meeting accepted this course of action.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Canon Coleridge gave a report of the meeting of the Central Council, but before he did so the Master expressed the delight of the Guild at having the Canon amongst them again after his serious illness. He also said a circular had been received from the Council asking the Guild to add to their rules a clause to the effect that the Guild should be affiliated to the Council and loyally abide by the rules and decisions thereof. That, said the Master, was a matter which would have to be considered by the committee.

Canon Coleridge thanked the members for the letter of sympathy he received from their secretary at the time of his illness. Of the several hundred letters he received, there was none he prized more than that from the members of that Guild. Canon Coleridge's review of the business transacted at Lambeth Palace was followed with interest. He referred to his own resignation of the office of president, and said he did not think it possible to get a better president than his successor, Mr. E. H. Lewis, who was a good ringer, a most capable engineer and one who spoke with great authority at joint meetings of ringers and the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings. It was sometimes difficult to talk to people with fads of their own (laughter). This society had the idea that bells should always be hung in a wood frame that springs well and gives to the bells (laughter). Mr. Lewis had been able to put them right on points like that. Referring to the 'Collection of Minor Methods,' that it was decided to print, Canon Coleridge said it was the result of years of labour, and would be

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SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

RINGING COMPETITION WON BY WATH.

The annual ringing contest of the Sheffield and District Society was held at Beighton, on Saturday, July 5th, and was attended by about 60 members. The contest was for six bells, and as many teams competed and rang in the following order: Ecclesfield, St. Marie's, Killamarsh, Wath, South Anston and Bradfield. Messrs. J. Brearley and G. Lewis were the adjudicators, with Mr. A. Staveley, of Beighton, as marker. The contest commenced about 3.15 p.m., and concluded about 6 p.m., when the company retired to the Church Institute for tea.

The presentation of the award and the business meeting followed tea, presided over by the Rev. R. Clarke, who is officiating at Beighton in the absence, on holiday, of the Vicar.

The meeting was opened with a short address from the chairman, who then called upon the adjudicators for their report. Mr. J. Brearley, in declaring Wath company to be the winners, said the ringing on the whole had been very fair. He then submitted the results, which were as follows: Ecclesfield, 163 faults; St. Marie's, 168; Killamarsh, 111; Wath, 88; South Anston, 131; and Bradfield 138.

The chairman then presented Mr. A. Panther, of Wath, with the society's silver cup. Mr. Panther, in acknowledging the applause, said he was very pleased his team had been successful, but hoped that next year would see more entries for the contest.

Mr. J. W. Champion, of Wath, then proposed, and Mr. C. Severn seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the judges for the excellent manner in which they had carried out their duties.—This was carried unanimously.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the ladies for providing a splendid tea, and to the local ringers for having everything in readiness, were then carried, thus bringing to a close a happy and most enjoyable meeting.

The ringers then returned to the tower for further ringing.

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of the utmost value to all ringers, and especially to six-bell ringers. The book was so voluminous that some members were afraid it would be beyond the reach of many ringers, and it was therefore suggested it should be published either in two parts, or in sixpenny numbers, which would be a most expensive way of doing it, and would take a long time to complete. Eventually it was decided to publish it in one book at a cost of about 3s. If any six-bell ringer could not afford that sum, he suggested he should apply to the Parochial Church Council. They had to provide copies of the diocesan services book for the use of the choir, so they ought to find a copy of the new Minor Methods Collection for the use of the ringers in the belfry (hear, hear). Better still, let the ringers ask for six copies, and if they did it in a nice way they would probably get them. The question of the alteration of the rules of the Council was discussed, continued Canon Coleridge, and the outcome was the suggestion contained in the letter from the secretary, already read. The meeting was an excellent one in every way, and one in which a tremendous lot was done for the good of the Exercise.

The Master, in thanking Canon Coleridge for his report, spoke of the work of the committees of the Council. He referred the members to the article on the subject which recently appeared in 'The Ringing World,' and said he had never fully realised all that the committees did until he had himself been engaged on the revision of one of the publications. Some of the committees were at work throughout the year, and people who grumbled that the Council did nothing overlooked the work which the committees did.

The Master then proposed a vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church and to the preacher and organist.—Alderman J. S. Pritchett, who seconded, said it was a great privilege to meet in that venerable building. They met under auspices second to none in ringers' gatherings throughout the land, and they were greatly indebted to the Dean for making such arrangements for their comfort. Continuing, Alderman Pritchett expressed the deep regret which the members of the Central Council felt at the retirement of Canon Coleridge from the office of president. They felt it as a great loss, but they had an excellent successor in Mr. Lewis, who, he felt sure, would in due time earn for himself a large measure of the affection which they all had for Canon Coleridge (applause).

This concluded the business, and the members then proceeded to the magnificent dining hall of Christ Church, where they partook of luncheon, under the presidency of the Master, who proposed the toast of 'Church and King,' which was cordially drunk, the National Anthem being sung. Usually there is no other toast at this gathering, but Mr. R. T. Hibbert said he took it upon himself to propose 'The health of the Master.'—This was drunk with enthusiasm, the company giving it musical honours. The Master, in reply, congratulated the Guild upon such a good muster at a time when, in an agricultural area such as theirs chiefly was, so many of the members were busily engaged on the land. He reminded them of next year's jubilee celebration, which, he said, he hoped they would make worthy of that great Guild.

Afterwards the members proceeded to the various church and college towers, where they engaged in ringing for some hours before the close of an interesting and enjoyable day.

REPRESENTATIVES CRITICISE CENTRAL COUNCIL. GUILDFORD GUILD MEMBERS' REPORT.

A feature of the meeting of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, at Woking on Saturday, was the presentation of a joint report by the three representatives of the Guild on the Central Council, which reviewed the principal matters that came before the meeting at Lambeth, and on one or two items contained some outspoken criticism. 'The Council,' said the report, 'after a long discussion and consideration of various amendments, decided to print the "Collection of Minor Methods" at a cost of about £70. This book is a complete collection of Doubles and Minor methods, including Alliance and Little Minor methods. Your representatives voted against this heavy outlay of the Council's funds for the following reasons: The cost of printing the book represents two years of the Council's net income; the printed copies will have to be sold at about 3s. each to repay the expenditure; if the state of six-bell ringing throughout the country can be judged by the standard in our own Guild, there are very few companies in the country to whom the book can be of any practical use, and we are afraid there will be little demand for the book, and the result will be a dead loss to the Council of between £60 and £70; we think the price of the book too high for many individual ringers to buy it, and the peal reports do not show that there are many companies who have exhausted the methods given in "Standard Methods." The Council is, however, now committed to the printing of the book, and we think that a scheme should be drawn up to minimise the danger of the work being left on the Council's hands. We suggest that the various ringing organisations should themselves purchase outright not only this book but all the Council's publications and resell them to their members. The various ringing bodies get the benefit of the Council's publications, and in our opinion should bear some of the risk of the loss on sales.'

Referring to the proposal that hon. members should pay an annual subscription to the Council, the report said: 'After considerable discussion it was decided to invite hon. members to subscribe an annual sum. We voted against the suggestion that hon. members should pay or be invited to pay anything. Hon. members are elected on the Council either because of their expert knowledge of some particular subject, or because of the services they render to the Exercise. They give what is often valuable time, and are put to no little expense in attending meetings of the Council, and your representatives consider it "check" that any subscription should be demanded or invited from them.'

'We are all of opinion,' continued the report, 'that the fees payable by associations to the Central Council should be calculated on the number of the annual members of each association and not, as at present, on the number of representatives elected on the Council. For example, one of two associations with over 450 members might elect four representatives, as allowed by the rules, and pay £1 annually to the Council, and the other might elect only one representative and escape with an annual payment of only 5s.'

A discussion ensued on the various points raised in the report, and the members expressed general approval of the line taken by their representatives, who were cordially thanked for their report.

The meeting was presided over by the Ven. G. M. Davies, who had conducted the service in the absence of the Vicar (Canon G. Askwith), and tea was served in the Church Hall, a bountiful meal, in which bowls of cherries were a feature, having been provided by a party of ladies. Archdeacon Davies was supported by Admiral T. P. Walker (hon. treasurer of the Guild) and Mrs. Walker, Mr. G. L. Grover (district secretary), and Mr. R. Hayes (District Ringing Master).

A vote of sympathy and condolence was passed with the relatives of the late Ven. Ronald Irwin (Archdeacon of Dorchester), who was a life member of the Guild.

Mr. Rance, of Worplesdon, was elected a member, and a vote of thanks was accorded to Canon Askwith, Ven. G. M. Davies, the organist and the ladies who had arranged the tea.

During the afternoon and evening, ringing took place on the Parish Church bells, the methods ranging from Minor to Surprise Major.

HIGHAM FERRERS RINGERS' TRIP.

The ringers of Higham Ferrers, with a few friends, including Mr. Harry Chapman, late of Manchester, had a most enjoyable outing on Saturday, July 12th. The first call was at Newport Pagnell, where, after two short touches, ringing had to stop through illness close to the church. At Stony Stratford, several touches were rung, in some of which part of the local band joined. After tea at Leighton Buzzard, an hour's ringing was enjoyed on the peal of ten. The ringing concluded at Woburn. It is over forty years since Mr. Harry Chapman used to go there to ring, and he found great alterations made since that time. During the trip, Superlative, Double Norwich, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung. The ringers wish to express, through 'The Ringing World,' their heartiest thanks to the Vicars and all the ringers at the places visited for allowing the use of the bells and making arrangements for such an enjoyable outing.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. DEVIZES BRANCH AT TROWBRIDGE.

The half-yearly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Trowbridge on Saturday, July 5th. Ringing during the afternoon was followed by the Guild service, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. J. Nesbit Wallace, M.A., Mr. Wicks accompanying the hymns on the harmonium.

After the service, the Rector expressed his regret that he was unable to accept the invitation to tea, but he invited the ringers to visit the Rectory gardens later. A party of twenty-two sat down to tea, and a short business meeting followed, presided over by Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, who referred to the death of the Earl of Radnor, a vice-president of the Guild, and the Rev. Wm. Noakes Dawson, Vicar of Chilton and Marden. Those present stood in silence as a token of respect. The Chairman also stated that his son, Mr. D. E. Heginbotham (a very promising young member of the Guild) was leaving for America on the following Tuesday.

Bratton, Upavon and Westbury were selected for the next three meetings.

Mr. Hillier gave a report of the meeting of the Central Council which he attended, and a vote of thanks was passed to him. The best wishes of those present were extended to Mr. D. E. Heginbotham for his future welfare.

The usual votes of thanks were passed to the Rector for conducting the service and the use of the bells, and to those who prepared the tea.

A visit was then paid to the Rectory gardens, where the Rector met the party and pointed out various items of interest in connection with former Rectors of Trowbridge, including a table belonging to the poet Crabbe, who was Rector of Trowbridge from 1813 till 1832, and during whose incumbency the first peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Trowbridge.

Ringers, including Miss D. White (Ditchat), Mr. Tiley (Bruton), Mr. L. Wilson (secretary, Calne Branch), were present from Trowbridge, Bratton, Devizes St. John and St. Mary, Rowde, Warminster, Bradford-on-Avon, Hilperton, Holt, Southbroom and Melksham. Touches of Grandsire Caters, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob were rung during the afternoon and evening. Ringing also took place at Hilperton.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. EASTERN DISTRICT AT WITHERNSEA.

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern District was held at Withernsea on Saturday, July 5th, in delightful weather, and was attended by some 30 members representing towers at Beverley, Goole, Hull, Eastington, Kirk Ella, Patrington, Pontefract, Market Weighton, Selby, York and the local company. The ring of six was kept going to various methods until the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. F. Tomlinson, M.A.), who delivered an appropriate address.

Tea was afterwards served in the Select Cafe, where several of the members were joined by their wives and friends.

The business meeting followed in the Church Institute, Mr. F. Cryer (Selby) presiding.

Three new members were elected—Messrs. W. Swallow and W. Maundrell (Pontefract, All Saints'), and Mr. H. Walker (Pontefract, St. Giles').

Subject to the usual consent, Bridlington was chosen for the September meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, for the service, and for the use of the Institute, to the organist, and to Mr. H. S. Webb and the local company for their excellent arrangements.—Mr. Webb, responding, hoped that members would make an annual informal visit to Withernsea, and the hon. secretary was asked kindly to undertake this duty, to which he agreed.

This closed the meeting, and the members then dispersed on to the promenade, which apparently was more attractive than ringing.

SURREY RINGER'S SUDDEN DEATH.

The death took place on June 17th of Mr. Charles Sleet, of Otter-shaw, Surrey, who died suddenly, at the age of sixty years, while following his occupation of landscape gardener. He had been a ringer at Ottershaw for twenty years, and before that was attached to the Chobham band for about the same period. Deceased never missed his turn of Sunday ringing, and always attended on practice night. He took part in a peal attempt a month ago, which unfortunately was lost by the tenor rope breaking in the last 720 changes.

The interment took place on Saturday, June 28th, and the Vicar, in the course of his address, paid a glowing tribute to the deceased for the services rendered by him as a most regular and keen church worker.

Among the floral tributes was a large bell wreath from his fellow-ringers. After the funeral, 360 Grandsire Doubles was rung with muffled bells by: H. J. Chaffey 1, D. Sleet (conductor) 2, Miss D. Sleet 3, Miss M. Thompson 4, H. Hancock 5, F. Wallace 6.

GUILDFORD GUILD'S SUMMER FESTIVAL.

Ringers of the Guildford Diocesan Guild were favoured with glorious weather on the occasion of their summer festival held on July 5th at Egham and Staines. This locality, with its three almost perfect peals of eight within easy distance of each other, and situate close to a beautiful stretch of the Thames, is an ideal place for a summer meeting.

The bells at Egham were set going early in the afternoon, and at 4.30 a short service was held there conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. C. Tranter, who gave an extremely interesting address, in which he spoke in glowing terms of the beauty of bell music and of the services to the Church of bells and ringers. Seventy-nine members (including the Master, Major J. H. B. Hesce, and the hon. treasurer, Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O.), and visitors from Egham, Bantstead, Old Woking, Ottershaw, Aldershot, Bagshot, Epsom, Yorktown, Cobham, Farnborough, Leatherhead, Farnham, Haslemere, Hawley, West Clandon, Dorking and the Cathedral Church, sat down to a splendid tea in the Church Hall.

At the end of the tea, the Master thanked the Vicar for welcoming the Guild to Egham and for his address, and apologised for the absence of the hon. secretary, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, who was unable to be present. Afterwards, some of the party went back to Egham tower, and others crossed the 'ocean' and did their best to put joy into the hearts of the inhabitants of Middlesex by making good use of the bells at the Parish Church and at St. Peter's, Staines.

YORKSHIRE RAMBLERS.

RINGING PARTY'S GREAT TIME IN HERTFORDSHIRE.

At Whitsuntide, by sundry and devious ways, a party of Yorkshire ringers, with their wives and relations, and headed by Mr. T. Maude, of Pudsey (who with his usual untiring enthusiasm had at last got his team together), arrived at St. Albans for the week-end. The local committee, consisting of Messrs. G. W. Cartmel and E. P. Debenham, had arranged headquarters at the Ver House Hotel, which, standing in delightful grounds, some acres in extent, with the River Ver flowing through, made an excellent resting place during the week-end. The party were met by Mr. Debenham on their arrival on the Saturday. He very kindly gave all particulars of the programme, but, to the great regret of everybody, ringing was unobtainable at the Cathedral on the Sunday owing to the ravages of the death-watch beetle having been detected in the belfry floor. This magnificent pile, containing varying styles of architecture from Saxon onward, is a most imposing structure, and was a great attraction to all.

Sunday morning saw the party at St. Peter's Church, where the handy ring of ten were set going to various methods, following which the more staid members were introduced to a variety of deep sea fishing, which at once attracted their envy and admiration. More might be said, but as the proprietor is very jealous of the patent, those who desire further knowledge must apply direct. Sufficient to say, that this part of the proceedings was most popular, and rejuvenated those interested in a manner somewhat startling.

A visit was paid to Bushey Parish Church to ring for evensong, and the light eight were made full use of. As the Church of St. Stephen, close to the Ver House Hotel, has a peal of six (tenor 15 cwt.), permission was sought and most courteously given for a pull there on Monday morning. This church is a fourteenth-century building, with the bells in a wooden tower, and the ringing room on the ground floor, at the west end, opening direct into the churchyard. With the 'heavyweight' on the tenor, the bells were set going to Oxford, but it was a novel experience to ring in relays in order that the non-ringers might go out to watch the tower rock. Cordial and hurried thanks were accorded to the local conductor, and tracks were made for Hatfield. 'Eight Bells' were soon found there, after which a visit was paid to the Parish Church for a pull on the ring of ten. Lunch was served at the One Bell Hotel in a most bountiful fashion, and the writer commends this house to travellers, both for comfort, quality and service. A move was next made to North Mimms, where, amid sylvan surroundings, the light peal of eight (tenor 14 cwt.) were enjoyed for a long period. While in the neighbourhood a visit was paid to Hatfield House, the fine park and the magnificent Elizabethan mansion being greatly enjoyed and appreciated.

St. Albans was reached by a tired but happy band. Tuesday saw the break-up of the visit, some journeying homeward, others travelling toward London for the Central Council meeting.

This sketch would be incomplete without mention being made of the bountiful hospitality of Mr. E. P. Debenham and his family on two evenings, though, to the great regret of everybody, their kind host was confined to bed with a severe chill. Despite this handicap, however, he insisted on the engagement going forward. To Mr. G. W. Cartmel, kind thanks are due for his great trouble in making all arrangements, and also to Mr. W. H. Buckingham for an interesting innovation. The fine scenery, kind reception on all sides, the fine churches, and late hours will live long with all who took part in this latest and most enjoyable of the Yorkshire itineraries. The party consisted of Messrs. T. Maude, Mr. and Mrs. J. Cotterell, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Sherwood, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Johnson, Mr. and Miss Naylor and Messrs. A. C. Fearnley, W. Idle, C. Pratt, R. Patterson and S. F. Palmer.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, July 13th, for morning service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 42 mins.: G. W. Clark 1, H. Patrick 2, H. O. Mutton 3, A. Stapleton 4, B. P. Morris (conductor) 5.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—On Sunday, July 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,440 changes): Mrs. E. H. Spice 1, G. H. Spice 2, W. E. Spice 3, E. J. Dobbie 4, E. H. Spice 5, G. Kenward 6, T. B. Dobbie 7, W. Spice, sen. (conductor) 8. A birthday quarter-peal for George Kenward.

LIVERPOOL.—At the Parish Church of St. Nicholas, on Sunday, July 13th, for evensong, Thurstans' quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: W. Fisher 1, E. Jones 2, E. Bounphrey 3, T. Hammond 4, J. Martin 5, T. Gilmour 6, T. R. Butler (conductor) 7, E. Caunce 8. Rung on the back eight, in honour of the visit of his Grace the Lord Archbishop of York to this church.

TIPTON.—On Sunday, July 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Brookes') at St. Martin's Church in 45 mins.: H. Williams 1, G. Hughes 2, B. Windsor 3, T. J. Meeks 4, T. W. Cattell 5, H. Griffiths 6, C. Winwood (conductor) 7, J. Freeman 8. All the ringers are members of the local band, and it is the first quarter-peal by the ringers of the treble, 3rd, 4th, 6th and tenor.

LUTON, BEDS.—At the Parish Church, on July 13th, for evening service, 1,280 changes of Double Norwich Court Bob Major in 46 mins.: E. Shane 1, A. King 2, T. Blackburn 3, Don Mears 4, H. Wood 5, F. Hunt 6, T. Kendall 7, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 8. First quarter in the method by D. Mears, who hails from Offley, Herts.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On Sunday, July 13th, at St. Michael's Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,312 changes) by St. Michael's Guild: S. Warne 1, G. Wiffen 2, G. Melbourne 3, H. C. Reason 4, F. T. Ely 5, G. N. Blake (first quarter-peal in the method) 6, L. W. Wiffen (conductor) 7, A. Wiffen 8.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT AT COLSTON BASSETT.

On Saturday, the monthly meeting of the Nottingham District was held at Colston Bassett. The bells, a very fine peal, with tenor of 22½ cwt., were set going, but as the local ringers were busy in the hay fields the bells had been somewhat neglected, and until one gentleman brought an oil can from his car the bells did not like being pulled about. About 25 members turned up, and the bells were kept going in various methods until about 8 p.m. Mr. J. J. Jackson, of Ruddington, paid a visit, and rang in some nice touches of Stedman, which everyone enjoyed. About twenty sat down to tea at the village inn. Colston Bassett is a charming village with a very pretty little church, tower and spire. The old church and ruins were visited by most of the party, and the old wooden headstocks of the bells were viewed with interest. Favoured with glorious weather, everyone enjoyed this outing.

DOUBLE LITTLE BOB.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In 'The Ringing World' of last week I note that a peal of Double Little Bob Major was rung at Handsworth, Sheffield, conducted by Mr. G. Lewis. I would like to point out to Mr. Lewis that a peal in the same method was first rung at Crayford, and appeared in 'The Ringing World' of March 21st last, under the name of Erith Little Bob. The figures of the method and peal were sent at the same time, but have not appeared. Mr. G. H. Cross some years ago gave me two 'Little' methods unnamed, the present one under discussion and its companion method, Dartford Little Bob, rung at Dartford on February 21st, 1925, the figures of that method and the peal appearing in 'The Ringing World' the following week.—Yours, etc.,

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on July 31st, *St. Lawrence Jewry on the 22nd, St. Andrew's, Holborn, 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.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Bury Parish Church on Saturday, July 19th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions are due. Reports, etc., to hand.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Flixton on Saturday, July 19th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, 1s. 3d. per head. Turn up in large numbers and have a good time.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Turner's Hill on Saturday, July 19th. Tower opened at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The next meeting will be held at Minster, Isle of Sheppey, on Saturday, July 19th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea served at the Blue Bird Cafe at 1/- per head at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury & District Branch.—The annual meeting is to be held at Banbury on Saturday, July 19th. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. This meeting is the formal opening of this new and excellent peal.—R. R. Lewis, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, 17, Easington Road, Banbury.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Lewisham on Saturday, July 19th. Bells 3.30 to 8.30. Tea (near by) at 5 o'clock. Number will be taken in belfry. Business at 7 o'clock in the tower.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Herts and Beds Joint Meeting.—A meeting will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, July 19th. Bells (8) ready 2.45 p.m. Tea is being arranged at the Grange at 5.30. A postcard if you want tea would be a great help for catering purposes. Everyone welcome. Come early and stay late. Postcards to D. C. Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin; C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., Sandy, Beds.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Prees, near Whitchurch, on Saturday, July 19th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Tea 4.30, followed by meeting. All ringers welcome.—Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 19th, at Billingborough. Bells (6) available during the afternoon and evening. Service in the church at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting at 'Tateson's Cafe'.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lincs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Dore on Saturday, July 19th. Christ Church (8 bells, tenor 11½ cwt.) available 2.30 to 7.30 p.m. At 3.30 p.m. a 'centenary' peal tablet will be unveiled by Mrs. A. J. Grant, of Door Moor House. All visitors welcome. Members of the Peak District who have not already done so are earnestly requested to pay their subscription and to obtain any reports they require.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Prittlewell on Saturday, July 19th. Bells (10) from 2.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea in St. Mary's Hall 5.30 p.m.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Southam on Saturday, July 19th. Bells (8) available during afternoon and evening.—Tea at 5 o'clock at the Black Dog. Business meeting to follow.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Appledore, by invitation of the president, the Rev. M. M. Vischer, on Saturday, July 19th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (free) 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden, Kent.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Pitminster on Saturday, July 19th. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow.—P. Merson, Bishops Hull.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—A combined meeting of the Hinckley and Leicester Districts will be held on Saturday, July 19th. Bells of St. Thomas', South Wigston (8) available from 3 p.m. till 5 p.m., and All Saints', Wigston Magna (8) from 6 p.m. till 8 p.m. Tea in St. Thomas' Schools, South Wigston, at 5 p.m. All ringers and friends heartily welcome. Let's have a really good meeting!—W. Cope and A. Disney, Hon. Secs.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at East Meon on Saturday, July 19th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Easton Maudit on Saturday, July 19th. The arrangements will be as usual. A special bus will leave the Market Square, Wellingborough, at 2.45. Return fare 1s.—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—A meeting will be held at Weybridge to-morrow (Saturday), July 19th, when it is hoped members of other districts will attend and give their support. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, kindly provided by the Rector, at 5.15.—H. Hancock, Hon. Sec., 3, Chobham Road, Otter-shaw, Chertsey.

HERTFORDSHIRE AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting will be held at North Mimms on Saturday, July 19th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at a nominal charge after. A train leaves Finsbury Park at 2.17 arriving Brookman's Park at 2.50. Half hourly bus service from St. Albans passes the church. All ringers and friends welcome. — W. Nash, North Mimms, Hatfield, and C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, Highams Park, E.4.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Come to Bromham on Saturday, July 19th, and try the fine toned peal of 6, available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Let us have a record meeting. Visitors welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Dis. Sec., Stagsden.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — North Norfolk Branch.—A meeting will be held at Fakenham on Saturday, July 19th, at 2.45 p.m.—W. B. Duncan, Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District. — The next meeting will be held at Quorn, St. Bartholomew's Church, on Saturday, July 19th. Bells (8) will be ready 3.30. All ringers are welcome.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Huntingdon.—A meeting will be held at Godmanchester on Saturday, July 19th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. —D. Clarke, 36, Cromwell Gardens, St. Neots, Hunts.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Long Sutton on Saturday, July 19th. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Eynsford on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 1s. 3d. per head. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, July 22nd. Half fares up to 2s. paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

SURREY ASSOCIATION (North-Western District) & GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Leatherhead District).—A joint meeting will be held at Ranmore Common on Saturday, July 26th. Tower open for ringing 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea. Those requiring tea kindly inform Mr. A. R. Pink, Railway Hotel, Dorking, not later than Wednesday, July 23rd. All ringers welcome.—D. Cooper and A. R. Pink, Dis. Secs.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A special Guild meeting will be held at Hazelbeech (a new ring of eight) on Saturday, July 26th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.15. Mrs. Ismay is kindly providing tea at 5 p.m. for those who send in their names to either the Master or the general secretary to reach them by first post Monday, July 21st. — R. G. Black, Gen. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

ST. CLEMENT YOUTHS. — St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C.—The annual outing has been arranged for July 26th to Saffron Walden and Dunmow. A charabanc will leave headquarters at 1.30 p.m. As accommodation is limited early application for seats is requested. Members 5s. each, including meat tea.—F. W. H. Sergison, Hon. Sec.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Llantwit Major (Glam.) on Saturday, July 26th. Bells (6) available. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. — Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton, Lancashire.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Bray on Saturday, July 26th. Bells (6) available 6 to 9 p.m. — A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treasurer, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Eccles, on Saturday, July 26th. Bells ready 3.30 p.m.—S. Thompson, Hon. Sec., 16, Market Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held at Calverley on Saturday, July 26th. The bells available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next district meeting will be at Lutterworth on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. A good meeting is requested, all ringers being cordially welcome. — W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Raunds (8) on Saturday, July 26th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. It is hoped members will make an effort to attend to elect officers.—J. Nickerson, Halford Street, Thrapston.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting of the branch will be held at Olveston on Saturday, July 26th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Numbers for tea, please, by 22nd. Roll up and try the celebrated cider after ringing.—Harry Bennett, Branch Hon. Sec., Highfield, Runswick Road, Brislington.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch.—A monthly practice will be held at Castle Eaton on Saturday, July 26th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. A car will be arranged from Swindon G.W.R. Station at 2.30 p.m., if sufficient number notify me by July 22nd. Also a card if tea is required.—S. Hopper, Branch Hon. Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon, Wilts.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. 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.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Flamstead (bells 6) on July 26th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by a tea in the village, at 1s. per head. Will those intending to be present notify me by the 22nd? All ringers welcome.—J. Puplett, Hon. Sec., Aylesbury Road, Tring.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The second district quarterly meeting will be held at West Hallam on Saturday, July 26th. The bells of St. Wilfred's (8) will be available from 2.30 till 4.30 p.m., and from 6 till 8 p.m. Business meeting in the belfry at 4.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. Reports for 1929 can be obtained. Tea can be secured in the village.—George Freebrey, Local Hon. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Thorne on Saturday, July 26th. Bells (8) ready early. Own arrangements for tea. A good attendance is requested.—Percy Gledstone, Hon. Sec., 34, Silverwood View, Conisborough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Batheaston on Saturday, July 26th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. All ringers welcome.—Theo Grant, Hon. Sec., Swainswick, Bath, Somerset.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The summer meeting will be held at Birchington on Saturday, July 26th. Rev. H. A. Serres, Vicar of Birchington, has kindly offered to entertain the ringers to tea. Waterloo Tower, Quex Park (12), will be available; but All Saints', Birchington, are not in ringing order. Service at All Saints' Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present please notify me before Thursday, July 24th?—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Southampton District will be held at Bishopstoke on Saturday, July 26th. Bells from 2.30. Tea at the Anchor Inn 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea please notify me by July 24th.—W. T. Tucker, Hon. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The summer meeting will be held at Hexham on Saturday, July 26th. The Abbey bells (8, tenor 21 cwt.) will be available at 2.30. Tea at the Tynedale Cafe, Tyne Green, at 5 o'clock, 1s. 6d. per head. Will members intending to be present advise me not later than July 23rd?—George S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—Instead of listening to talkies, come to Goodrich and hear the flutes, on Saturday, July 26th. Available 2.30. Preacher, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Guild Hon. Sec. Tea on lawn to those who reply not later than Wednesday, July 23rd.—John Clark, Dis. Hon. Sec., Fern Lea, Chase Road, Ross, Herefordshire.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting of the above association will be held at St. Clement Danes' Church, Strand, W.C.2, on Monday, July 28th. Ringing from 6.30 to 8 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. All members specially asked to attend.—W. D. Grainger, Assistant Sec., 83, Coleman Road, Camberwell, S.E.5.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Our next meeting will be held at Burnley Parish Church on Saturday, Aug. 2nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. A good attendance requested.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The hon. secretary of this district is now Mr. Arthur H. Smith, 26, Church Street, Leatherhead.

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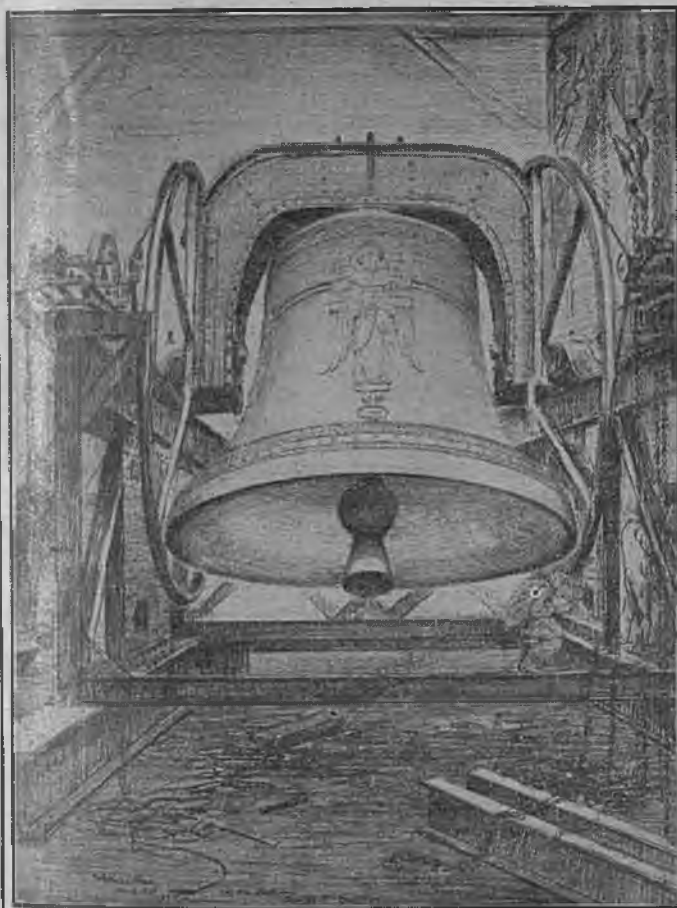
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The relationship between the Central Council and the associations has been much discussed in our columns from time to time. We have always been in favour of a closer tie between the two and for that reason we are glad that the Council decided to approach the associations with a request that they will adopt some resolution by which, in effect, they would pledge themselves to be affiliated to the Council and abide by its rules and decisions. As we have more than once pointed out, some of the associations and guilds have already included such a decision in their rules, but the majority make no reference to the subject, and some, in the past, have deliberately refused to acknowledge the Council in any such way. We hope that this fresh approach by the Council will lead to a general acceptance of the principle that the Council, which is an assembly elected by the associations, deserves the loyal support of those who appoint the members, and that the decisions, come to by the Council, incorporating as they do the considered opinion of the most representative body of the Exercise, should be accepted and recognised.

Whether we like it or not, the Council is growing more and more into a body which is expected to represent, and where necessary, carry out the wishes of the associations. There are still members who prefer the atmosphere of the Council to be that of a body of perfectly independent action, that is to say of an organisation setting itself up as an authority but responsible to nobody and living on the hope that its decisions will be acceptable to the Exercise. That may have been all right in the early days, before territorial associations themselves had found their feet, and before the Council really knew the part that it should play in co-ordinating the practice of ringing and matters appertaining to it. But times have changed, and the majority of the associations do not now pay affiliation fees and travelling expenses merely to give a favoured few of their number an interesting holiday in some distant city, there to settle to their personal satisfaction any questions that may be put before them. If that were so, reluctance to recognise the Council's rulings could well be understood; but in these days associations, for the most part, take a different view of the position. Where they have opinions on any subject which may be before the Council, they expect those opinions to be represented by those whom they elect, and it can only be by a recognition of this principle in the Council that loyalty to decisions of the Council can be expected from the associations. It seems to us that the two things must go hand in hand and when, later, the Standing Committee review the existing rules it must bear this

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aspect in mind. Associations can only be expected to give their full allegiance, if the Council is composed of association representatives and not, as in the view of some members at present, of members who, once appointed, represent themselves only. If this is made clear, there is not one of the constituent bodies who would, we imagine, decline to pledge their loyalty while affiliated to the Council, for, as the point was aptly put, the associations themselves expect loyalty from their own members, and it is, therefore, not too much to expect them in turn to be loyal to their own central organisation.

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| JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... 4 | LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... Tenor |

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by L. C. WIGHTMAN.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the above Guild.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 16, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

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| GEORGE EDWARDS Treble | ERNEST B. CROWDER 5 |
| THOMAS E. SONE 2 | WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 6 |
| WILLIAM E. PITMAN 3 | GEORGE H. DAYNES 7 |
| FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON 4 | ALBERT RELEF Tenor |

Non-Conducted.

Umpire: W. CROUCHER.

Mrs. Pitman sat in the belfry throughout the peal.

OSWALDTWISTLE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 16, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

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| MRS. J. WHEWELL Treble | THOMAS HOWARTH 5 |
| *HARRY HOWARTH 2 | LEONARD SCHOLES 6 |
| JOHN CAVANNAGE 3 | RICHARD BALDERSTONE 7 |
| ARNOLD BRUNTON 4 | LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS Tenor |

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

* First peal.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, July 17, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

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| GEORGE S. TAYLOR Treble | ROBERT L. PATTERSON 5 |
| MICHAEL F. HARRISON 2 | JOSEPH W. PARKER 6 |
| HAROLD E. DITCHBURN 3 | THOMAS H. REEVES 7 |
| JOHN J. LEIGHTON 4 | WILLIAM ARMOUR Tenor |

Conducted by THOMAS H. REEVES.

Arranged for Mr. Thomas H. Reeves, of Birmingham, on a visit to the town. Mr. H. B. Ditchburn has now rung a peal on each bell in the tower.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, July 17, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

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| *ALLISON PURDOM Treble | WILLIAM GRACE 5 |
| CYRIL BRETT-SMITH 2 | JOHN LYDDIARD 6 |
| WILLIAM MARTIN 3 | THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7 |
| OSCAR GILBEY 4 | *CYRIL LING Tenor |

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

* First peal.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble | THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 3 |
| WILFRED WILLIAMS 2 | HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 6 |
| CHARLES W. ROBERTS 3 | JAMES PARKER 7 |
| MRS. E. K. FLETCHER 4 | GEORGE W. FLETCHER Tenor |

Composed by J. W. WASHEROOK.

Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, July 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

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| JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... Treble | LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 5 |
| WILLIAM J. GROOM 2 | DAVID VINCENT 6 |
| WILLIAM C. ROMSEY 3 | LESLIE G. BRETT 7 |
| GEORGE BENNETT 4 | THOMAS WM. LAST Tenor |

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by WILLIAM C. ROMSEY

Arranged to oblige the ringers of the 6th, who hails from Sunderland. It was his first peal of New Cambridge.

OVER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 19, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

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| 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 J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

Rung on the seventh anniversary of the 17,280 Kent Treble Bob Major rung on the same bells by the same band.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 19, 1930, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

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| HAYDN THORPE Treble | JOHN THORPE 5 |
| PERCY JERVIS 2 | SIDNEY F. PALMER 6 |
| WILLIAM A. WOOLER 3 | WILLIAM H. TURTON 7 |
| ARTHUR KNIGHTS 4 | A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS.

This composition, now rung for the first time, contains the 6th the extent Wrong, and the 4th, 5th and 6th the extent in 6th's place, all at five course-ends.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| *ROLAND KENDALL Treble | *HARRY WILDE 5 |
| *ARTHUR SKELTON 2 | †TOM SMITH 6 |
| EDGAR WHITELEY 3 | CECIL DRAKE 7 |
| *SAM LONGBOTTOM 4 | WILLIAM AMBLER Tenor |

Composed by REV. H. EARLE BULWER.

Conducted by WM. AMBLER

* First peal in the method. † First peal, and proposed a member before starting. All members of the local company.

PATTINGHAM, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, July 19, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).

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| ALFRED FALLON Treble | ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 5 |
| HERBERT E. BOOTH 2 | WILLIAM A. JONES 6 |
| HAROLD L. FLAVELL 3 | HARRY BOSWELL 7 |
| ALBERT D. COLLINS 4 | JAMES SHAW Tenor |

Conducted by HARRY BOSWELL.

First peal as conductor.

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DEPTFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

| THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. | | Tenor 14 cwt. | |
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| WILLIAM A. MARTIN | ... Treble | FREDERICK W. THORNTON | 5 |
| JOHN J. LAMB | ... 2 | ERNEST B. CROWDER | 5 |
| *CHARLES ELLIOTT | ... 3 | WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES | 7 |
| FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON | 4 | †ARTHUR P. CANNON | ... Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

* First peal in the method. † First peal, and elected a member in the belfry. Rung to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the consecration of St. John's Church, July 19th, 1855.

LEYTON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SUPERLATIVE AND CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

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| JOSEPH WAGBORN, JUN. | ... Treble | EDWIN F. PIKE | ... 5 |
| JOHN A. WAUGH | ... 2 | JAMES E. DAVIS | ... 6 |
| *JOHN H. CRAMPION | ... 3 | ERNEST BRETT | ... 7 |
| WILFRED WILLIAMS | ... 4 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS | ... Tenor |

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* 100th peal. This peal contains 3,200 Superlative and 1,856 Cambridge, and is the first peal of Spliced Surprise Major by the association. The ringer of the 4th was elected a member of the association previous to starting the peal.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 19, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| *VICTOR EVANS | ... Treble | ARTHUR G. JAMES | ... 5 |
| JOHN EVANS | ... 2 | RALPH H. BIGGS | ... 6 |
| JAMES W. WILKINS | ... 3 | †PERCY NEWTON | ... 7 |
| FREDERICK G. BIGGS | ... 4 | ROLAND BIGGS | ... Tenor |

Composed by H. T. TUCKER.

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.

* First peal on a working bell. † First peal in the method. First peal of Major as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 19, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

E. MORRIS' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 28 cwt.

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| SYDNEY HILLIER | ... Treble | HARRY MOCKRIDGE | ... 5 |
| ERNEST F. WHITE | ... 2 | NORMAN V. ANDREWS | ... 6 |
| JESSE FRANCIS | ... 3 | WILLIAM E. FLETCHER | ... 7 |
| WILLIAM C. WEST | ... 4 | EDWARD C. MARLOW | ... Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM E. FLETCHER.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled by members of the Devizes Branch of the Guild as desired by the general secretary in memory of the late Earl of Radnor, who was a vice-president of the Salisbury Guild and who passed away on June 25th. He was also Lord Lieutenant of the county. The Guild desire to thank the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells for this peal, and also Mr. Marlow for having everything in readiness.

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THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 19, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAUGHAN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| GEORGE POPNELL | ... Treble | PERCY JONES | ... 5 |
| WILLIAM PIKE | ... 2 | DONALD CLIFT | ... 6 |
| GEORGE HAWKINS | ... 3 | A. A. RACKHAM | ... 7 |
| ARTHUR HAWKINS | ... 4 | SYDNEY T. RACKHAM | ... Tenor |

Composed by HOPGOOD.

Conducted by G. POPNELL.

Messrs. W. Pike and P. Jones were elected life members of the Guild, and Messrs. G. and A. Hawkins members prior to the commencement of the peal.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, July 13, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

Tenor 11 cwt.

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| ALPHAUS J. BERRY | ... Treble | KEITH WHITTLE | ... 4 |
| *RUSSELL E. WARD | ... 2 | DAVID WHITING | ... 5 |
| PERCY L. JOHNSON | ... 3 | GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL | ... Tenor |

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

* First peal of Minor.

DEVIZES, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

(DEVIZES BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, July 16, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, SOUTHBROOM,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, called differently.

Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

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| *ALBC T. WEEKS | ... Treble | SIDNEY HILLIER | ... 4 |
| CHARLES D. HEGINBOTHOM | 2 | WILLIAM A. SWIFT | ... 5 |
| GEORGE WINTER | ... 3 | FRANK GREEN | ... Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM A. SWIFT.

* First peal. Rung in honour of the 87th birthday of Mr. Henry Brownlee West, of Devizes, a vice-president of the Salisbury Guild, and for many years the hon. secretary of the Devizes Branch.

AMONG SUFFOLK TOWERS.

Chelmsford ringers had their outing on Saturday, July 19th, when the party, numbering twenty, left Chelmsford at eight o'clock for a tour in South-East Suffolk. About a mile from Colchester the main road was left behind, and they entered the pretty border country, which will live for ever in so many of John Constable's pictures. About 9.45 the party reached Hadleigh, where it was proposed to have the first pull. Here, too, they met the Earls Colne band, who were apparently making a similar itinerary. By the kindness of the Dean's wife, some short touches of Stedman and Grandsire were rung on this tuneful peal of eight, but as the Dean was ill, the singers moved on, pleased to have been able to inspect the church and hear its bells, if only for a few moments. The next stop was at Stowmarket, where touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich were rung on the fine peal. Pushing on through peaceful country lanes, catching a glimpse here and there of pretty little village churches nestling in the trees, Stonham Aspal was reached, with its tower topped by a wooden cage, in which hang ten bells, the gift of a former ringing squire. The bells were soon going to Grandsire Caters in very tuneful fashion. A welcome lunch at the Red Lion, Debenham, had been arranged for by Mr. Ramsey, a local ringer, who met the party. After lunch, the church was viewed, but the bells could not be rung owing to the tower being cracked. A move was then made to Framden, another village with eight bells. Here Grandsire, Stedman and Cambridge Surprise Major were rung and enjoyed. The next church visited was Helmingham, where touches of Bob Major, Superlative and Grandsire convinced the company of the prettiness of its ring of eight. Here they took leave of Mr. Rumsey and pushed on to Henley, where the Rev. W. C. Pearson, himself a ringer, met them. On this light peal of eight, some touches of Stedman and Kent Treble Bob were enjoyed. Then to Ipswich and tea. This was enjoyed about 6.30 p.m., and the party afterwards adjourned to St. Mary-le-Tower for touches of Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Royal—a fitting end to the ringing side of the day. Leaving Ipswich about 9 p.m., Chelmsford was reached about 11, everyone agreeing that the trip had been a most delightful one.

M.C.A. AND LICHFIELD DIOCESE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Re Mr. John Perry's letter in your issue of May 23rd last, and your report of the annual meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, held July 5th, and 'the Midland Counties Association of Change Ringers for the Dioceses of Derby, Leicester, Lichfield and Southwell,' I do not think Mr. Perry or any member of his society need apprehend any alteration of policy by the M.C.A., or a desire to extend its area following on the addition to its title.

When the M.C.A. was formed, a part of one of the original rules read as follows: 'Ringers not resident in the counties of Derby, Stafford, Nottingham and Leicester, may become non-resident members, etc., under certain conditions,' and this rule still exists, so that we are not claiming any new territory, but we want it to be known by the clergy and others that we are, as we profess to be by the objects of our association set forth for many years in our annual reports, a body of churchworkers. Hitherto I am afraid this has been to a great extent lost sight of.

Our action has the support and sanction of all the four Bishops concerned, the Bishop of Lichfield writing on July 3rd, 1929, as follows: 'I can see no reason why you should not add to your title the words "for the Dioceses of Derby, Leicester, Lichfield and Southwell." Such a title does not imply that you are the only ringers' association connected with the Lichfield Diocese.'

I am glad to know that there is a flourishing society in each of the three archdeaconries forming the Diocese of Lichfield.

We have considerable overlapping by associations in all parts of the country, the counties of Derby, Stafford, Leicester and Nottingham being no exception, but I cannot see any harm being done so long as we are all striving to make the best of our art and exercising it for its proper use and not merely as a sport or pastime. We are not 'poaching on others' preserves,' 'acting in direct opposition to what the Church and our associations stand for,' but I do hope we are 'upholding the teaching of the Church to which some of us, at least, are proud to belong.'

I am sorry Mr. Perry and the members of his society have taken umbrage, but let me again assure them that no unfriendly feeling was, or is, intended, and that no extension of territory is contemplated.—Yours faithfully,

W. E. WHITE
(the mover of the resolution).

TOWER HUNTING IN SURREY.

Apsley and Hempstead ringers and friends held their annual outing on July 12th. This year the venue was Surrey, and the beautiful scenery Surrey has, with its hills and dales and woodlands, is a surprise to those who visit the county for the first time. The hills were somewhat trying at times for the means of transport on the occasion of this excursion. The first call was made at Egham at 9 a.m., the residents wondering what was the matter, their bells ringing thus early on Saturday. (It was later learned that the Vicar gave some of his parishioners a splendid excuse!) After ringing had been in progress a short time, the Vicar himself came to welcome the party, and a right hearty welcome it was. It was with regret that the Vicar and his bells were left behind. Things now took on a livelier aspect, as previous to ringing at Egham the morning had been cold, and by the time Cobham was reached everything was as it should be. The Vicar of Cobham being unable to meet the visitors, the curate and one of the local ringers did so, to the pleasure of everybody concerned. After ringing for nearly an hour, a move was made to Leatherhead, where one or two of the party had their first pull on ten. A right royal dinner was partaken of at the Institute, and, much refreshed, Rammore Common was sought—first of all, unfortunately, in the wrong direction. However, after a continual climb of mile after mile, the church was eventually found, and the splendid peal of eight soon put to good use. The stairs to the belfry, which are numerous and deep, caused several comments, but an ample reward was found when the bells were going. Leaving Rammore, another hunt among the hills followed, this time for Kingswood. It was eventually found, a little late, with ringers patiently awaiting the party. The visit here had to be cut short in order to reach Epsom in time for tea. Passing the renowned racecourse, one or two winners were 'spotted' and notes made! and then on to Wright's Restaurant, where a capital tea was quickly disposed of. With great difficulty the party was persuaded to leave, but eventually they reached Kingston, where the back eight of the ten were soon in use. These 'men's bells' were utilised for about three parts of an hour, and then the majority endeavoured to get to East Molesey in time for a ring. This place was eventually reached after taking several wrong roads, but the arrival was so late that the coach was again headed for Kingston, where all the doings of the day were talked over as ringers know how. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the various incumbents and towerkeepers for the use of bells and having things in readiness, and also wish to apologise to any cricketers who, owing to them, were bowled, several stumps having been seen flying during the day, and some of the excursionists wondered if they were the cause of it all!

HERTFORD AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.

JOINT MEETING AT NORTH MIMMS.

This popular fixture was this year held at North Mimms, it being the turn of Hertfordshire ringers to welcome their friends from over the border. Even in these days of easy travel, North Mimms is somewhat difficult of access, and it was therefore very gratifying to find that some forty ringers and friends, including several ladies, had made a successful attempt to find this pretty spot.

Mr. A. W. Coles (District Master, Middlesex Association) took charge of the ringing, which ranged from rounds to Spliced Surprise Major. Youngsters from St. Albans and Enfield showed remarkably good signs of progress.

The service was conducted by the Vicar of Little Heath (North Mimms being at present without an incumbent), who gave the ringers a very cordial welcome and an interesting discourse on the uses of bells in the Middle Ages.

Mr. G. W. Cartmel (general secretary, Herts Association) presided at tea, supported by Mr. W. Pye (Master, Middlesex), Mr. W. Pickworth (vice-president, Middlesex), Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary, Middlesex), Mr. W. Nash (president, Hertford), Mr. G. R. Pye, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, Mrs. W. Pye, Mrs. C. T. Coles, Mr. A. W. Coles (District Master, Middlesex), Mr. J. T. Kentish, Mr. H. Goodenough, Mr. W. L. Buckingham, etc.

After tea, the president of the Hertford Association, welcomed the visitors to North Mimms, expressing satisfaction at the happy spirit prevailing. Mr. Coles, in replying, congratulated Mr. Nash on being elected president of his association for the present year, thanked the Hertfordshire ringers for their cordial welcome, and promised them as sincere a welcome when next they visited Middlesex.

Mr. W. Pickworth proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Little Heath for his very interesting address; to the lady who had so ably presided at the organ; and to the friends who had prepared a very nice tea.—This was seconded by Mr. G. W. Cartmel, and carried unanimously.

An object of interest was the Hertfordshire president's badge of office, a silver bell, which was presented to that association by Mr. Cartmel last year.

Whilst some of the ringers and their friends admired the beautiful grounds in which the church is situated, others paid another visit to the tower for more ringing in a great variety of methods.

NORTH NOTTS RINGERS VISIT EDWINSTOWE.

On Saturday, July 12th, a most enjoyable day was spent at Edwinstowe, when members from Bolsover, Bulwell, Chesterfield, Cuckney, Collingham, Gainsborough, Mansfield, Misterton, Nottingham, Ordsall, Southwell, Sutton-on-Trent, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Treeton, Workson and the local ringers made good use of the bells.

An excellent tea was served in the Parish Room, but owing to the absence of the Rev. F. C. Day Lewis, Vicar, Mr. H. Haigh was asked to preside over the business meeting. He was supported by H. Revill and R. W. Stockdale, hon. secretaries.

Arising out of the minutes of the last meeting, the Chairman remarked that he still held the opinion that a mistake had been made in the cup contest rules at the last meeting.

The Rev. H. H. Skinner, of Misson, and Rev. A. Doxey, of Ordsall, were elected vice-presidents, and Mr. J. C. Hurst and Mr. J. Pierrepont, of East Markham, were made performing members.

A long discussion took place on the subject of the place and date of the next meeting, but it was finally decided to hold it at Misson on July 26th. If the secretary could not arrange this, Tuxford was chosen as the alternative.

The secretary read a letter from the Central Council of Church Bellringers with regard to adopting a rule under which associations agree to loyally abide by the rules and decisions of the Council, but the matter was left over until the association's representative could find the time to be present.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. F. C. Day Lewis, to the caterers, and to Mr. F. Martin for all they had done to make the meeting such a glorious success.

STROUD RINGERS IN BERKSHIRE.

On Saturday, June 28th, the Stroud Branch of the Gloucester and Bucks Association had a most enjoyable day's outing. Leaving Stroud at 8 a.m., and travelling through Cirencester and Fairford, a halt was made at Wantage, where touches of Grand sire and Stedman Triples were rung on the Parish Church bells. The next stopping place was Brightwell, where there is a handy peal of six, which were set going to Grand sire and Stedman Doubles and Cambridge Minor, and afterwards the inhabitants enjoyed hearing the handbells on the village green. The party then proceeded to Wallingford, where they rang Grand sire Triples and Bob Major, and went on to Benson, another peal of eight, and rang touches in the same methods. The next call was Dorchester, with its fine old abbey and bells dating 1320-1328. Here Grand sire and Stedman Triples were rung. The next stopping place was Abingdon, with its nice peal of ten, which were heard in Grand sire Triples and Caters. Stroud was eventually reached about 10 p.m. The incumbents, for their kindness in granting the use of bells, and all the friends who met the visitors at the various towers, are cordially thanked.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Continued from page 459.)

THE COUNCIL'S RULES AND DECISIONS.

Mr. J. A. Trollope seconded Mr. Law James' amendment, that the words 'and decisions' should be omitted from Mr. Cave's motion, urging that there was no single rule in ringing which a band had not a perfect right to break if there was any sufficient reason for it. The rules they had got were not restrictive; they did not say: 'You must not do this,' or 'You must do that.' They were the experience built up through three centuries of change ringing, and the difficulty was that when they came to put these things down in words they did not always say what they meant. They could not look at the rules of ringing as hard and fast things, but as a sort of standard. Mr. Trollope went on to illustrate his point by referring to various developments in method ringing, quoting as one example a rule which said that a method should have as many plain leads in the plain course as there were working bells, a rule which was now breaking down in view of spliced ringing, which was producing a different plain course altogether. The Council's rules and decisions were nothing more than what was, in the opinion of the best people of the Exercise, the highest thing at the time to aim at.

Mr. Coles supported the amendment, and pointed out that despite resolutions of the Council many peals had been rung which did not accord with the Council's decisions.

Mr. W. Willson asked for what purpose did the members of the Council come there year after year? Was it to make decisions and be laughed at? If the rules were not to be accepted they had better scrap the book they had already got. If they were to have rules, the associations should abide by them.

CONSIDERED JUDGMENT.

Mr. P. J. Johnson said their rules and decisions were the considered judgment of those who came there as delegates of the associations. It had been very definitely ruled on many occasions that they had no direct authority over the associations, and that they simply came there as an advisory body, but if they, as a Council, had no more courage than to doubt whether they should recommend the associations to carry out their decisions that they came there to make, what were they there for? (hear, hear). There were some opinions which they could never reconcile, but the decisions which they came to were the considered judgment of that body, and that being so they had a right to expect that they would be accepted by the associations which sent them (hear, hear).

Mr. J. W. Jones said he supported the resolution on the ground that associations expected their members to abide by their rules and decisions, and they ought to expect the associations to abide by the rules and decisions of the Council on the same ground.

Canon Elsee hoped that neither the resolution nor the amendment would be carried. He thought the Council would be well advised to remain as it always had been, an advisory and not a legislative body. He believed that the decisions of the Council would carry more weight with the associations if they remained as they were. He thought it was important that they should respect the independence of each association, and that they should not try to lay down laws that the associations were bound to carry out without any consideration by those who sent their representatives. He pointed out as a parallel the Lambeth Conference of Bishops from all parts of the world, which was shortly to be held in that same building. Its decisions would carry immense weight with the whole Anglican communion, but he believed that all through there would be no law laid down. Opinions would be expressed and certain resolutions carried, but the independence of each church sending its Bishops to that conference would be respected. He hoped the Central Council would follow the same course, the course which it had adopted from the beginning, namely, that, while it considered things carefully and gave considered opinions which ought to carry great weight with the constituent associations, it would refrain from laying down rules and saying that the associations must abide by them.

The Rev. E. S. Powell thought that some of the members were labouring under a confusion of thought, and that confusion lay in the question of the word 'rules.' They had had a speech from Mr. Trollope about the rules of ringing; what the resolution dealt with was the rules of the Council. They were not concerned at all in that resolution with the deeper question of the rules of ringing. Was it not true that the rules of that Council were things which were binding only on the Council, and as such could in no case be carried out by the associations? They were not concerned with points such as those raised by Mr. Trollope. With regard to the question as a whole, he felt rather anxious on the matter. He supposed they all sympathised with the idea that it would be a splendid thing if they could be linked more closely officially as well as unofficially with the associations, but there was a great danger in trying to draw the cords too tight. He believed that the Midland Counties Association and the Yorkshire Association had recently, in dealing with Spliced Minor and Doubles peal ringing, gone further than that Council had gone in laying down that which they would be prepared to accept as a peal. If they put into their rules that they agreed to abide by the decisions of the Council, did it not imply that they also promised that they would not go further than the

Council went? He was delighted to see the Midland Counties Association make this experiment, and he would look forward with a great deal of interest and a certain amount of entertainment to see how it worked out in practice. If the Council adopted this resolution, did it not mean that those who had gone further than the Council would have to draw back?

Mr. Law James' amendment, on being put, was defeated, and Mr. Cave's resolution was carried by a large majority.

Mr. Faulkner asked what the Council would do if an association declined to act on the suggestion?

The President: Nothing; it is merely a request. You cannot do anything if they refuse to act upon it.

Mr. Cave then moved: 'That a committee be appointed to consider, and, if thought necessary, to revise the rules of the Council and report to the next meeting.'

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith seconded.

Mr. C. T. Coles said the Midland Counties Association within the last two years had already ignored the decisions of the Council on thirty occasions in ringing peals which did not accord with the decisions of the Council which made it obvious that the rules of the Council were hopelessly out of date.

Alderman Pritchett suggested that the motion be altered to read: 'That the Standing Committee be requested to consider, etc.' He did not think they wanted a special committee, but the Standing Committee, if they desired to do so, could delegate the work to a sub-committee. That seemed to him the proper way to approach the matter if it required consideration at all, which he was very doubtful about.

The amendment was accepted and the motion carried.

LIVERPOOL FOR NEXT YEAR'S MEETING.

The Council next considered where they should meet next year, the Secretary reporting that the Standing Committee recommended that, as the meeting was due to be held in the North, it should take place at Ripon.

Mr. P. J. Johnson urged the claims of Leeds, which, though not a cathedral city, nevertheless had many attractions to offer to the Council, including six excellent rings of eight and the ring of twelve bells at the Parish Church. The hotel accommodation and the railway facilities were excellent, and in all respects Leeds was a far more convenient place than Ripon.

Mr. Murphy offered the Council a very cordial welcome to Dublin, if they would go.

Mr. G. R. Newton invited the Council to go to Liverpool, whose claims he eloquently pleaded.

The President said that, while they appreciated the offer of the invitation to Dublin, they looked upon that city as being in the west, and its claims would have to be considered when the turn of the next meeting in the West came up for decision. Dublin was a place, which, from the point of view of the Council, would require a good deal of organisation to get there.

Only the other three places were put to the vote, Ripon and Leeds receiving 23 each, and Liverpool 34, so that the last-named city will be the meeting place in 1931.

The Rev. H. Drake had given notice of the following motions: 'That a collection of lantern slides be formed by the Council to illustrate ringing in its various aspects,' and 'All notices of motion to be laid before the Council shall be sent in the names of either of individual members, or of affiliated societies, and shall reach the secretary in time for them to be published a week before Easter as a preliminary agenda. Within a fortnight after Easter other resolutions may be sent to him, but in this case only in the names of the societies.' Mr. Drake asked that these motions might be referred to the Standing Committee to be considered by them when considering the other matters referred to them. This course was agreed to.

AN OUT-OF-DATE 'STATEMENT.'

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, in accordance with notice of motion, called attention to the Council's statement on 'Regular Methods' contained in the Rules and Decisions of the Council. He pointed out that the statement did not cover the ringing of 'Little' methods, and was contrary to Mr. Trollope's suggestion with regard to the altered conditions as the result of spliced ringing. The statement appeared to be out of date, and he moved: 'That the Methods Committee be requested to review the Council's statement on regular methods contained in Rules and Decisions, and report to the next meeting of the Council what, if any, amendments they consider are necessary in view of present developments in method ringing.'

Mr. G. Grover seconded, and the motion was carried without discussion.

The President proposed a formal vote of thanks to the Archbishop of Canterbury for his courtesy in allowing the Council to use Lambeth Palace for its meeting. This was at once agreed to.

Canon Elsee suggested that a message of greeting should be sent to a respected member of the Council who was laid aside by ill-health—Rev. C. D. P. Davies.

Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn seconded the motion, which was cordially carried.

The President said he understood there were present that day at least four original members of the Council, viz., Canon Coleridge, Canon Baker, Canon Elsee and Mr. J. Griffin (applause).

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**A MID-WEEK MEETING.**

A meeting of the Central Division was held at Seaford on Wednesday, July 16th, when the attendance, though not large numerically, was a representative one.

The belfry was open at 2.30, and various touches were brought round, the ringing continuing till 4.30, when a service was held, at which an interesting address on bells and their uses in various countries, East and West, was given by the Vicar of Seaford (the Rev. E. H. Phillips, M.A.).

A collection was taken at the service for the benevolent fund, and amounted to the useful sum of 10s. 5d.

Tea, provided by the kindness of Mr. T. Fisher, the Vicar's churchwarden, was followed by the usual business meeting, the Vicar being in the chair, supported by Mr. T. Fisher, Mr. J. T. Rickman, Master, and Mr. K. Hart, acting as secretary in the unavoidable absence of Mr. A. D. Stone. The agenda was short, consisting principally of the election and confirmation of election of new members. New members elected were Messrs. Alfred Lavender, Eric Osborne and William Hurst, Seaford. The election of Messrs. L. A. Tidy and J. Knight, jun., Limsfield, and F. H. Dexter, Leicester, was confirmed. When this had been disposed of, Mr. Rickman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Seaford for the use of the bells and for his helpful address, coupling with this the names of the host, Mr. Fisher, and the organist; and acknowledgments by these gentlemen brought the meeting to a close.

An adjournment was then made to the tower, where ringing was kept up till shortly after eight, the methods brought round ranging from Plain Bob to Cambridge Surprise.

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Canon Coleridge proposed a vote of thanks to the president, and expressed the gratitude of the members for the admirable way in which he had conducted the meeting. This having been carried, the President briefly replied, and the business terminated.

After the meeting, many of the members took the opportunity of inspecting the Palace, and later on there was a large gathering of ringers and friends at Anderton's Hotel (the headquarters of the Council during the week-end), where an enjoyable social took place, musical items and handbell ringing helping to pass a very pleasant evening.

Major J. H. B. Hesse asks us to state that he was not in favour of the hon. members of the Council being compelled to pay an annual subscription, as reported, but of Alderman Pritchett's proposition that hon. members should be invited to subscribe.

ON SUFFOLK AND NORFOLK BORDERLAND.

On Saturday, July 5th, the St. Clement's Church, Ipswich, bell-ringers had their annual outing, which took the form of a ringing tour on the Suffolk and Norfolk borderland. The first stop was at Cotton (six), where the ringers are exposed to all the weather. The bells are a good peal. The next stop was at Bacton (five), where, after repairing the ropes and several attempts, a course of Plain Doubles was scored, the 'going' being very bad. Leaving here, a run was made to Thelnetham (five), where the church stands in excellent surroundings. The Vicar met and welcomed the party. Blo' Norton (six) was the next stop, and the bells were soon made use of. A run was then made through very pretty country to East Harling. Here was found a good ring of six, with tenor 12 cwt., in good ringing order. Ringing over, a visit was paid to the Bull Hotel for dinner. At Kenninghall (eight) a course of Oxford Treble Bob Major and Bob Major were scored. A mile run through an avenue of trees brought the band to the round tower of Quidenham (eight), where some Bob Major was brought round. The 'going' of both these peals leaves room for improvement. Quidenham Church, like Thelnetham, stands in very pretty surroundings, in one corner of the park. After a group photograph had been taken by the secretary (Mr. F. Bowell), a run over Banham Moor brought the party to New Buckenham (six). At Tibenham there is a fine peal of six, with tenor 20 cwt. Unfortunately, owing to the very bad 'go' of the bells, only a few rounds were possible. It had been arranged to ring at Eye, but having lost much time at Tibenham, it was decided to miss Eye, and go on to Shelfanger (five). Here was found a very unmusical ring, badly in need of a tuner, but in fair ringing order. The return journey was via Diss and Norwich main road, home being reached at 10.30 p.m. The trip covered a distance of 85 miles, and everyone agreed that this, the sixth outing, had been the best. The company wish to thank all the incumbents for permission and arranging for the towers to be open ready.

St. Clement's, Ipswich, bells will not be available for ringing for some considerable time, as the tower has been found unsafe, and all ringing has been suspended since Whit Sunday until further notice. An appeal will shortly be issued for funds for the restoration of the tower, so that the bells may be rung, and any contributions toward this work from ringers interested will be gratefully accepted, the parish being a very large but poor one. £200 is required for the tower and £700 for the church. Any donations will be acknowledged by the Rector.

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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 peal of eight at Christ Church, Epsom, has now been rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., of Croydon, who have also overhauled the ring of eight at Westerham, Kent.

The ring of six at Standish, Glos, are to be rehung in a new cast-iron two-tier frame with complete new fittings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd.

A faculty has been granted to rehang the bells at Godalming, Surrey, and another for the erection of an oak screen to the belfry at Haslemere, where at present the tower is open to the full view of the church.

Liverpool and district ringers will be pleased to hear that the heavy ring of six at Huyton Parish Church are now being rehung with modern fittings in a new framework, and it is hoped to have the work completed early next month. The work is being carried out by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.

A well-worn silver Bath and Wells ringer's pendant has been found loose in the post at the Bristol G.P.O. The owner may have the same on application to the general secretary, J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton, Bath.

Gravesend Corporation, who made a generous grant of one hundred guineas towards the recasting of the bells of the Parish Church, have now voted fifty guineas towards the restoration of the bells of Milton-next-Gravesend, where, in addition, two bells are to be added to complete the octave to commemorate Mr. F. M. Mitchell's 21st year as leader of the tower.

Waterford Cathedral bells, on which the first peal in Ireland was rung, were opened on July 26th, 1872. The peal was rung by a band of College Youths on the following day.

An incident which probably had a considerable effect on ringing a century ago occurred on July 29th, 1785. On that day William Shipway arrived in London from Bath.

The knowledge which Shipway acquired while in London enabled him to write his celebrated text book on ringing, which, published in 1816, was the best until the days of Jasper Snowden.

HOLT'S ORIGINAL NON-CONDUCTED.

At Tonbridge, on Wednesday week, Holt's 'Original' was rung, non-conducted. The only other occasion on which it has been thus rung by the Kent County Association was at Aylesford on April 30th, 1892.

The ringers at Tonbridge were G. Edwards (Penshurst), T. E. Sone (Staplehurst), W. C. Pitman (Canterbury), F. W. Richardson, E. B. Crowder and W. J. Jeffries (St. John's, Deptford), G. H. Daynes (S. Nicholas', Deptford), and A. Relfe (Lamberhurst). Messrs. Sone and Richardson have also called this composition 'round the circle.'

Such interesting performances always lead to inquiries, and we are now asked how many times has the composition been rung 'non-conducted,' and who has called it from all the bells? Can any of our readers oblige?

BELFRY AS A PLACE OF HISTORY.

TABLET UNVEILED AT DORE.

A very pleasant meeting of the Peak District of the Midland Counties Association was held at Dore, near Sheffield, on Saturday, over thirty ringers and friends being present from Baslaw, Bakewell, Bolsover, Derby, Dore, Fairfield, Grimsby, Handsworth, Hathersage, Sheffield Cathedral and Treeton. The beautiful toned ring of eight bells (tenor 11½ cwt.) were raised about 3 p.m., and were made good use of till nearly 8 p.m., Cambridge, Double Norwich, Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire all being tried, while learners also had plenty of opportunities in rounds or six-bell methods.

An interesting ceremony took place at 3.30 p.m., when Mrs. A. J. Grant, of Dore Moor House, who was accompanied by Mr. A. J. Grant, managing director of the great steel firm of John Brown and Company, Ltd., unveiled a beautiful oak peal tablet, commemorating the centenary of the church. In the absence of the Vicar, Mr. H. E. Baggs, Vicar's warden, introduced Mr. and Mrs. Grant, and in asking Mrs. Grant to unveil the tablet, in a few appropriate remarks referred to the ancient custom of erecting peal tablets, some of which, dating back centuries, are now of great interest both locally and nationally. The idea at Dore was to make the belfry a place of history and to record for the benefit and emulation of those that come after, not only these ringing performances (which in themselves were notable in that they required tremendous effort and concentration), but, what was of more importance, to emphasise that these peals were rung to the honour and glory of God, as acts of praise and devotion, and that the tablets recorded something more than ringing performances—historic events in the life of the Church and country. Mr. Baggs emphasised, too, that all the

took part in the peal. It is of solid oak, about 5ft. by 4ft. and 1in. thick, fitted with 'Staybright' fasteners into the walls, which will never rust or corrode. It records that on All Souls' Day, 1929, a peal of Bob Major was rung—particulars of which appeared in 'The Ringing World' at the time—as an act of praise and thanksgiving for the lives of the faithful departed, and especially those who in the preceding 100 years had given of their time and means for the building and embellishment of the church. The peal was rung also to mark the centenary of the church, consecrated on August 22nd, 1829, by Henry Ryder, Bishop of Lichfield and Coventry, and to commemorate the association of the church life of the village with the dioceses of Lichfield and Coventry, Lichfield, Southwell and Derby. The names of the Vicar, wardens, organist and steeplekeeper follow.

The ringing chamber itself had been specially redecorated for the occasion, and presented a pleasing spectacle, being decorated with bunches of roses and carnations, provided by Mrs. Cockey and Mrs. Thorpe, who with Mr. H. W. Westlake and other members of the Church Council were also present.

A tea was provided in the schools, arranged by Mrs. Cockey, and was followed by a short business meeting presided over by Mr. H. E. Baggs, Vicar's warden. The next meeting was fixed for Castleton, probably on August 16th, and two new life members, Messrs. L. Haywood and R. Payne, of Treeton, were elected. Mr. W. Wallace, treasurer of the M.C.A., in proposing a vote of thanks to the wardens, Mrs. Cockey and the other ladies, referred to the splendid condition of the belfry and bells, and to the many improvements which he noticed since his last visit nearly twenty years before. Another old friend, who received a warm welcome, was Mr. Arthur Craven, who in days past has rendered much help to Dore, and who everyone was pleased to note was well enough to have a short touch or two before tea.

RINGING'S UPS AND DOWNS AT HISTORIC DORE.

Christ Church, Dore, postal address Sheffield, but actually within the county and diocese of Derby and in the area of the Midland Counties Association, stands in a commanding position, some 600ft. above sea level and on the edge of the glorious Peak District of Derbyshire. Its sweet-toned bells resound for many miles over the bleak and rugged moorlands towards Carl Wark and Stanage Edge, where, in the dim history of the past, many a grim and bloody battle has taken place, long ere the tramp of the Roman legions resounded on the road to Stanage, and where, in later times, some of the wan and weary fragments of Prince Charlie's army passed on their 450 mile trek back to death and destruction near Inverness. It stands, too, on historic ground, for here, at King's Croft, close to the east wall of the churchyard, if tradition speaks aught, the English nation was born. According to the records in the libraries at Oxford, in A.D. 826, Egbert, King of Wessex, having conquered most of the South of England, East Anglia and Mercia, marched northwards with his army to Dore to attack the Northumbrians. This northern kingdom, however, being in revolt at the time, the King Eadwald came to meet Egbert and offered him submission, Egbert thus becoming first King of all England. This treaty was actually made at Dore on the field which, to this day, is called the King's Field.

In 1820, Dore, then a tiny isolated moorland village, could boast only a little chapel, which had succeeded some 100 years earlier a chantry, formerly served by the monks of Beauchief, and this little chapel in 1828 was 'literally and truly speaking altogether unfit for any person to sit or stand in.' By a mighty effort, aided by valuable help from one of the church societies, the Dore people built for themselves the present pretty little church, which was consecrated by Bishop Henry Ryder, of Lichfield and Coventry, on August 22nd, 1829, and of which the centenary was celebrated on August 22nd last at a memorable and impressive service.

During the incumbency of about 35 years of the present Vicar, the Rev. W. R. Gibson, the church has been greatly beautified and improved, the three most notable additions being a fine 'Te Deum' east window, organ and peal of eight bells. The latter, a particularly sweet-toned ring, tenor 11½ cwt., by Taylor and Co., were dedicated by the Bishop of Southwell on New Year's Day, 1909, and on the same day the first peal, one of Double Norwich, conducted by the late Mr. Sam Thomas, was rung on them. Unfortunately, there are no notable inscriptions on the bells, except that, on the 6th, it is recorded that it was given by the Girls' Friendly Society, and on the 7th by Ebenezer Hall, a great benefactor to the district.

Ringing has had its ups and downs since 1909, and there have been several interregnums of silence. Of late years, however, it has been possible to keep the bells going regularly and to ring an occasional peal on them, but only at the cost of constant alertness against a limited but as keen and vindictive an opposition as it is possible to meet with in this country—an opposition, too, not altogether confined to non-ringers. It may be added, also, that it has been possible to found and train up more than one ringer, of both sexes, of outstanding ability, and that a number of notable peals have been rung, though only in the easier methods. It should be noted, too, that each peal rung since 1922 has been someone's 'first' of one sort or another, including the centenary peal. Of the present band, the majority, including several girls, are under 18 years of age, and a

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CHRIST CHURCH, DORE.

beautiful records in the belfry had been provided without any cost to the church, and that the band of ringers now at Dore, many of them very young, were the survivors of fifty or sixty people who during the last few years had tried their hands at the art of ringing, and from one cause or another had faded away, most of them as soon as they found that it needed real grit and perseverance to become a ringer.

Mrs. Grant, in responding to the request to unveil the tablet, referred to the great interest in and love for the bells which they had at Dore Moor, and to the many pleasing and complimentary remarks which the many frequent visitors there often made concerning them, and to the compliment which had been paid her in asking her to undertake the unveiling.

Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey, people's warden, who conducted the peal, proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Grant, who had specially left another engagement to be present there. He referred to the appreciation of the church authorities at their kindness, and especially to the fact that it was due to Mr. Grant that several additions and improvements to the bells themselves had recently been carried out. He added that the esteem and affection in which Mrs. Grant was held by those who came in contact with her at Dore Church was only equalled by that in which Mr. Grant was held in the great steel firm with which they both had the honour to be associated.

Mr. Grant, in a few words of response, remarked that this was his first visit to a belfry. He expressed his appreciation of the beautiful bells and fittings to the belfry, and assured those present of his interest in their work.

The tablet itself is an exceptionally fine piece of work, carried out by Mr. H. W. Westlake, church decorator, of Sheffield, whose son

THE LADIES' GUILD, ANNUAL MEETING AT BRISTOL.

The annual general meeting of the Ladies' Guild was held at Bristol, on Saturday, July 12th. The attendance was not as large as usual. Ringing took place at St. Stephen's Church and also at the Church of St. John-on-the-Wall. A short service was held at the latter church, conducted by the Rev. D. A. Jaquet, Vicar of SS. James and John, who gave a most helpful address from the text, 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant.' After the service, the Vicar pointed out to the visitors the chief points of interest in the church, which has recently been reopened after restoration.

The Guild members were afterwards entertained to tea at Carwardine's Cafe by the Bristol United Guilds. Before the business meeting, Miss N. G. Williams proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of St. John's for conducting the service, and also to the Vicar of St. Stephen's for the use of the bells, to which Mr. Jaquet replied.

Mrs. Richardson, of Surfleet, thanked the Bristol United Guilds for their hospitality, Mr. Williams, the chairman, replying.

At the business meeting the chair was taken by Miss E. Smith, vice-president of the Western District, in the absence of Miss Steel, the president, who was prevented by an accident from attending. The accounts were presented, showing an excess of income over expenditure for the year of £4 2s. 4d.

The Secretary (Mrs. G. W. Fletcher) presented the following report: 'Although, perhaps, we might have hoped for a year of greater activity and increased membership, which would have rendered the writing of this report a much simpler task, yet we do not feel that we have been unsuccessful in furthering the objects of the Guild. That there is still work to be done goes without saying, and the splendid leading article which appeared in "The Ringing World" some months ago should spur us on to further efforts. There is not the slightest doubt that some of the present districts are too large to be worked satisfactorily, and there are still parts of the country where no work is being done. If we can in any way remedy matters during the coming year we shall do so, but everything depends on the co-operation of individual members. All the districts have held meetings regularly, and the majority have been well attended. Here again difficulties arise owing to the frequency with which some associations hold meetings, and care has to be taken to avoid clashing. Many joint meetings have been held with county and diocesan associations, and these have proved a great success. There is undoubtedly a much higher standard of ringing among members, which is evidenced by the frequency with which their names appear in the peal columns of "The Ringing World" in a great variety of methods. Two peals have been rung for the Guild—one of Bob Major at Bucklebury, and one of Minor in three methods at Gamston. The latter peal deserves special mention, as the conductor, Mrs. R. Richardson, had only previously called one peal. We congratulate the bands most heartily. The Western District has sustained a severe loss through the death of Mrs. William Thomas, one of the Guild's most loyal members, and she will be very much missed. In conclusion, we extend to all district secretaries our best thanks for their work, and again urge members to support them to the best of their ability.'

Miss Steel was re-elected president, and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher hon. secretary and treasurer. Leicester was chosen as the place for the next annual meeting.

Ringling took place after the meeting at St. Philip's Church, the methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The Southern District of the Ladies' Guild held their annual meeting at Egham on July 5th in conjunction with the Guildford Diocesan Guild's summer festival. After tea, with Mrs. G. W. Fletcher in the chair, the business was got through quickly. Mrs. Walker, of Woking, wife of Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O., was elected an honorary member, and the officers were all re-elected, viz.: Miss Bruce (Worplesdon), vice-president; Miss Mills (Farnham), secretary; and Mrs. Hazelden (Guildford), Mrs. Whittington (Cranleigh), Mrs. Melville (Guildford) and Miss Fisher (Aldershot), committee.

It was proposed to hold the next annual meeting at Worplesdon.

A vote of thanks to the secretary brought the meeting to a close. Members are reminded that the next quarterly meeting is at St. Laurence's, Reading, on Saturday, October 11th.

UPS AND DOWNS AT DORE.

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number of them are up to the peal stage. A notable fact is that each member of the band is a regular communicant, and that it is very unusual for any of the band not to take part in the services for which they ring.

One might, perhaps, conclude by quoting the text used by Bishop Ryder at the consecration of the church on August 22nd, 1829, as an expression of hope from now onwards, quite as much applicable to the belfry as to the church itself: 'The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the Lord of Hosts, and in this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of Hosts.' J. E. L. C.

DOUBLE LITTLE BOB.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reply to the communication by Mr. E. Barnett in your last week's issue, I must first rectify one little mistake made by him. The credit of conducting the peal must go to Mr. F. Watkinson, of Handsworth, to whom I supplied the method and composition. I should now like to explain how I came to name it Double Little Bob. I have always understood Little Bob to be Bob Minimus with Major lead-ends, and in the figures given below I would like to try and show that the method rung is the same as Double Bob Minimus. To work the Major method into the Minimus, one pair of bells at least must cross over in each lead. In this case, the 3rd and 6th do this in the first lead, this constituting one set of 4th's place.

| DOUBLE BOB MINIMUS. | DOUBLE LITTLE BOB MAJOR. |
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| 1234 | 1234 5678 |
| 2143 | 2143 6587 |
| 2413 | 2416 3857 |
| 4231 | 4261 8375 |
| 2431 | 2461 3857 |
| 4213 | 4216 8375 |
| 4123 | 4126 3857 |
| 1432 | 1462 8375 |
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As Plain Bob has been rung for ages, I did not consider any place name was required. I therefore sent it to Mr. Watkinson as D.L.B. I hope Mr. Barnett will accept my explanation in the same spirit as it is given, as I can assure him it is given with the kindest intention. I may add that any block of 24 courses can be substituted for the first 24 in the peal (after calling the bob before), thus giving a good variation of peals for conductors. With these remarks, I now leave it to the Exercise to judge whether it is Double Little Bob or Erith, at the same time admitting that the band at Crayford have the claim to the first peal rung.—Yours truly, GEO. LEWIS.

[Mr. Barnett has also written apologising for the slip in giving Mr. Lewis' name as the conductor instead of Mr. Watkinson's.—Ed. 'R.W.']

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. SHIELD CONTEST WON BY SHELLEY.

The meeting and annual contest of the Barnsley and District Association was held at South Kirkby on Saturday, July 12th. The draw resulted as follows: 1 Sandal, 2 Wath (A), 3 Darfield, 4 Shelley, 5 Wath (B), 6 Felkirk. Owing to Sandal company not all being present at the appointed time, they had to take their turn last.

Tea was served in the Church Institute at 5 p.m., about 60 being present.

Felkirk were unable to raise a band, and only five teams were left to compete. The contest finished about 7 p.m.

The business meeting followed, and was presided over by the Rev. C. W. Handford (curate), in the absence of the Vicar. The judge (Mr. J. R. Brearley, of Bolsterstone) presented his report as follows:—

Wath (A), 111 faults; total, 111.

Darfield, 166 faults, 5 penalties; total, 171.

Shelley, 67 faults, 5 penalties; total, 72.

Wath (B), rung out.

Sandal, 93 faults; total, 93.

Shelley were therefore declared winners of the shield and six B.M. teapots. Sandal, being second, received six sets of carvers.

Wortley was selected for next place of meeting.

Mr. C. D. Potter moved a hearty vote of thanks to the clergy, the judge, these providing tea, and the local company for the duties so successfully performed.—Mr. W. Idle seconded.

Mr. W. Reyner, in supporting the motion, suggested that a day be set apart some time next year for a great ringers' rally, all the associations in Yorkshire to be asked to join in.

The Rev. C. W. Handford, in reply, said how pleased he was to welcome the ringers and friends to South Kirkby. He hoped to join in ringing, but being an eight-bell ringer he would require a little more practice on six to make himself competent.

A few of the ringers afterwards adjourned to the belfry and kept the bells going until 9 p.m., which brought to a close an event marked throughout by good spirit and an excellent social feeling.

BEQUEST FOR CURFEW.

A bequest has been made to the parish of Sturminster Newton for the ringing of the curfew. The testator, Mr. Frederick Giles Symonds, a retired bank manager, who died on May 10th, at the age of 83, left estate of the gross value of £14,707. By his will he left £100 upon trust to pay the income to the Vicar and churchwardens of Sturminster Newton towards keeping alive the ancient custom of ringing the curfew bell from Michaelmas Day to Lady Day, any surplus to be paid to the Vicar for the sick and needy fund. He also left £200 to the Vicar and churchwardens, the income to be paid annually to the poor of the parish over the age of 65 years.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. SUCCESS ON A SHILLING SUBSCRIPTION.

According to the report of the Master of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association for the year ended on May 31st last, the association had at that date 153 affiliated towers and 1,664 members—a decrease of three towers and an increase of 11 members.

The 48 peals rung was an increase of 12 on the previous year. The increase, adds the Master, is owing to the large number of peals of Grandsire Doubles. While Grandsire is a useful method, it should be remembered that Minor methods could be rung on six bells, and no good purpose was served by the same band piling up peals of Doubles. The time could be better spent in the practice of Minor methods.

The year 1929 was successful financially, the income exceeding expenditure by £20 ls. At the beginning of the year £30 was placed on deposit. They had now on deposit a sum equal to an average year's income, which put the association in a safe position, and a yearly surplus was assured.

The committee had carefully considered the financial position of the association, and was determined to make a recommendation to the association as to the manner in which the annual surplus should be used. If its recommendation was carried, non-affiliated towers would have a further inducement to join the association. It must not be thought, however, that the association was overburdened with riches. It was one of the few associations which continued to work on a subscription of one shilling per member, and gave its reports free. It was only by the careful and economical working of the branches by the local secretaries that the present satisfactory financial state of the association had been achieved.

DEATH OF THE REV. A. C. R. FREEBORN. HIS SERVICES TO THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

It was only towards the close of the day that it became known to those attending the festival of the Oxford Guild at Oxford that Mr. Freeborn had passed away. For 39 years he was Vicar of Kidlington, where he was successful in restoring his tower and bells, and in gathering round him a faithful band of ringers, chief among whom one remembers such names as Harry Judge, William Bennett and Frederick Webb. All these have now passed to their rest.

Though not a ringer himself, Mr. Freeborn was always ready to welcome ringers and to encourage peal ringing, and among many peals rung at Kidlington in his time was the 17,000 of Double Norwich, in which H. Judge and W. Bennett took part. When the Witney and Woodstock Deaneries Branch of the Guild was started, early in this century, he was good enough to accept the office of chairman, and right well did he carry out his duties, until a few years ago, when failing health compelled him to resign both his office and the living of Kidlington.

As a mark of honour and appreciation he was elected a vice-president of the Guild, and as such he maintained his interest in ringers and ringing matters.

The figure so familiar at Guild meetings was that of an old athlete, and, indeed, in his younger days Mr. Freeborn was a runner of great distinction. A strong and kindly man, and a devoted priest of the Church of God, may he rest in peace. C. W. O. J.

MALDON RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, June 21st, members, with their wives and friends, left Maldon by motor coach for a day's tour. The first stop was at Stratford St. Mary for breakfast. The next halt was at Dobenharn, where, owing to the state of the tower, the bells are unringable. Eye was the next place visited, with its grand peal of eight bells, which were soon swinging to the tune of Grandsire Triples and other methods. After a brief inspection of this beautiful church, and a chat with the Vicar (the Rev. I. R. Vincent), the coach was again boarded, Norwich being reached at one o'clock. Here they were met by Major E. Felce, of the Norwich Publicity Association, who took charge of the party. Ringing was enjoyed at St. Peter Mancroft Church for half an hour. Although the tenor weighs about two tons, the bells go remarkably well. Wymondham was reached at about 6.45 p.m. The massive western tower in this abbey church contains a grand peal of eight bells, which were used well in several methods. Maldon was reached at midnight, after an enjoyable day's outing. Thanks are due to Major Felce, whose services were of so much value in Norwich, and to those who met the ringers at the towers of Eye, St. Peter Mancroft, and Wymondham.

WEDDING BELLS.

On Saturday, July 12th, at the Parish Church of St. Mary, Sandbach, the wedding of Mr. H. Parker to Miss M. Devenport was solemnised, and to mark the event eight ringers met at the church in the afternoon to attempt a peal of Bob Major, which unfortunately came to grief after 2 hrs. 50 mins., nine leads from home, through the rope on the 5th bell breaking. The ringers were: A. V. Rees 1, A. Booth 2, T. Hurd 3, D. Smith 4, J. Tipper 5, W. Stevenson 6, E. Bennett (conductor) 7, J. Worth 8. After the attempt the ringers sat down to an excellent repast, which was provided by the happy couple. Mr. Parker is the secretary of the Northwich Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild held a useful meeting at Weybridge on Saturday. This is one of the few towers that has not yet been affiliated to the Guild, but it is hoped that, as a result of the visit, the band may be reinforced and the tower brought into the Guild. The Vicar (the Rev. E. H. Tritton) gave the Guild a warm welcome, conducted service, gave a homely but inspiring address, and afterwards entertained the ringers to a sumptuous tea in the Vicarage.

Admiral T. P. Walker presided over a brief business meeting, at which the Vicar was thanked for his kindness and hospitality, and thanks were also extended to the organist and to the ladies who waited upon the ringers at tea.

The question of the affiliation of the tower was discussed with the local representatives, and Mr. Taylor, the captain of the band, was elected a member of the Guild. Assistance in instruction in change ringing was offered to the tower, and it is hoped that in the autumn the band will be recruited to full strength and regular practices established.

Mr. R. L. Newman, of St. Albans, was elected as a non-resident life member, and a vote of condolence and sympathy with the relatives of the late Mr. C. Sleet, for 20 years a ringer of Ottershaw, was passed by the members standing in silence.

The next meeting of the district will be held at Ottershaw early in October.

The ringing during the afternoon and evening was limited to Grandsire Doubles and Triples and Bob Minor and Major, but some very useful practice was put in, and 'firsts' of Triples and Major were scored by some of the visitors.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The summer meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Hever on Saturday, July 12th, and was very well attended. In the absence of the Rector, who was on holiday, the service was conducted by Rev. H. C. Edwards, Vicar of Edenbridge, while Mr. Baker, organist of Penshurst Church, presided at the organ. Two churchwardens of Hever were present, and also Canon Cropper, Rector of Penshurst. After service, a move was made to Hever Castle, permission to view this and the beautiful grounds having been kindly granted by Major and Lady Violet Astor on the application of Mr. G. Edwards, of Penshurst. This privilege was much appreciated by the members and their friends, who were much interested in all they saw.

Tea was partaken of at the Henry the Eighth Hotel, and was followed by the business meeting, Rev. H. C. Edwards presiding.

Votes of thanks were passed to Rev. H. C. Edwards, who had given up a cricket match to conduct the service, to the two churchwardens and Canon Cropper for their attendance, to Mr. Baker for his services at the organ, and to Mr. G. Edwards for his splendid arrangements for the meeting.

RESTORATION AT MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND.

CORPORATION'S GENEROUS DONATION.

As announced in 'The Ringing World,' the Parochial Council of the Parish Church at Milton-next-Gravesend opened a fund to restore the present peal of six and add two new trebles to commemorate the 21st year as leader of the tower, of Mr. F. M. Mitchell, who is also hon. secretary of the Kent County Association.

We are pleased to report that the appeal has met with a ready response. Two friends at the church have each promised a bell to complete the octave, and the Gravesend Corporation granted 50 guineas from the borough funds towards the restoration. This, with other generous donations, has resulted in nearly £300 being raised in five months, and the Rector of Milton has kindly promised to subscribe the balance required when all collecting cards are in.

The work will be put in hand at once, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank being entrusted with the order.

If this note should meet the eye of any who have collecting cards, would they please forward same at once, together with any amount collected, to the hon. treasurer, Mr. F. M. Mitchell, 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend, who wishes to thank all who have assisted in this excellent result.

A COMMEMORATIVE PEAL.

The peal of Kent Treble Bob at Over, Cheshire, on Saturday, was rung on the seventh anniversary of the 17,280 of the same method, on the same bells and by the same band, standing in the same places. This is the first occasion that the band has been able to visit Over tower since ringing the long peal. It is also the first peal in which Mr. R. Sperring has taken part since October, 1929, and the band were pleased to note his wonderful recovery after his long and trying illness.

Thanks are due to Mr. Sadler, of Over, who kindly met the band and had everything in readiness for the peal; to Mr. H. Lewis, of Chester, who very obligingly acted as ninth man, and to Mrs. Atherton, of Over, who entertained the band to tea at the conclusion of the peal. It was agreed by all that it was one of the most pleasant Saturday afternoons spent for some time.

THE MINOR METHODS COLLECTION.

A COMPARISON WITH MUSIC.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I have been wondering for a long time now as to when the enlarged collection of Minor Methods would make its appearance, and I am glad to notice that at long last it has been decided to have it printed. But I also observe that there is a division among the members of the Central Council as to the charge that should be made on each copy. Three shillings has been suggested, and, personally, I don't think that this is too much. Taking into consideration the number of methods involved, they would work out at less than one-eighth of a penny each. Surely this is reasonable. On the average it takes about twenty-three minutes to ring the full extent of one method. If you were buying a copy of music for the piano which occupied the same amount of time to play, the cost of this would far exceed the cost of the whole collection of Minor Methods, and I for one would certainly get as much pleasure in ringing that one method as the pianist would acquire from his piece of music. This leads me to believe that we ringers get our pleasures very cheaply, for what is finer than to have a ring on good-going bells, with five other kindred spirits swinging along at a merry pace which sets your blood tingling and makes life worth living? Believe me, if the pianist had access to his music as cheaply as the ringer has to his methods, he would go into raptures. By the practice of a little self-denial, even the poorest ringer could procure his copy, which I can assure him would be well worth while. How a ringer can quibble at paying 3s. for such a wealth of information as this book will contain is beyond the comprehension of yours sincerely,

JOHN E. WHEELDON.

Milton, Staffs.

HILLINGDON RINGERS IN SUSSEX.

The annual outing of the ringers of St. John-the-Baptist Church, Hillingdon, Middlesex, took place on July 5th. The day dawned with a cloudless sky, and splendid weather continued all day. Leaving the church, the ringers, who, with friends, numbered twenty persons, sped along in the fresh morning air, seated in a very comfortable motor coach. Hanworth aerodrome was passed, and the great array of machines about to start for the King's Cup air race proved of vast interest. Kingston, Esher, lovely Oxshott woods, Leatherhead and Dorking were quickly left behind. Shortly after nine, the party arrived at Warnham, so early that even the local ringers had not reached the tower. However, on the arrival of Messrs. Branch and Charman, the bells were raised and touches of Grandsire, Oxford Bob, and Stedman Triples. Plain Bob and Double Norwich Major was rung. Peal boards in the tower were of special interest to the visitors, as the late Harry Chandler, a native of Warnham, who afterwards lived and died at Hillingdon, took part in and conducted many of the peals in question.

Pulborough was the next stop. Here Mr. P. H. Doick was waiting for the party. The church is situated on an eminence, and some very fine views were obtained from the top of the tower. However, the ringers of the party were soon at the ends of the ropes, and touches of Grandsire, Stedman Triples and Kent Major were rung. A conductor must have a good voice to be heard here; in fact, it would be a good idea to hire a sergeant-major to call the bobs!

Bury Hill stood between the party and the objective of the day, Bognor. However, the trusty motor went up like a bird (?), and the seaside was reached shortly after mid-day. Lunch was partaken of immediately, and the excursionists then separated to spend the time as they chose. Bathing, speed boating and ice-cream consuming were among some of the means resorted to to pass away the afternoon. Bognor was left directly tea was disposed of. Chichester, with its Cathedral and campanile, Midhurst and its lovely park, and Petworth were passed, and Chiddingfold was reached according to programme. Here the bells were ready, and various Triple methods, together with Double Norwich Major were rung without delay. The temperature of the bellry rose with the intricacy of the methods (was it a coincidence?), and many parched throats had to be appeased before departure time. The Rector of Chiddingfold greeted the visitors, and the Vicar of Hillingdon, who accompanied his ringers, expressed the thanks of the party for the very warm welcome that had been extended.

The final journey was accomplished safely, the way being through Godalming, Guildford and Staines. Much amusement was caused by the loud cry of 'Fish' from the budding anglers whenever water was sighted. Hillingdon was reached at 10 p.m., and thus the day, crammed full of changing views and incidents, became but a memory.

The best thanks of the visitors is accorded to Messrs. Branch, Doick and Luff, of Warnham. Pulborough and Chiddingfold respectively, for having their bells ready, and to the incumbents of those places for granting permission to ring.

ASHTED, SURREY.—On Thursday, June 18th, for practice, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: G. W. Newberry, J. H. B. Hesse, Miss Irene I. Hastie, G. Mariner, J. Hoyle, A. Smith, G. Cook, A. Harman (conductor).

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION AT PRITTLEWELL.

Probably owing to the distance, the fine afternoon and various counter-attractions, the meeting of the South-Western Division on Saturday at Prittlewell was not quite so well attended as usual. Nevertheless, twenty-two members and friends were present and made good use of this handy peal of ten during the afternoon and evening. After the service, conducted by the Vicar, Canon Ellis-Gowing, who gave up some of his valuable time to be present, the business meeting was held, at which two new members were elected and Hornchurch selected as the place for the next meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks was extended to the Vicar for allowing the use of the bells and conducting the service, to the organist for accompanying, to Mr. Blake and the ladies for providing the tea, and to the members of the local band for having everything in readiness. This was carried with acclamation, after which another visit was made to the tower, and the bells kept going until 8.30 p.m.

Members were present from Barking, Romford, Harlow Common, Leytonstone, Orsett, Beniley, West Tilbury, Broomfield, with members of the local band, and touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Hob Royal, Cambridge and London Surprise Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung.

It is hoped to arrange the next meeting for September 27th; will other district secretaries kindly note?

PRESENTATIONS AT ARDLEIGH.

The meeting of the North-Eastern Division at Ardleigh on Saturday week was in the nature of a birthday gathering for Mr. Neuth, who invited the members to tea, a party of forty-seven sitting down after the customary service in church.

After tea, Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the association), on behalf of the members, presented the Vicar and Mr. Neuth each with a set of pipes and a tin of tobacco as a small token of appreciation of their generosity shown at the annual gathering at Ardleigh for the last ten years. Mr. W. J. Nevard (District Master) also voiced the thanks of the members, whose gifts were greatly appreciated by the recipients.

Much ringing was done on the bells during the afternoon and evening.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY'S TOUR.

The Saffron Walden Society held their annual outing in glorious weather on Monday, July 7th. The party proceeded by charabanc to Foxearth, where the first stop was made. Here on the light peal of eight, the tenor being just over 7 cwt., the methods rung were London and Cambridge Surprise and Stedman Triples. Passing through Long Melford, Lavenham and Stowmarket, Stonham Aspal was reached half an hour behind scheduled time owing to losing the road. Consequently the stay at the tower had to be curtailed. After ringing touches of Stedman Caters and Kent Royal, the party went on to the Lion at Debenham, where an excellent hot lunch was served. In the afternoon, at Framsden, London and Superlative Surprise and Stedman Triples were rung. The next stop was at Helmingham, where the visitors were met by Messrs. W. C. Runsey and G. Whiting. The ring of eight are a musical peal, and all enjoyed ringing on them, the methods being London and Cambridge Surprise and Stedman Triples. Going on to Coddanham, touches of London Surprise, Double Norwich and Stedman Triples were brought round on this peal of eight. After tea at the Crown Inn, the homeward journey was commenced, the route being via Ipswich, Colchester and Bishop's Stortford, and Saffron Walden was reached at 9.45 p.m., a very enjoyable day having been spent. Thanks are extended to the incumbents for the use of the bells at all the towers, also to the steeplekeepers for having the bells 'up,' while special thanks are due to Mr. W. C. Runsey, of Debenham, for the trouble he had taken in arranging the lunch and getting permission to ring at several of the towers.

BRAINTREE RINGERS' TRIP.

The annual outing of the ringers of St. Michael's Church, Braintree, took place on Saturday, July 5th. Leaving Braintree by bus at 8 a.m., the first stop was Galleywood, where the bells were set going to Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise. At Brentwood, the next tower on the list, Cambridge Surprise, Double Norwich and Stedman Triples were successfully brought round. At Hornchurch, a touch of Double Norwich had to be cut short owing to a wedding, but after the ceremony the bride and bridegroom were greeted with a course of Bristol Surprise. At Romford, Superlative and Double Norwich were rung. After lunch came a long drive to Prittlewell, where Double Norwich Major, Stedman and Grandsire Caters and Treble Bob Royal were each brought home. Rayleigh came next, with more Double Norwich and Bristol Surprise. At Great Baddow, the last call, several of the local ringers were met, and the day's ringing was concluded with Double Norwich, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise, and Stedman Triples. Braintree was again reached at 10 p.m., after a most enjoyable day. The ringers wish to thank all the incumbents at the churches visited for the use of the bells, and the steeplekeepers for having the bells ready for them.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

PENSHURST, KENT.—On Sunday, July 20th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: W. Baker 1, C. Baker 2, G. Edwards 3, A. Wiles 4, E. H. Everest (conductor) 5, H. Seal 6, H. Baker 7, K. Lambert 8. First quarter and first attempt, and also a farewell quarter to Mr. W. Baker, who is returning soon to America. The ringers of the 4th and 5th hail from Chiddingstone.

NETHERTON.—At St. Andrew's Church, before morning service, on Sunday, July 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: A. Tilley 1, H. Hill 2, T. Townsend 3, B. Boote 4, A. Round 5, H. Hubball 6, A. Prestidge, sen. (conductor) 7, L. Prestidge 8. Rung for the Sunday School anniversary.

EAST GRINSTEAD.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday morning, July 20th, for service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: E. J. Ladd 1, D. Dwall 2, G. Lambert 3, R. Stredwick 4, J. C. Weller 5, J. Wren (first quarter) 6, E. J. Oliver (conductor) 7, S. Chesson 8.

TIPTON, STAFFS.—On Sunday evening, July 20th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes, Thursdays) in 42 mins.: H. Williams 1, G. Hughes 2, J. Hopson 3, T. J. Meeks 4, T. W. Cattell 5, H. Griffiths 6, A. Rowley (conductor) 7, F. Williams 8. Rung for the Sunday School anniversary service.

HAVANT, HANTS.—On Sunday, July 20th, for evensong, at the Church of St. Faith, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: J. H. Blake 1, H. J. Tucker (conductor) 2, E. J. Hedger 3, W. E. Ticehurst 4, W. Gent 5, W. Marshall 6, R. J. Hasted 7, S. V. Parsons 8. Ringers of 1, 2 and 4 belong to Chichester Cathedral, the rest to the local band.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, July 20th, before evensong, 720 Cambridge Surprise: J. Sitch 1, L. Camp 2, C. Harrington 3, H. Wright 4, G. Camp 5, E. Sitch (conductor) 6. Also 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: B. Sitch 1, J. Sitch 2, L. Camp 3, C. Camp 4, C. Harrington 5, H. Wright (conductor) 6.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTTS, HUNTS.—On Dedication Sunday, July 20th, at the Parish Church of St. Margaret, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. Saunders 1, C. Robinson 2, G. L. Perkins 3, G. Ransome 4, F. Warrington (conductor) 5, J. Perkins 6. After service, two 720's were rung, H. Lavender coming in for G. Ransome and H. Saunders taking 'inside' bell, each extent 15 bobs called differently. The 720's after service were rung as a birthday compliment to Miss C. Perkins. She attained her 21st on the following day.

PENTRE RHONDDA.—On Sunday, July 13th, for the children's flower service, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: H. Page 1, W. Palmer 2, G. Palmer 3, T. Page (conductor) 4, J. Lovett 5, H. Davies 6, F. Lasbury 7, G. Wines 8.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—At St. John's Church, for morning service, on July 13th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples in 46 mins.: F. W. Goodfellow 1, G. F. Baldwin 2, A. G. Twinn 3, F. Corke (conductor) 4, J. H. Lucas 5, G. H. Gutteridge 6, C. A. Nicholls 7, F. Smith 8.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Margaret's Church, for flower service, on July 13th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 47 mins.: W. Gutteridge 1, G. F. Baldwin 2, A. G. Twinn 3, E. Hancor 4, G. H. Gutteridge 5, J. H. Lucas 6, C. A. Nicholls 7, F. Corke (composer and conductor) 8.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows', on Sunday, July 13th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Bird 1, F. Corney 2, W. J. Ellis (conductor) 3, E. D. Lilleywhite 4, E. A. Hull 5, W. H. Seabrook 6, H. Ellis 7, H. W. H. Strickland 8.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.—On Sunday, July 6th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): H. Foster 1, J. Briggs 2, H. Haigh 3, F. Seager 4, T. B. Kendall 5, H. Stott 6, E. H. Simpson (conductor) 7, A. Trotter 8. This is the longest length and first quarter-peal for J. Briggs.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday evening, June 29th, at St. John-the-Baptist's, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters in 52 mins.: F. W. Goodfellow (conductor) 1, F. Baldwin 2, A. Twinn 3, W. H. Gutteridge 4, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 5, G. H. Gutteridge 6, J. J. Pratt 7, G. C. Mayne 8, H. Wingrove 9, F. Smith 10. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

LEWISHAM.—On Sunday, June 1st, for evensong, at St. Mary's Church, H. G. Rowe's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: H. Warnett, sen., 1, C. H. Walker 2, H. James 3, W. W. Fox 4, F. W. Thornton (conductor) 5, C. Davis 6, J. Dafters 7, F. W. Chorley 8.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD.—On Sunday, May 25th, at the Parish Church of St. Michael, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: H. Bull 1, V. Matthews 2, R. Hayden 3, Henry Wacey 4, F. Springham (conductor) 5, W. W. Tucker 6, W. T. Prior 7, W. Wilkinson 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins.: Harold Wacey 1, F. Springham (conductor) 2, H. M. White 3, Rev. F. W. Lane 4, W. T. Prior 5, W. W. Tucker 6, P. Springham 7, E. Ansell 8. These two quarters were rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. Bird and for the christening of his son.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—A meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on July 31st.—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 Eynsford on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 1s. 3d. per head. Half fares up to 2s. paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

SURREY ASSOCIATION (North-Western District) & **GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (Leatherhead District).—A joint meeting will be held at Ranmore Common on Saturday, July 26th. Tower open for ringing 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea. All ringers welcome.—D. Cooper and A. R. Pink, Dis. Secs.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A special Guild meeting will be held at Hazelbeech (a new ring of eight) on Saturday, July 26th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.15. Mrs. Ismay is kindly providing tea at 5 p.m.—R. G. Black, Gen. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

ST. CLEMENT YOUTHS.—St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C.—The annual outing has been arranged for July 26th to Saffron Walden and Dunmow. A charabanc will leave headquarters at 1.30 p.m. As accommodation is limited early application for seats is requested. Members 5s. each, including meat tea.—F. W. H. Sergison, Hon. Sec.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Llantwit Major (Glam.) on Saturday, July 26th. Bells (6) available. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton, Lancashire.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Bray on Saturday, July 26th. Bells (6) available 6 to 9 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treasurer, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Eccles, on Saturday, July 26th. Bells ready 3.30 p.m.—S. Thompson, Hon. Sec., 16, Market Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—A monthly practice will be held at Castle Eaton on Saturday, July 26th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. A car will be arranged from Swindon G.W.R. Station at 2.30 p.m.—S. Hopper, Branch Hon. Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon, Wilts.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Calverley on Saturday, July 26th. The bells available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next district meeting will be at Lutterworth on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. A good meeting is requested, all ringers being cordially welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Raunds (8) on Saturday, July 26th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. It is hoped members will make an effort to attend to elect officers.—J. Nickerson, Halford Street, Thrapston.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting of the branch will be held at Olveston on Saturday, July 26th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—Harry Bennett, Branch Hon. Sec., Highfield, Runswick Road, Brislington.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. 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.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Flamstead (bells 6) on July 26th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by a tea in the village, at 1s. per head. All ringers welcome.—J. Puplett, Hon. Sec., Aylesbury Road, Tring.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The second district quarterly meeting will be held at West Hallam on Saturday, July 26th. The bells of St. Wilfred's (8) will be available from 2.30 till 4.30 p.m., and from 6 till 8 p.m. Business meeting in the belfry at 4.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. Reports for 1929 can be obtained. Tea can be secured in the village.—George Freebrey, Local Hon. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Thorne on Saturday, July 26th. Bells (8) ready early. Own arrangements for tea. A good attendance is requested.—Percy Gledstone, Hon. Sec., 34, Silverwood View, Conisborough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bathaston on Saturday, July 26th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. All ringers welcome.—Theo Grant, Hon. Sec., Swainswick, Bath, Somerset.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Southampton District will be held at Bishopstoke on Saturday, July 26th. Bells from 2.30. Tea at the Anchor Inn 5 o'clock.—W. T. Tucker, Hon. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Wainfleet St. Mary's to-morrow (Saturday), July 26th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Divine service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., The School House, Butterwick, Boston, Lincs.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The summer meeting will be held at Hexham on Saturday, July 26th. The Abbey bells (8, tenor 21 cwt.) will be available at 2.30. Tea at the Tynedale Cafe, Tyne Green, at 5 o'clock, 1s. 6d. per head.—George S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The summer meeting will be held at Birchington on Saturday, July 26th. Rev. H. A. Serres, Vicar of Birchington, has kindly offered to entertain the ringers to tea. Waterloo Tower, Quex Park (12), will be available; but All Saints', Birchington, are not in ringing order. Service at All Saints' Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—Instead of listening to talkies, come to Goodrich and hear the flutes, on Saturday, July 26th. Available 2.30. Preacher, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Guild Hon. Sec.—John Clark, Dis. Hon. Sec., Fern Lea, Chase Road, Ross, Herefordshire.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Misson, near Bawtry, on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Good attendance requested.—H. Revill and R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Secs.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A combined practice will be held at Ash to-morrow (Saturday, July 26th). Bells (5) available 6 to 9 p.m. All welcome.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting of the above association will be held at St. Clement Danes' Church, Strand, W.C.2, on Monday, July 28th. Ringing from 6.30 to 8 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. All members specially asked to attend.—W. D. Grainger, Assistant Sec., 83, Coleman Road, Camberwell, S.E.5.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Our next meeting will be held at Burnley Parish Church on Saturday, Aug. 2nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. A good attendance requested.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A ringing meeting will be held at Teversal on Saturday, Aug. 2nd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Please notify Mr. B. Porter, Manor Farm, Teversal, by Thursday, July 31st. All ringers welcome.—J. W. England.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Bratton on Saturday, Aug. 2nd. Bells (6) ready 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.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The annual meeting of the Preston Branch will be held at Higher Walton on Saturday, Aug. 2nd. Bells available from 2.30. A good attendance is requested.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Totternhoe on Saturday, Aug. 2nd. The bells (6) will be available from 2.45. Eaton Bray (6) available from 6 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Stanton-by-Dale (6 bells) on Saturday, Aug. 2nd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea can be arranged if required. All ringers welcome, and don't forget your methods please. Buses leave Sandiacre Square every half hour; also the Post Office, Ilkeston, every hour.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting at Southwold on Monday, Aug. 4th. Bells (8) available from 11 a.m. Meeting (in tower) 3.30 p.m. Tea (Chapman's Restaurant) at 4 p.m.—H. Drake, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held on August Bank Holiday at Whittlesea. The bells of St. Andrew's (8) and St. Mary's (8) will be available for ringing during the day. Service in St. Andrew's Church at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Tea will only be provided for those who let me know by Wednesday, July 30th. Good bus service from Peterborough.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Whitwell on Saturday, Aug. 9th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea at the Vicarage, by kind invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. J. C. Orr (district president) and business meeting. All ringers welcomed. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Aug. 5th?—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Wormingford on Saturday, Aug. 9th. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. All wishing to attend please notify me not later than Wednesday, Aug. 6th.—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Martin's, Cheriton, on Saturday, Aug. 9th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 5, followed by tea in the Schoolroom. Half fares up to 2s. paid. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

ESSEX, HERTS AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.—Joint meeting at Edmonton on Saturday, Aug. 16th. Full particulars later. Please book the date.—E. J. Butler, W. Lawrence and C. T. Coles, Hon. Secs.

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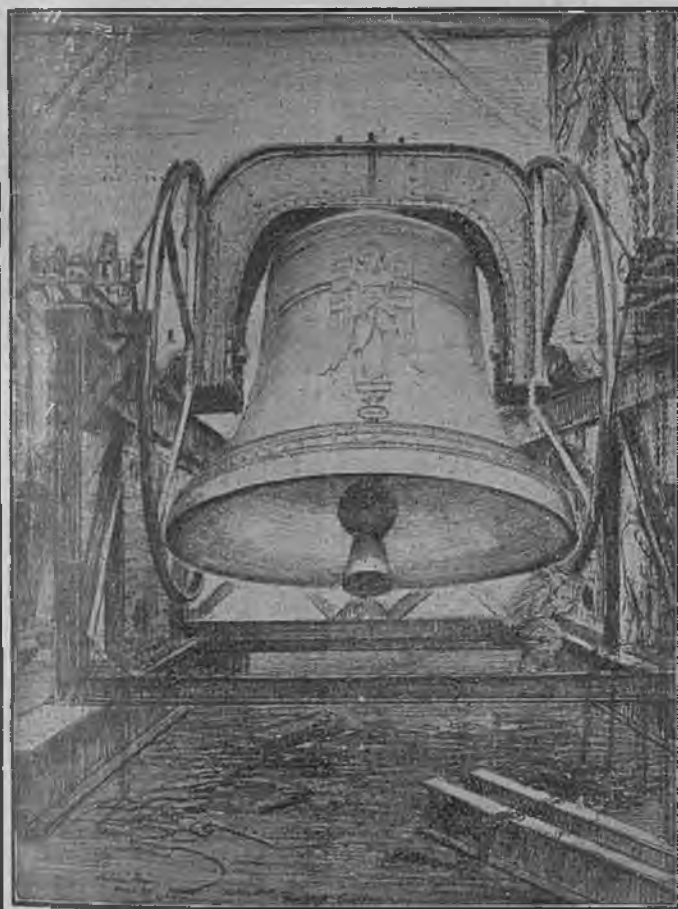
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It is refreshing to find an association ready to spend its surplus in this way. Some organisations go on accumulating a balance and look upon the piling up of a big reserve as good policy. Others, of course, are not in this happy position, but while we agree that it is sound finance not to spend to the last halfpenny, ringing associations are not exactly on the same footing as business concerns, which have to be prepared for trade fluctuations, to meet risks and to shoulder responsibilities. Ringers support their associations with their subscriptions in order that the art and the objects for which the organisations exist may be furthered, and it cannot be said that the hoarding of funds, for the sake of hoarding, helps this in any way. A balance sufficient to cover a year's liabilities ought to be enough to secure the financial stability of any ringing association, and anything beyond that would be well spent in promoting the art.

We are quite sure that much more might be done than is already done by many associations by way of instruction, not merely in the rudiments of ringing, but in helping those who already have some knowledge of it to acquire still more. There might, too, be more encouragement given to young ringers to attend meetings. Many of them can ill afford to travel a distance and meet the other incidental expenses of a meeting and funds might often be usefully employed in this direction. Some associations already pay part railway fares, and this has proved a considerable inducement to ringers of limited means to support meetings which they would not otherwise attend. The encouragement of restoration work by grants to bell funds is another direction in which some associations might do more.

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Composed by the late WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT.

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.

This peal was specially arranged and rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect and sympathy to the memory of the late Lady Ednam, who was killed in the air crash at Meopham, Kent, on the preceding Monday.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, July 26, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

At THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

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| GEORGE F. SWANN Treble | CHARLES WEBB 6 |
| *HENRY H. FEARN 2 | *HAROLD F. MARTIN 7 |
| *C. HOWARD STANLEY 3 | *GEORGE E. FEARN 8 |
| ALBERT WALKER 4 | ALBERT H. WARD 9 |
| WILLIAM C. DOWDING 5 | JAMES BETTERTON Tenor |

Composed by HENRY HALEY.

Conducted by A. WALKER.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 26, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

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| *WILLIAM J. FRENCH Treble | †NORMAN W. GENNA 6 |
| CHARLES T. COLES 2 | ERNEST J. BUTLER 7 |
| GEORGE R. PYE 3 | EDWARD D. SMITH 8 |
| *FRANK G. RINGE 4 | WILLIAM PYE 9 |
| FRANK E. PERVIN 5 | GEORGE A. HUGHES Tenor |

Composed by FRANK HOPGOOD.

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Caters.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, July 26, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF S.S. BARTHOLOMEW AND CHRISTOPHER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

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| ERNEST G. FENN Treble | RAYMOND F. OVERY 6 |
| ALFRED B. PECK 2 | WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD 7 |
| W. H. L. BOCKINGHAM 3 | JOHN H. B. HESSE 8 |
| HARRY R. PASMORE 4 | THOMAS LANGDON 9 |
| HERBERT LANGDON 5 | RICHARD HAYES Tenor |

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by H. LANGDON.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 12, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

E. TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

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| EDWARD LAWSON Treble | ARTHUR HARTLEY 5 |
| ADAM BLOGG 2 | FRED RIGBY 6 |
| JACK CHARNOCK 3 | ALFRED BLOGG 7 |
| HERMON NELSON 4 | GEORGE HEWITT Tenor |

Conducted by ALFRED BLOGG.

Rung in celebration of the centenary of the church.

KIRKBY STEPHEN, WESTMORLAND.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 12, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

At THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb.

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| ERNEST BURNETT Treble | THOMAS S. JEFFERSON 5 |
| EDWIN JENNINGS 2 | JIM TEBAY 6 |
| ALFRED COATS 3 | WILLIAM ROBINSON 7 |
| HARRY TAYLOR 4 | WILLIAM BROADLEY Tenor |

Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

First peal on these bells, which, with the exception of the 7th, were cast in 1877. The 7th bears date 1749. The ringers of the 2nd, 5th, 6th and 7th were elected members previous to starting. This church is not dedicated to any saint, but it is often called after the first Christian martyr.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, July 14, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

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| FRANK R. COOMBS Treble | EDGAR BENNETT 5 |
| WALTER F. JUDGE 2 | WILLIAM H. THORNE 6 |
| JACK JUDGE 3 | CYRIL BENNETT 7 |
| RICHARD A. POST 4 | GORDON CAUDWELL Tenor |

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of sincere respect for the late Rev. A. G. R. Freeborn, a former Vicar of this parish for a great number of years, who was laid to rest on this date.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, July 14, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 31 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

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| JOHN A. D. WEBB Treble | CYRIL D. NICHOLS 5 |
| ERNEST C. S. TURNER 2 | WILFRED WILSON 6 |
| STEPHEN H. WOOD 3 | J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 7 |
| JAMES BENNETT 4 | HARRY FOLKARD Tenor |

Conducted by E. C. S. TURNER.

First peal in the method by all the band and by the association.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 16, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

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| W. BRO. W. H. BOCKINGHAM Z.R. Treble | BRO. WM. G. WHITEHEAD 5 |
| W. BRO. WILLIAM HODGETTS 2 | BRO. STAFFORD H. GREEN 6 |
| BRO. HENRY HODGETTS 3 | BRO. ERNEST BRETT 7 |
| BRO. WILLIAM NASH 4 | ERNEST HOOKHAM Tenor |

Conducted by BRO. S. H. GREEN.

With the exception of the ringer of the tenor, who most kindly and efficiently filled the vacancy at a few minutes' notice, all are Master Masons who had assembled in the hope of scoring a Masonic peal in honour of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, K.G., etc., laying the foundation stone of the new senior girls' school in connection with the Royal Masonic Institute for Girls.

KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

At THE PARISH CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

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| ARTHUR TOMLINSON Treble | WILLIAM ROBINSON 5 |
| EDWIN JENNINGS 2 | JIM TEBAY 6 |
| *CHRISTOPHER NICHOLSON 3 | IVOR J. HEAP 7 |
| ROBERT RICHARDSON 4 | STANLEY EDMONDSON Tenor |

Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

* First peal.

TURNER'S HILL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 23, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 14 cwt.

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| ROBERT SWIFT Treble | ALFRED J. BULL 5 |
| KENNETH SNELLING 2 | GEORGE ELLIS 6 |
| GEORGE OLLIVER 3 | CECIL NICE 7 |
| REGINALD V. JOHNSON 4 | OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor |

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major on the bells.

FEERING, ESSEX.—On Monday, June 23rd, for the birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, 1,056 Bob Major: S. Fisher 1, J. Mason 2, R. W. Pye 3, S. Pye 4, E. Mingay 5, G. Hayward 6, W. Kerble (conductor) 7, F. Fludder 8.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 23, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

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| *P.C. CHARLES ELLIOTT ... Treble | P. INSP. WM. BOTTRILL ... 5 |
| P.C. THOMAS G. BANNISTER 2 | P.C. FREDERICK DIGBY ... 6 |
| CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 3 | ERNEST BRETT ... 7 |
| JOHN H. CRAMPION ... 4 | JAMES E. DAVIS ... Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

* First Surprise peal.

SHEPHERD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 23, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Botolph.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

G. LINDOFF'S SIX-PART, No. 9.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

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| JOHN H. SWINFELD ... Treble | JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... 5 |
| JOSEPH BAILEY ... 2 | EDMUND C. CHASTY ... 6 |
| MAURICE SWINFELD ... 3 | JOHN CURTIS ... 7 |
| CHARLES DRAPER ... 4 | HARRY KIRBY ... Tenor |

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time. The band wish to thank Mr. Kirby for standing in the peal at the last moment.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD

On Thursday, July 24, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, RUTLAND, CAMBRIDGE, SUPERLATIVE,
PUDBSEY, LINCOLNSHIRE, YORKSHIRE, PETERBOROUGH, NORFOLK,
BRISTOL, & NEW GLOUCESTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 6280 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

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| JAMES BENNETT ... Treble | CHARLES T. COLES ... 5 |
| J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 2 | ALBERT W. COLES ... 6 |
| GEORGE M. KILBY ... 3 | HARRY KILBY ... 7 |
| GEORGE R. PYE ... 4 | WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor |

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

This composition contains 1,600 London, 960 Rutland, 480 Cambridge, 320 Superlative, 320 Pudsey, 320 Lincolnshire, 320 Yorkshire, 320 Peterborough, 320 Norfolk, 160 Bristol and 160 New Gloucester, these being the greatest number of methods yet rung in one peal of Major. First spliced peal on the bells.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 26, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

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| MRS. H. BAKER ... Treble | CHARLES H. SONE ... 5 |
| TOM SAUNDERS ... 2 | THOMAS E. SONE ... 6 |
| WILLIAM WENBAN ... 3 | BENJAMIN J. BAKER ... 7 |
| WILLIAM E. PITMAN ... 4 | CHARLES W. PLAYER ... Tenor |

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

A birthday peal for Mrs. T. E. Sone. 50th peal of Major as conductor.

KINVER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, July 26, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

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| *FREDERICK G. HANDLEY Treble | ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 5 |
| †HARRY BOSWELL ... 2 | CHARLES WM. COOPER ... 6 |
| HERBERT E. BOOTH ... 3 | ALFRED FALLON ... 7 |
| ARTHUR E. WHATMORE ... 4 | JAMES SHAW ... Tenor |

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

* First peal and first attempt, and proposed a member of the above society previous to starting. † Fiftieth peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to C. W. Cooper.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 24, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

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| PETER CROOK ... Treble | NORMAN BERRY ... 5 |
| CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... 2 | WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 6 |
| *JOSEPH SLATER ... 3 | JOHN POTTER ... 7 |
| WILFRED J. MOSS ... 4 | PETER CROOK, JUN. ... Tenor |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

* First peal in the method.

SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 26, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| FREDERICK GREEN ... Treble | FRANK I. HAIRS ... 5 |
| MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... 2 | FREDERICK W. CRIPPS ... 6 |
| FREDERICK N. SMEATON ... 3 | JACK M. CRIPPS ... 7 |
| FRANK BENNETT ... 4 | *JOSEPH GREEN ... Tenor |

Conducted by JACK M. CRIPPS.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

COLMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, July 26, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At Holy Trinity Church.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

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| R. B. LAMBERT ... Treble | F. LAMBERT ... 5 |
| W. D. ASHDOWN ... 2 | E. J. LADD ... 6 |
| *D. DIVAL ... 3 | J. WREN ... 7 |
| J. W. KNIGHT ... 4 | ALBERT EDWARDS ... Tenor |

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by ALBERT EDWARDS.

* First peal. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. G. Lambert, secretary to the East Grinstead band, and secretary to the East Grinstead and District Guild.

THATCHAM, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 26, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

MATTHEWS' TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.)

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| ALBERT H. SMITH ... Treble | ALBERT J. W. BIRD ... 5 |
| *MISS E. DORIS BLENCOVE 2 | REGINALD W. REX ... 6 |
| MISS RUBY M. HAZELL ... 3 | GEORGE GILBERT ... 7 |
| MISS DOROTHY R. FUTTER 4 | SAMUEL QUINTIN ... Tenor |

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal with a bob bell. Also a birthday peal for Miss Hazell. This peal was specially arranged and rung as a thanksgiving to mark the clearing of a £750 debt.

TIDESWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(PEAK DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, July 26, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

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| GILES CHAPMAN ... Treble | WALTER BINGHAM ... 5 |
| GEORGE H. PAULSON ... 2 | MAURICE E. WILSON ... 6 |
| MISS ELIZABETH FOULK ... 3 | SYDNEY F. PALMER ... 7 |
| ALFRED G. WALLACE ... 4 | J. E. LEWIS COCKEY ... Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by J. E. LEWIS COCKEY.

Rung for the festival of St. James. First peal on the bells, restored recently by Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. First peal by Mr. Giles Chapman, of Tideswell. First peal in the method and first peal for 25 years by Mr. G. H. Paulson, of Darley Dale. The band wish to express their sincere thanks to the Vicar, the Rev. R. Fletcher Edwards, to the local company and to the ladies for the kindly welcome which they received, and for the generous hospitality provided after the peal.

MANCHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 26, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. MARY GEORGE AND DENYS,
A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR. 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D. flat

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| G. RONALD EDWARDS... ..Treble | JOHN COOKE 5 |
| THOMAS HAMMOND 2 | GEORGE R. JONES 6 |
| PETER LAFLIN 3 | JAMES F. SMITH 7 |
| LESTER L. GRAY 4 | JAMES C. E. SIMPSONTenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

First peal of Major on these, the back eight of the ten, since they were rehung.

DORCHESTER, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 26, 1930, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

E. MORRIS' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

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| WALTER F. JUDGETreble | RICHARD A. POST 5 |
| FREDERICK W. WOODWARDS 2 | WILLIAM HUTTON 6 |
| EDMUND A. PASSAM 3 | WILLIAM SIMMONDS 7 |
| WILLIAM STONE 4 | *ARCHIE DAVISTenor |

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 26, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

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| MISS KITTY WILLERS... ..Treble | SIDNEY J. COLMAN 5 |
| MISS DORIS CLARKE 2 | PEARL INSKIP 6 |
| GEORGE L. PERKINS 3 | ALFRED G. RIVERS 7 |
| FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 4 | FRANK WARRINGTONTenor |

Composed by the late DAN PRENTICE.

Conducted by ALFRED G. RIVERS.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Wilfred Ibbett, of Eynesbury, and Miss Catherine Fields, of St. Neots.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WORTH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 21, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

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| CECIL NICETreble | GEORGE ELLIS 4 |
| ROBERT SWIFT 2 | ALFRED J. BULL 5 |
| KENNETH SNELLING 3 | OLIVER SIPPETTSTenor |

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

WIGMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 26, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

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| WILFRED T. GOUGHTreble | JOHN J. PRICE 4 |
| WILLIAM J. BENIAMS 2 | *WILLIAM R. NASH 5 |
| ALBERT E. JONES... .. 3 | FRANCIS EVANSTenor |

Conducted by FRANCIS EVANS.

* First peal of Minor. Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. E. Irving Watson, Vicar of the above church.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 26, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Double Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt.

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| ROBERT G. KNOWLESTreble | SIDNEY T. HOLT 4 |
| FRANK LAWRENCE 2 | CYRIL TANSSELL 5 |
| FRED HAWKES 3 | CHARLES CAMMTenor |

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

WRENBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 26, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| JOHN PARKERTreble | GEORGE CRAWLEY 4 |
| ALBERT THOMAS 2 | ARTHUR ALLMAN 5 |
| JOHN BRASSINGTON 3 | ALBERT CRAWLEYTenor |

Conducted by JOHN BRASSINGTON.

First peal in the method on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA.

ST. ALBAN'S RINGING GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 7th, 1930, in One Hour and Fifty-Three Minutes.

AT ST. MARGARET'S MISSION HOUSE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different compositions of 720, containing 165 Bobs and 36 Singles.

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| SISTER ANGELA 1 | SISTER VIVIAN 3 |
| SISTER MADELINE 2 | SISTER MARY 4 |
| CANON G. H. RIDOUT 5-6 | |

Conducted by CANON G. H. RIDOUT.

Umpire: SISTER JOSEPHINE, who ticked off every lead end.

Rung as a farewell to the second ringer, who was just starting for furlough in England.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, July 10, 1930, in One Hour and Forty Minutes.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one spliced 720, ten of Pitman's 240's, and eight of Morris' 240's, all called differently.

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

Conducted by E. C. S. TURNER.

First peal of Grandsire Doubles by all the band.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 26, 1930, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

AT THE DEANERY.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

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| GEORGE WIFFEN 1-2 | WILLIAM KEEBLE 5-6 |
| LEWIS W. WIFFEN 3-4 | ALBERT WIFFEN 7-8 |

Composed by DR. F. E. W. MEADOWS.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

This peal was rung during the progress of a garden fete held at the Deanery by kind permission of Deun Browning to raise funds for the rehanging of Bocking bells.

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HOLT'S ORIGINAL NON-CONDUCTED AND MEN WHO HAVE CALLED IT 'ROUND THE CIRCLE.'

The performance at Tonbridge, where Holt's Original was rung non-conducted, as recorded in our last issue, with the inquiry as to how many times the composition has been rung in this way, and how many ringers have called it from every bell, has brought a number of replies.

Among the most interesting are the recollections of Mr. Challis F. Winney, who writes: Holt's Original was rung non-conducted for the first time on October 23rd, 1884, at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, and 'in hand' for the first time on March 11th, 1887. About 25 years ago it was rung by the Waterloo young 'school,' with Messrs. Wilde, Davis, Barton and Co. C. F. Winney has called it all round on tower bells and from each even pair in hand. A racy story is told of a parson who in one such peal on tower bells missed the sallie and thus struck his most correct blow. On another occasion Mr. Tanner, sen., who had lost one or two fingers from one hand, missed the sallie just before the second single, and the bell set up. The peal was put on a fortnight later, and was called by Mr. James Pettit from the tenor, and he thus 'completed the circle.' But he was not the first to do so. The week before, Mr. Charles Hounslow, of Oxford fame, finished the calling of the peal from every bell, and thus was the first person to do so. That was over fifty years ago. Our friend James Washbrook did it, and, of course, the indefatigable Alfred Pulling has done it. There may be others.

Mr. Alfred Rowley, of Brierley Hill, writes: Congratulations to the band who rang it at Tonbridge, Kent, on July 18th. It would be interesting to know if, besides being non-conducted, the peal was rung strictly silent, and no sign or motion made by any person in order to keep the ringing going and so secure the peal.

I had the pleasure of making one of a band who rang this composition under these conditions, at Christ Church, West Bromwich, on November 20th, 1909. The band stood as follows: J. Timms 1, Rev. C. C. Cox 2, S. Reeves 3, Rev. E. V. Cox 4, R. Pickering 5, A. Rowley 6, T. H. Reeves 7, J. C. Adams 8. Messrs. T. Miller and W. H. Godden, two well-known Birmingham ringers, acted as witnesses in the ringing chamber. The former, who has this particular method at his finger ends, checked the ringing from the figures of the peal, while the latter kept his eyes open to see that there was no sign or motion made by any member of the band.

In answer to the question, who has called this composition from all the bells, the ringer of the 3rd above did so, and I think I am correct in saying that each time he called it it was on a different peal of bells. I have also done the same, but my peals were called at the church to which I was attached as a ringer, viz., St. Martin's Parish Church, Tipton, popularly known as 'The Black Country Pepperbox.' In conclusion, I may add I have also called a peal of Bob Major and Kent Major from each bell at 'The Pepperbox,' each peal a different composition.

Mr. H. J. Tucker, now of Chichester, has called the peal three times 'round the circle,' calling it from the tenor at Holy Trinity, Newington, London, on April 4th, 1885, for the Ancient Society of College Youths; at St. Andrew's, Hertford, on July 4th, 1885, for the Hertfordshire Association; and at St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford, on December 26th, 1900, for the Essex Association. In all, he has called the peal thirty-three times.

Mr. G. E. Symonds, of Ipswich, took part in the peal non-conducted on June 4th, 1898, at St. John's, Waterloo Road, S.E. He has called this composition three times from each working bell, twice from the treble and once from the tenor.

BECCLES RINGERS' ANNUAL OUTING.

On Saturday, July 19th, the Beccles company of ringers held their annual outing, accompanied by a few friends from neighbouring towers. The weather at the start was not very pleasant, but the 50-mile run to Lavenham took the party quite out of the rainy area. At Lavenham, the party were met by Mr. H. Symonds and his son, and some short touches were rung on the fine peal of eight. Sudbury was the next place, and after lunch the visitors were met by Mr. A. Scott, who took them to St. Peter's and to St. Gregory's Churches for more ringing. Unfortunately the grand peal at All Saints' Church could not be rung owing to the recent fall of a beam in the tower, but it is hoped that the bells will soon be restored to good going order. Then came tea, and after this a short run to Long Melford, where the local company met them, and the bells were kept going until it was time to start on the long journey home, which was reached about midnight, and everyone agreed that this was one of the best outings yet held. The methods rung during the day were Grandsire, Plain, Sledman, Treble Bob and Double Norwich, and a course of Cambridge Major at Sudbury with the help of some of the local band. The best thanks of the company are tendered to Mr. A. Symonds, of Lavenham, Mr. A. Scott, of Sudbury, and Mr. Ambrose, of Long Melford, for their kind assistance in making the arrangements, which made this day such a success, and to the incumbents of the churches visited for the use of the bells.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

A quarterly meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association was held at Llantwit Major on Saturday last, and proved a most successful and pleasant one. The Vicar, Rev. Canon David, heartily welcomed the members on arrival. The bells, a ring of six, by Mears and Stainbank, were raised early in the afternoon and rung in various methods. Service was held in the fine old Parish Church, the Canon officiating, and his address being much enjoyed.

Tea, which had been very generously provided by the Vicar and churchwardens, was followed by the business meeting, Canon David kindly taking the chair.

Before reading the minutes of the previous meeting, the Hon. Secretary asked all present to stand as a last mark of respect to the late Mr. George Martin, of Bedwas, who met with a fatal accident the day following the last meeting at which Mr. Martin attended.

Instructors' reports and various matters were discussed, including the election of the whole of the whole of the Llanarth ringers, who wished to join the association. Instruction is being given at that tower by Mr. Clift, of Usk. The whole of the Llantwit ringers also rejoined.

The circular letter received from the hon. secretary of the Central Council was read in regard to the proposal of including in the rules of the association that it be affiliated to the Central Council and loyally abide by the Council's rules and decisions. The general feeling was in favour of such a rule, but the final decision will be made at the next annual meeting to be held on December 26th.

The next meeting will be held at Caerleon, with Trevelthyn as an alternative.

The best thanks were given Canon David for his great interest in the bells, his ringers and his exceptional kindness and hospitality.

The bells were afterwards rung during the evening.

SURREY ASSOCIATION AND GUILDFORD GUILD MEET.

A most successful and enjoyable joint meeting of the Guildford Diocesan Guild (Leatherhead District) and Surrey Association (North-Western District) was held at Rammore Common on Saturday. Although the weather was very unsettled, a good muster, numbering well over forty ringers, attended at this delightful spot and enjoyed ringing on the grand peal of eight bells, which were set going soon after three o'clock to call changes and Grandsire Triples for the beginners and progressed, as more ringers arrived, to Cambridge, London and Bristol Surprise Major, the striking being all that could be desired. The Rector (Rev. G. F. Heslop) conducted a short service, Mr. F. E. Darby kindly filling a gap at the last moment by playing the organ. Tea followed, presided over by the Rector, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all, though it was noticed that those on the open-air table cast anxious glances at the sky between mouthfuls of bread and butter and cake.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells and conducting the service, also to Mr. Darby for playing the organ. The Rector suitably replied, and ringing was then continued until nine o'clock and brought to a close another very enjoyable joint meeting between these two associations.

THE FIRST PEAL AT TIDESWELL.

The first peal has now been rung on the fine peal of bells recently restored at the glorious Church of St. John-the-Baptist, Tideswell, Derbyshire, well named the Cathedral of the Peak, a photo and description of which appeared in 'The Ringing World' some little time since. It was a source of great pleasure and satisfaction to the genial and enthusiastic Vicar (the Rev. R. Fletcher Edwards) and the locals generally that one of their number, Mr. Giles Chapman, who has had very little experience of eight-bell ringing, was able to ring the treble through the peal. The peal followed a largely attended wedding, and was listened to with interest by scores of visitors to this historic spot. At its conclusion, the Vicar and several of the locals ascended to the ringing chamber to tender their congratulations, and on reaching the church again the band signed their names in the visitors' book with a note to the effect that they had just completed the first peal on the bells. An interesting signature on the same page was that of Mr. Geo. Bernard Shaw, who had, however, signed before the ringing took place.

A substantial tea was provided by the Vicar and a number of ladies, who very kindly attended to the wants of the band. The Vicar announced that he intended to put up a board recording the peal in the ringing chamber, and suggested that it should be unveiled on the last Saturday in September, when it was hoped to hold a Peak District meeting there. The only regret was the absence of the Rev. W. P. Wright, vice-president of the M.C.A., who was prevented by indisposition from ringing, and whose genial presence and racy anecdotes at the tea were greatly missed.

The band would like to thank, too, Mr. Chapman, one of the wardens, who took them round the church and explained its many beauties and items of interest.

The ringers came from the following towers: G. Chapman, Tideswell; G. H. Paulson, Darley Dale; Miss Foulk, Duffield; A. G. Wallace, Bakewell; W. Bingham, Dore; M. E. Wilson and S. F. Palmer, Sheffield Cathedral; J. E. Lewis Cockey, Dore.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. DERBY DISTRICT.

The second quarterly meeting of the Derby District was held at West Hallam on Saturday. About twenty members and friends attended, and good use was made of this light ring of eight bells. The methods rung ranged from Bob Major to Cambridge Surprise Major, under the mastership of Mr. E. H. Clarke.

The Rector extended a hearty welcome and expressed his willingness to become an honorary member. Afterwards, he showed a party of visitors round the beautiful grounds of the Rectory.

After the tea the business meeting was held, Mr. W. Wallace being voted to the chair (in the absence of Mr. H. Fletcher, vice-chairman). Two new honorary members were elected, viz., the Rev. G. H. Hartley, Vicar of St. James', Derby, and the Rev. W. Ratcliffe, Rector of West Hallam. Mr. Percy H. Tate was elected to act as Ringing Master at the next quarterly meeting, which will be held at Belper.

BURTON DISTRICT.

A ringing meeting was held on Saturday, July 12th, at Barton-under-Needwood. There was a fair attendance, including representatives from Burton, Barton, Repton, Overseal, Uttoxeter, Melbourne and Rolleston. The usual business meeting was held in the belfry, Mr. T. Meredith being elected chairman.

After discussion, it was decided to hold the next meeting at Hanbury on Saturday, August 16th.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells. During the afternoon and evening, the bells were kept going, and touches of Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, etc., were successfully brought round.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A well attended meeting of the Western Division took place at Flamstead, on Saturday, when ringers were present from Apsley End, Hemel Hempstead, Harpenden, St. Albans, Linslade, Berkhamstead, Redbourn, Tring, Dunstable and the local company. The methods rung ranged from Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor. A service was conducted by the Vicar, who also presided at the organ.

At the meeting which was held at the Vicarage, the Vicar (the Rev. T. C. Clare) welcomed the ringers, who, later, by great applause, elected him an honorary member. Eight of the young band were also elected ringing members.

After the meeting, more ringing took place, everyone being well pleased with the tone and go of this fine peal of six.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Southern District was held on Saturday, July 19th, at Lewisham, there being rather a sparse attendance, but some good work was done, the bells being kept going from 3.30 to 8.30 under the direction of Mr. Mance, Master. Mr. Herbert (secretary) was away in the Isle of Wight, Mr. Mackrill kindly filling the office pro tem.

A feature of the meeting was the fact that, although only 15 or 16 attended, Cambridge and Superlative were rung, so it is supposed that most of the ringers were 'highbrows.'

There were no outstanding points in the business meeting, and the usual routine was quickly got over.

Votes of thanks were accorded to Mr. Warnett (steeplekeeper) and to the Vicar for the use of the bells.

DUNSTABLE RINGERS' OUTING.

The annual outing of the Dunstable Priory Church ringers took place on Saturday, July 12th, when they were accompanied by the Rector, Rev. G. C. Rolfe. Leaving Dunstable at 8.15 a.m., the first part of the run was to Bicester, just over thirty miles away. Ringing on the peal of eight (tenor 15 cwt.) was enjoyed, and then the journey was continued to Kidlington, where, after an inspection of the fine old church, the belfry was visited, and touches rung. A move was made to Oxford for dinner, and this was an event which will long be remembered by all the party. The dinner had been arranged by the Rector at his old college (Worcester), and the privilege of using the fine dining hall was much appreciated. The majority of the party spent the afternoon in the lovely grounds around the college, but six of the more energetic visited St. Giles' and New College to ring with members of the Oxford Guild who were in the city for their annual festival. The party met again for tea, and on the homeward journey rang at Thorne and Haddenham. At Aylesbury, a social hour was spent, and Dunstable reached at 11 p.m., all agreeing that a more enjoyable day could not be spent. A noteworthy feature of the outing was that every tower visited was reached dead on scheduled time. The methods in which the ringers took part during the day included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Boh, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise and Stedman Caters, with rounds for the two juniors. The best thanks of the party are extended to the clergy for their permission to ring, and local ringers who at each tower met the visitors.

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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.

From a preliminary notice elsewhere, our readers will perceive that the restored octave at St. Mary's Church, Penzance, is to be dedicated by the Bishop of Truro on Monday, August 25th. It is hoped that ringing friends who are visiting the West at that time will endeavour to be present.

The heavy ring of eight (tenor 30 cwt.) at St. Stephen's Church, Elswick, Newcastle-on-Tyne, are undergoing a comprehensive scheme of rehanging by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are also restoring the ring of eight at Earls Colne, Essex, and rehanging the peal of six at Illogan, Cornwall.

The bells at East Grinstead, Sussex, are temporarily out of commission on account of repairs to the tower.

Another peal of Bob Minor has been rung on handbells at Johannesburg by Canon G. H. Ridout and four sisters of St. Margaret's Mission House. A few months ago we recorded their first peal, and now they have added a second one, rung prior to the departure of one of the sisters for furlough in England.

By the peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Margaret's, Leicester, the conductor, Mr. Ernest Morris, has now called peals of Triples, Caters and Cinques in both Grandsire and Stedman on these bells.

Some of the 'old 'uns' of the Worcestershire Association rang a peal of Stedman Triples last week. All were over 60 years of age, all have rung over 100 peals, and all are either past or present officers of the association—but the details of the peal have not yet come to hand.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. LEWISHAM DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District was held at St. Martin's Church, Eynsford, on Saturday, when some thirty members attended. During the afternoon and evening touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise were rung. Service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. T. H. Groves, who gave an interesting and somewhat unusually presented address.

After tea, the business meeting was held, with Mr. W. J. Jeffries presiding. The members congratulated those present who had taken part in the non-conducted peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's original) on a splendid performance.

One new member was elected, and the election of two ringers previous to peals was confirmed.

St. Mary's, Lewisham, was selected for the annual district meeting in October.

Mr. F. W. Richardson proposed 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 for his services.—This was carried unanimously.

The members then heard with interest of proposed improvements to the bells of SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Bromley.

At the close of the meeting, the members returned to the tower for further ringing, finally dispersing at 8.30 p.m., after a successful gathering.

NEW RING OF EIGHT IN NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

A FINE PEAL AT HASELBECH.

DAUGHTER'S GENEROUS GIFT IN MEMORY OF HER FATHER.

Haselbeck, a tiny parish with a total population of about 120 souls, situated in some of the most celebrated Northamptonshire hunting country, has been unknown in the past to ringers, or, indeed, to any but a very limited world. It is, however, now likely to claim attention in the Exercise in future from the fact that there has just been installed in its grey old tower a ring of eight bells, which should prove not only the pride of the village but a joy to Northamptonshire ringers and any others who may seek out this old-world spot. Haselbeck has a more famous neighbour in Naseby, where Cavaliers and Roundheads clashed during the turmoil of the Civil War, but in recent years, at any rate, it has been fortunate in having in its midst a family whose desire has been to promote its wellbeing. About twenty-one years ago Haselbeck Hall, which the church adjoins, was taken by Mr. Charles Bower Ismay, a member of the firm who built up the fame and fortune of the White Star Line. Mr. Ismay died in 1924, leaving a widow and an only child, Miss Florence Delaplaine Ismay, who have continued to reside at the Hall. Mrs. Ismay has been the 'fairy godmother' of Haselbeck, 'Miss Del' has been the idol of the villagers. On Monday of last week

bells. These have been saved by the use of a specially designed headstock, by which the canons are enclosed in a kind of circular box and the bell held to the stock by bolts which pass right through to the top of the casing. One of the difficulties of rehanging old bells without sacrificing the canons has thus been effectively overcome.

Owing to the confined space of the tower, which on the inside is little more than ten feet square, the bells are hung in two tiers, the fourth, fifth, seventh and tenor being in the bottom frame, with the treble, second, third and sixth mounted over them. The frame itself is of iron carried on steel girders, which are secured at their ends into the walls. In this way the tower has been reinforced, and the thrust of the swinging bells is counteracted by a strong and extremely rigid structure. The bell frame and clock chamber have both been lowered, and, as the ringing takes place on the ground floor, rope guides have been fixed, while the sound of the three small bells can be accurately regulated to suit the ringers by the provision of sound pipes fitted with adjustable dampers. Glass shields in the louvres help to regulate the sound of the bells outside the tower, and both inside and out they can be evenly heard. All the fittings are, of course, new, and of the most modern type, and the bells, being in ball bearings, run perfectly. A new chiming apparatus has



THE PICTURESQUE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, HASELBECH.

the bonny girl whom they have seen grow up to womanhood 'came of age,' and the whole countryside spent a day of rejoicing and celebration. There were presentations of birthday gifts, commemorative tree planting, tea for the parishioners, sports, entertainments and supper for nearly 500 people from the two villages of Haselbeck and Naseby. But the chief event of a memorable day was the dedication of the new bells with which Miss Ismay has endowed the church as a memorial to her father.

THE NEW BELLS.

Hitherto the church has possessed four bells, cast in 1621 by Hugh Watts, of Leicester. Of these Nos. 2 and 3 were bells of excellent quality, and they have been retained in the new peal. No. 2 has been left untouched, and the rest of the peal have been based upon it. No. 3 had only to be slightly tuned, and the two are incorporated as Nos. 4 and 5 of the octave. The new tenor is 15 cwt. in F sharp, and the peal is a very fine one, reflecting the greatest credit on the founders, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., of Croydon, who have performed their work with characteristic skill. The balancing of the clappers has been particularly well done, and it is impossible to distinguish the old from the new bells. Moreover, the firm have surmounted, in a very efficient way, the obstacle of the canons, so that there has been no mutilation of the two 300-year-old

been installed and Haselbeck is now one of the most inviting places that a ringer could wish to visit.

The following are the inscriptions and weights of the bells:—

- 1.—Diameter, 26in. 'We praise Thee, O God.' Weight, 4 cwt. 0 qr. 23 lb.
- 2.—Diameter, 27in. 'My song shall be alway of the loving kindness of the Lord.' Weight, 4 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.
- 3.—Diameter, 28in. 'Rejoice with them that do rejoice and weep with them that weep.' Weight, 5 cwt. 0 qr. 17 lb.
- 4.—Diameter, 29in. 'John Walpole, Thomas Ireland, Churchwardens, 1621.' Weight, 4 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.
- 5.—Diameter, 31in. 'Cvm sono si non vis venire nunquam ad preces cupies ire, 1621.' Weight, 5 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.
- 6.—Diameter, 34in. 'Glory be to God Most High, and on earth peace, goodwill towards men.' Weight, 7 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.
- 7.—Diameter, 33in. 'The two bells dated 1621 were tuned and six bells added by Florence Delaplaine Ismay, July 21st, 1930.' Weight, 10 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.
- 8.—Diameter, 43in. 'To the glory of God and in memory of Charles Bower Ismay. The gift of his only child, Florence Delaplaine Ismay, 1930. Rev. George Ernest Jackson, Rector; Matilda Constance Ismay and Alexander Moore, Churchwardens.' Weight, 15 cwt. 0 qr. 12 lb.

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The treble and tenor of the old four bells, which were indifferent in tone, have been preserved in the church as interesting relics. Their inscriptions are:—

No. 1.—'George Bagshawe, Parson, 1621.'

No. 4.—'IH'S. Nazareuus Rex. Ivdeorvm Fili. Dei Misere. Mei 1621.'

THE DEDICATION.

There was a notable gathering for the dedication, which was performed by the Dean of Windsor (Dr. Arthur Baillie, C.V.O.), the service being conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. G. Jackson).

During the singing of the psalm, 'I was glad when they said unto me,' the Dean, clergy, churchwardens and choir walked to the belfry, and the churchwardens took the rope of the new tenor bell, handed it to the Dean, and requested him to dedicate the bells. The Dean received the rope with the words: 'I solemnly set apart and dedicate these bells to the glory of God and to the use of this church, in memory of Charles Bower Ismay, separate from all profane and unhallowed uses.'

Having delivered the rope to the Rector, with the command to 'take heed that they be ever and only used to His service and for His glory,' Dr. Baillie offered prayer for those whom the bells should summon to worship, for those 'plighted in Christian faith and love' for whom the bells should ring, for the sick that the bells might be to them a reminder of the prayers of the church for the absent, and finally for the ringers of the bells.

Then the Rector chimed the treble bell, and a plain course of Sledman Triples was rung by a band of ringers of the Peterborough

to the fact that social things may change, politics may change, our whole position may be changed, but one thing is safe—men will go on finding life in God through Jesus Christ. And so long as they do that, so long will they value the place which is set apart for them to come and exercise their fellowship with God. May God therefore bless this gift to you; may it be a beginning of a time when you use more fully the great opportunities offered to you for life with God.'

As the congregation left the church, two courses of Double Norwich Court Bob Major were rung on the new bells, and, later, three courses of Superlative Surprise. Those who took part in the ringing were Messrs. F. Wilford, T. R. Hensher, W. Rogers, R. G. Black (hon. secretary of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild), C. Bird, S. J. Lawrence, W. J. Dove, T. Tebbutt, B. O. Soden, with Mr. C. F. Johnston, who was present to represent the founders, and the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn.

RINGERS' DAY.

Owing to the festivities, which, despite an almost continuous down-pour of rain, were kept up until midnight, a huge marquee providing cover for everyone, the ringing was limited, but members of the Diocesan Guild and many visitors had their opportunity on Saturday, when the bells were thrown open, and nearly 150 ringers and friends were the guests of Mrs. and Miss Ismay.

Ringling started early in the afternoon, and touches in a variety of methods were rung from Grandsire Doubles to London Surprise Major. The Guild service was conducted by the Rector, the congregation filling the little church. Mr. F. Wilford read the lesson, and the Rector gave a happy address, in which he welcomed the Guild



Haselbech bells, showing the special type of headstock on the 4th and 5th, which has enabled the canons of the old bells to be preserved.

Diocesan Guild, under the supervision of the Master, Mr. F. Wilford, of Northampton, who had made all the arrangements for the ringing.

After the hymn, 'Hark, hark, my soul,' the Dean of Windsor delivered an address. They had just dedicated, he said, to the service of God a noble gift which had been added to their ancient church by a parishioner in memory of a parishioner. That gift would mean a great deal in the life of the village and neighbourhood. It was only one gift in the long history of the church on which generation after generation had left a mark. This reminded them of a remarkable fact, that through all the history of this country the one thing that had withstood all other changes had been the Parish Church. There had been extraordinary changes of social conditions, extraordinary political changes, and changes of opinion and outlook; things like the castle and the monastery had been swept away; yet through all the Parish Church had remained stable.

It was a tremendous thought, declared the preacher. People said lightly that the Church had lost its influence. They had said it a hundred times in centuries past. It was not true. The sort of 'floating' people who used to go to church through habit might not be going so much through habit to-day, but there were just as many people to-day who found in what the Church provided as much a source of life as ever.

'As the bells of Haselbech ring out now,' concluded the Dean, 'more richly and nobly than before, they ought always to be witness

to Haselbech in connection with the greatest occasion which had ever happened in the history of the bells of the parish. Of all the appointments of their churches, he said, perhaps those which were more closely linked with the lives of the people than any other were the bells, which marked the occasions of rejoicing and mourning in individual, parochial and national life. The bells called them all to the duty of worship, and, although in these days the faith of some people might have received some serious damage, the voice of the bells was for ever reminding them of the great truths that existed. The bells would go down from generation to generation as something which linked them together, and he hoped they would be the means of leading many to God's House who would not otherwise come.

Afterwards the large party sat down to tea in the Village Hall, whose accommodation was so much overtaxed that a number had to wait for a second sitting, and meanwhile sought to pass the time by further ringing. At the close of the tea, at which Mrs. and Miss Ismay, the Rector and Mr. C. F. Johnston were present, Mr. Wilford proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Bower Ismay for her great kindness in providing a sumptuous repast. In the words of one of the speakers at Monday's festivities, that also was a 'great do,' and they appreciated very much Mrs. Ismay's hospitality. They also thanked Miss Smce, who had had a great deal to do with the arrangements, and the other ladies who had looked after them. Mr.

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Wilford also thanked the Rector for the use of the bells, for the service and for his address, also the Rev. J. White, of Pitsford, who had presided at the organ, and the organ blower.

Mrs. Ismay said that they in Haselbeck all felt that the thanks should be the other way about. They ought to thank the ringers for coming to enable them to hear the beauty of the new bells. The ringers had given them great pleasure. They owed a great deal to those who rang the bells, she added, for if there was one sort of music in the country that an Englishman or woman learned to love, and which made their heart grow tender, it was the sound of the English church bells (applause).

Mr. C. F. Johnston, on behalf of the ringers, tendered their congratulations to the donor of the bells on her coming of age (applause). It had been the aim of all concerned in the installation of the bells to put in a peal which should be a model one for the belfry, and not only for the belfry of a village, but for a town. Great consideration and care had been taken not only to provide for the comfort of the ringers, but to study the comfort of the population who had to listen to them from outside the tower (applause). Proceeding, Mr. Johnston appealed to the ringers of the diocese to assist in forming a band of ringers for Haselbeck. In the first talk he had with the Rector, Mr. Jackson was, frankly, pessimistic as to being



THE DONOR OF THE BELLS.

Miss F. D. Ismay, with the two ancient bells which have been incorporated in the peal.

able to get the bells rung when they got them, but he had assured the Rector that when the bells were put in, ringers would spring up like mushrooms in the night (laughter), and he went on to say he was sure that Mr. Wilford and the officers of the association would see them over the first few difficult months. He had thus somewhat committed the association in advance, and he hoped they would forgive him and would do their best to help. Mr. Wilford, as they already knew, brought a band for the dedication service, and Mr. Black had arranged the very successful meeting that day. In conclusion, Mr. Johnston expressed the appreciation of himself and of the firm's staff at the happy relations which had existed between them and the Rector and churchwardens and everybody concerned during the progress of the work, and asked the company to drink the health of Miss Ismay.

This was done with rousing cheers, and Miss Ismay, in reply, said it was lovely to see so many present that day. It had been a great pleasure to her to give the bells, and they looked forward to hearing them rung.

The Rector thanked Mr. Johnston for the admirable work which had been done in the tower. He and his staff had spared no pains to perfect the work. For a number of years they in that parish had hoped against hope that they might some day have one more bell to raise their peal to five, but now their wildest hopes had been exceeded, and they were, almost miraculously, in possession of a

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SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR.

A PEAL RUNG IN ELEVEN METHODS.

After several unsuccessful attempts, a peal in eleven Surprise Major methods was rung at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Thursday, July 24th. It was hoped to ring this peal at Willesdon, where the five, six and ten method peals were rung, but three attempts, in which failure came on each occasion after ringing over half the peal, were recently made at that tower, and to avoid having to postpone a further attempt until October (owing to holidays intervening), it was arranged to try for the peal at St. Giles-in-the-Fields. Here the slower pace of the bells proved a great help, and a good peal was rung. The continuous changing of methods makes it imperative that everybody should be on the alert, and a bad trip is impossible. Mr. William Pye again proved himself a wonderful conductor, and nothing in the way of a mishap was allowed to develop.

It was the opinion of the whole of the band that this composition is much more difficult than the ten-method peal rung by them in August last, owing to the way in which the methods are spliced together. If any Surprise experts find ringing one-method peals too easy, they are advised to attempt some of Mr. Pitman's clever compositions.

We understand that that gentleman has a peal in twelve methods ready for any band wishing to go in for new records, but meantime all ringers will join in congratulating the band who rang the eleven-method peal upon adding another and still greater performance to their previous notable achievements.

THE COMPOSITION.

5,280 BY ALBERT J. PITMAN.

| | | Methods. One | | lead each of | |
|---------|----------|--------------|-----|--------------|----|
| 23456 | M. W. H. | | | | |
| 36452 | — | 2 | R | Lin L B | |
| (46253) | — | | L | Pud | |
| (26354) | — | | N | Y | |
| 43652 | — | — | N | Lin R | |
| 32654 | — | 2 | R | S R | NG |
| 56423 | — | — | R | Pud Pet | |
| 46325 | — | — | Pet | S L | |
| 25564 | — | — | L | Y L | |
| 53462 | — | — | L | C R | |
| 24365 | — | — | L | C L | |
| 34562 | — | — | L | C L | |

Four times repeated.

The course-ends bracketed are not actually rung, Norfolk cutting out the H. lead. Norfolk must be rung with a fourth's place bob.

The methods are noted as follows, the figures showing number of changes: L=London 1,600, R=Rutland 960, C=Cambridge 480, S=Superlative 320, Pud=Pudsey 320, Lin=Lincolnshire 320, Y=Yorkshire 320, Pet=Peterborough 320, N=Norfolk 320, B=Bristol 160, NG=New Gloucester 160.

From the above composition peals in six to eleven methods are obtainable. A six-method peal may be had by ringing Bristol (three leads) for Peterborough, and Cambridge at every Middle lead. By substituting other methods as shown above, peals in seven to eleven methods may be obtained.

ST. NEOTS AND EYNESBURY RINGERS' WEDDING.

At St. Neots Parish Church, on Saturday, the marriage took place of Mr. Wilfred Ibbett, of Eynesbury, and Miss Catherine Fields, of St. Neots. Both are excellent ringers, and they will carry with them the best wishes of the whole Exercise in their future home at Winchester.

Miss Fields, it will be remembered, was district secretary of the Hunts District of the Ely Diocesan Association, and her untiring efforts for the good of the cause is well known to all who knew her. She was always ready to help a beginner and to take her place in service ringing. Without doubt, both will be much missed at St. Neots.

An excellent peal of Treble Bob at St. Neots, recorded elsewhere in this issue, was rung to mark the occasion immediately after the ceremony. After the peal, the band joined in the wedding feast. The honeymoon is being spent at Mablethorpe.

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splendid ring of eight. He had nothing but praise for the work done by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who had put in one of the finest peals in the county and had given them a first-class job (applause).

The ringers then returned to the tower, where the rest of the evening was spent in ringing touches, and the bells were lowered in peal as darkness began to settle over the countryside.

For the villagers, however, the day was not ended. Later on, there was a display of fireworks, which had been postponed from the previous Monday on account of the rain.

On Sunday afternoon a band of ringers from Northampton and Market Harborough revisited Haselbeck and rang touches of Stedman Triples and Double Norwich Major before and after a children's special service.

THE OUTING SEASON.

RINGERS EXPLORE THE COUNTRY.

This is the season of the 'annual outing,' and every week-end sees a 'general post' among ringers, who by road or rail seek out new lowers in which to exercise their skill. Below are some of the reports which have reached us, telling of happy days spent among the bells:—

AN ESSEX WELCOME.

There is, perhaps, a no more enjoyable way of spending an occasional Saturday than by invading fresh towers and ringing with new-found friends. And if it happens to be anywhere in Essex you are assured of the pleasantest possible time with the minimum of trouble. So a party of thirteen from Diss and district found out on Saturday, July 19th, when they allowed themselves to be projected into an almost foreign territory and to be persuaded to exercise themselves with the aid of strange ropes. Diss was left behind before 7 a.m., and in about a dozen miles the whole party sat on its allotted seat, discussing the day's programme and other matters. Ardleigh was reached at nine, and courses of Treble Bob and Double Norwich rung, accompanied by various volunteers by an enthusiastic organist, who may, or may not, have been the Vicar. Great Tey was reached with some difficulty, an arm of the law sadly disgracing himself. But the tower was reached more or less according to programme, and Mr. Percival, of the local band, met the wanderers. Here Treble Bob and a good touch of Plain Bob, with the young member of the local company, a complete master of the treble, was brought home. In this touch was an extreme of ages, with a gap of sixty-six years!

Braintree and lunch were the objectives, and at the Nag's Head Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Essex Association) courteously met the party and gave them a hearty welcome to Braintree. It is impossible to express the gratitude of the visitors for the help given and kindness shown before and on the day by this gentleman, whom the association are very fortunate to have at the head of such a live organisation. Braintree's fine little ring impressed all who heard and rung them for the first time, while the neat belfry contrasted strongly with some they had left behind. Treble Bob, Stedman, Double Norwich and Superlative were rung here to the satisfaction of everyone.

Coggeshall's eight were soon discovered and the church admired, as were some of the bells, but it was felt that the frame and bearings could mutually be improved. A course of Kent and one of Plain Bob seemed to suffice the demands of the most enthusiastic. A move was then made to Kelvedon. Here old friends were met in Mr. William Keeble and Mr. Elliott. It was not long before this grand peal, with its 21 cwt. tenor, was heard to advantage in Cambridge, while courses of Treble Bob and one of London, in which the baby of the party rang his first on six, were begun and ended with rounds at the appropriate place.

Mr. Keeble accompanied the party to Colchester, where Day's restaurant proved an attraction. Proceeding to Thorington, a good peal of six was found, and a far superior gentleman in the person of Mr. William J. Nevard. Following touches here, Mr. Nevard was to direct the bus to Bromley, but he soon lost himself in a cloud of dust of his own making. After an exciting chase, his car was seen in the distance crawling along to enable the chariot from Diss to catch up. Great Bromley has many interesting features. First the hats high up on the east wall of the tower, with the dates when their owners, in answer to a higher call, had no further need of them. Second, the grand toned peal of six recently rehung. Treble Bob, Plain and Cambridge were rung, the latter touch with Mr. Nevard handling the 15 cwt. tenor with wonderful ease. Handbells were produced at a neighbouring place of refreshment, and double-handed Grand sire Caters and Bob Major brought round. Mr. Nevard and his friends were left all too soon at 9 p.m., but home was then felt to be several miles off, and it was at 11.30, with the trip mileometer registering 157, that the last remaining ringer was disposed of at Diss.

Our heartfelt thanks to you, Master and members of the Essex Guild of the association, for the kindness of your welcome! N. G.

NORTON RINGERS' OUTING.

On Monday, July 14th, the St. James' company of Norton Church, near Sheffield, had their annual outing, Skegness being the venue. Accompanied by the Vicar, churchwardens, and other churchworkers, a start was made at 6 a.m. from the Vicarage, in a 30-seater saloon coach. The first scheduled stop was at Gainsborough, where a hearty welcome by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Round-Turner, and representatives of the ringers, was given to the visitors. The fine peal was soon going to the tune of Bob Major and touches of Grand sire, and whilst this was in progress, other members of the party were given an interesting tour of the interior. The ringing of the bells at the early hour of eight o'clock caused a lot of interest in the vicinity of the church. Resuming the journey through Louth, where so much damage was done by floods a little time ago, the beautiful spire of the Parish Church was an object of much interest. Skegness was reached about 11 a.m., after a pleasant journey, and,

after refreshment had been taken, the various attractions of the seaside were indulged in, followed by a reunion at 4 p.m. at the Savoy Hotel on the promenade, where all enjoyed a splendid tea. This 'course' being over, the Vicar, the Rev. Mr. Pegg, M.A., said how pleased he was to be one of the party, and hoped that he would be present on many more events of like character.—He was supported in his remarks by Mr. E. Hunstone, senior warden, who expressed his pleasure at being able to be with them and, although eighty years of age, looked forward to future occasions, as he always considered the ringers' outing the outing of the year. Mr. Swift (warden) also made a humorous speech, and then, after a short stroll on the front, a start was made for home. Shortly after leaving Skegness a terrific rainstorm was encountered, but the party were well protected, and suffered no inconvenience. Returning via Spilsby and Dunham Bridge, Norton was reached at 10.30 p.m., everyone being delighted with the day's outing, and wish, through 'The Ringing World,' to thank all who contributed to the pleasures of a successful day.

THROUGH PEAKLAND.

'You know our dales; you've driven by our streams on dusty days?'

Apart from the natives of the Peakland of Derbyshire, very few are acquainted with the beauties of hill and dale in that district.

The bellringers of Overseal St. Matthew's Church had heard of Peakland, and so it came about that they decided to take a day's tour to see that of which they had heard so much. Since seeing, it is their wish that I should tell 'The Ringing World' of their glorious tour in Peakland. Reach down your map then, and let us go together.

Starting from Overseal at 7 a.m., we pass via Burton-on-Trent and Tutbury to Ashbourne. How many ringers know that it was here Moore, the poet, paid tribute to 'those evening bells'? But we must get on. Leaving Ashbourne by Fenney Bentley, we are soon 'out on top' in the bleak area lying between Ashbourne and Buxton, a stern region of limestone walls and moorland. Passing on, we soon pass Newhaven House, and, reaching Parsley Hay, turn right to view 'Arborlow,' next to Stonehenge, the finest Druid circle in the land. Space will not permit a full account of this circle with its out-works, of its history, antiquity, and the rites performed there. The ringers were deeply impressed, and after having rung a 'peal' on their handbells, grudgingly took their departure via Monyash to Bakewell. It was on this part of the route that questions as to the brakes on the bus began to arise, but even these were forgotten, as will be seen later. Passing through Bakewell to Ashford, we enter the beautiful dale of Taddington. Varied scenes of woodland, stream and crag call forth the appreciation of the ringers as the bus steadily mounts up and up to Topley Pike at the head of the dale. Here a halt is made, and we decide to walk a little way down the slope, peeping cautiously over the wall on our right into the depths of Miller's Dale below. A train crawls along in the vale, like a toy on a model railway.

Our bus now takes us into beautiful Ashwood Dale, a typical Peakland ravine, with craggy sides and well wooded. Emerging from the dale, we suddenly find ourselves in Buxton, where the far-famed ceremony of 'well dressing' is seen in all its splendour. We are impressed by the architectural grandeur of the Crescent Hotel, the Devonshire Hospital and other buildings bequeathed to the town by one of the Dukes of Devonshire.

An hour quickly passes in Buxton, and, leaving it by Fairfield, after a sharp rise we find ourselves once more 'out on top' crossing Fairfield Common on our way, via Dove Holes, to Castleton. Between Plumpton and Sparrow Pit we stop to view the Ebbing and Flowing Well—a geological puzzle, for this is the region of Derbyshire's geological mysteries. On our right is Eldon Hill with its mysterious Hole, on our left is bleak Rushup Edge, and mocking us in front scowls Mam Tor. Gradually we approach the Tor, and the road winds steeply to the top of the slope on the side of the Tor. Looking out of our bus, we see a road winding down, we see a sheer drop of apparently a few hundred feet. Brakes are forgotten, and we are consoled by the fact that 'we have the bells, the parson, and the sexton with us.' Bravely the descent is made, and to those who watch there comes one of those great thrills of which there are so many in Peakland. The town of Castleton lies below, the great Peak Cavern yawns at us, and Peveril Castle, that ancient stronghold of William Peveril, looks down as if to say, 'I am ruler here,' as once it was. A whole week may easily be spent in exploring around Castleton. The Peak Cavern, Speedwell Mine, and the world-famous 'Blue John' mine are only a few of its attractions.

A good lunch at the Castle Hotel, a visit to the interesting Parish Church, and we leave, via Hope and Bradwell, for Tideswell. It is here that we inspect 'The Cathedral of the Peak,' and well it merits its title, being rich in architectural beauty.

Leaving Tideswell, we pass on to Eyam, famous in history for the bravery of its citizens in fighting a terrible plague. Read the book, 'The Brave Men of Eyam,' if you would know something of their terrible ordeal. The church and Cucklet Delph bring back to us the scenes of those terrible days, and show the matchless fortitude of its people.

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From Eyam we pass down the beautiful Middleton Dale, and, after passing through Baslow, reach Chatsworth House, one of our 'stately homes of England.' Rich in treasures of art, it stands in a beautiful setting on the banks of the sleepy Derwent, a peaceful scene after the rugged scenes around Castleton. Beeley and Rowsley are passed, and soon we come to Haddon Hall, a grand old pile now occupied by His Grace the Duke of Rutland. Its story has been often told around the romance of Dorothy Vernon.

Bakewell is reached, and a visit is paid to its magnificent church, which rears its lofty spire so as to impress all who enter the town. It holds the story of the families of Haddon, and is rich in history. We have a pull on its ring of eight bells, which, together with those of Youlgreave, form two of the finest peals for miles around. From Bakewell we retrace our way by Haddon Hall, and pass on through delightful and pretty scenery to the top of Winster Bank. Our road now lies through the wonderful Via Gellia, a richly-wooded ravine of six miles, to Cromford, the town of Arkwright's spinning days, and where his old mill still stands.

Our tour through a small part of the Peak is ended. We have left much unexplored, and pass on somewhat sadly through Derby and Burton-on-Trent to Overseal. But our tour has not been in vain, nor will have been whilst memories of it remain.

'A thing of beauty is a joy forever;

Its loveliness increases.

It can never pass into nothingness.'

And now, to other ringers who would visit the Peak District, I would offer a few suggestions. If you are lovers of beautiful scenery, historical associations, and simple grandeur, then tour the Peaklands slowly. But perhaps warning is unnecessary, for the Peaklands will not allow you to hurry through them. Obtain the aid of some old resident, and you will be shown and told more of the district and its honest, hardy folk than you could ever hope to find by exploring alone.

G. J. NOTON.

SURREY RINGERS IN BERKS AND HANTS.

Leatherhead Parish Church bellringers had their annual outing on July 19th, when, accompanied by friends from Ashted, Cobham, Dorking, Ewell and Croydon, the party, to the number of fourteen, started shortly after 7.30 a.m. The first place visited was Wargrave-on-Thames, Berks. The bells were raised, and short touches of Bob Major, Double Norwich Major, Kent Treble Bob Major and Stedman Triples were rung, finishing with a course of Superlative Surprise Major. These bells are a nearly new ring of eight, taking the place of an older ring which were destroyed by fire in 1913, when much damage was done to the roof and other parts of the church. It will be remembered that this was one of the churches that the 'Suffragettes' fired during their 'Votes for women' campaign. Leaving here at 10.15, the next place of call was Thatcham, after a pleasant run along the almost level Bath Road. Here was found a ring of eight in perfect going order. These bells were only augmented from six last year, when the old ones were rehung and tuned and two trebles added, making an ideal octave, with tenor 14cwt. in F. There was a little difficulty in obtaining the belfry key here, so some time was wasted, which necessitated the curtailing of ringing to very short touches of Bob Major and Double Norwich, finishing with a course of London Surprise, the bells being afterwards lowered in peal. After a few minutes' run the party arrived at Newbury, where the church was much admired, it being a grand building in late Perpendicular work. The bells are a fine ring of eight (tenor 21½ cwt. in D). They were cast at the Wiltshire foundry of Aldbourne, but have recently been tuned by Mears, and are now acknowledged as one of the finest eights in Berks. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Major were rung, and, in conclusion, the eight lowered in peal. After an excellent mid-day meal at the Two Brewers, Highclere, Hants, was visited next. Here was found a good light ring of eight, on which touches of Grandsire Triples, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major were rung. Bristol Surprise was attempted, but without success, and the bells were finally lowered in peal. The next call was at Basingstoke, but the bells at the Parish Church here were not so good or in such good going order as those tried earlier in the day. Nevertheless, Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung. Superlative Surprise Major was tried, but failed. Farnham, the last stopping place, was reached at 6 p.m. Here the first item was tea, and, as at Newbury, there was no failure with this part of the programme. After tea, ringing was indulged in at the Parish Church on a good ring of bells in a noble tower. Bob Major, Double Norwich Major and Stedman Triples were rung, but London Surprise was again unsuccessful. Afterwards an hour was spent with the Farnham ringers, and Leatherhead reached about 9.45. All agreed that they had had an excellent day, and the best thanks of the ringers are given to the various incumbents for permission to ring, and to all those who by virtue of their office helped to make the day such a success.

HASTINGS RINGERS' VISIT TO CROYDON BELL FOUNDRY.

On Saturday, July 5th, the bellringers, members of the congregation and choir of St. Clement's Church, Hastings, held their annual outing, and paid a visit to Croydon and Windsor. The party, which numbered sixty, left in motor coaches shortly after seven, the first stop being made at Sevenoaks, after which they proceeded through West Wickham to Croydon, which was reached at 10.45. Here at the Croydon Bell Foundry they were met by Mr. Cyril F. Johnston, who conducted the party over the works, where they saw the new peal of 64 bells, which are being cast for the Chicago University. Mr. Johnston tapped the bells, and the tone was a delight to all. After explaining the way the bells are tuned on the five-tone principle, Mr. Hollands, on behalf of the visitors, proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Johnston and his staff. Leaving Croydon, the party arrived at Windsor at 1.15 p.m., but it was found that only two coaches had arrived, the third having been last seen at Staines. However, promptly at 1.30 the coach, containing the ringers and choir with 'The Harem King' at the front, pulled up before Windsor Castle. Here, after having partaken of lunch, the party were taken over the State apartments, St. George's Chapel, and the round tower. The party then proceeded to Guildford, which was reached at 5.45. Here tea was partaken of at Ayers' Cafe.

After tea, Mr. G. Martin, on behalf of the ringers, welcomed the choir and members of the Church Council who had combined with them and made the day so successful. He said he hoped to see them on many future occasions.

Mr. Hollands, on behalf of the Rector and wardens, proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. G. Martin for all he had done in making the success of the outing assured and for all the trouble he had gone to in making the arrangements.

Musical honours followed, after which the party were allowed an hour to view Guildford, and Hastings was reached shortly after midnight, after having made a stop at Newick at the request of many who wished to see that all were safe, including little 'Spuddy Taylor,' who fell out of the charabanc.

The ringers desire, through 'The Ringing World,' to thank Mr. Cyril F. Johnston, the Vicar and secretary of the ringers of the Parish Church, Windsor, for so readily granting permission for them to ring, although, unfortunately, owing to the late arrival of the ringers at Windsor, it was impossible to take advantage of the opportunity, owing to the visit of the party to the Castle. Thanks are also given to Mr. G. Martin for all he did to make the day the best that the ringers have ever had.

DOUBLE LITTLE BOB.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—There is a discussion going on in your columns as to whether Erith or Double Little Bob is the right name for a method. As a matter of fact, Erith only of these words is a name. The other words are descriptions, or titles of classes. Double is not the name of a method, Little is not the name of a method, and Bob is not the name of a method. If each of these descriptions is correct (a matter which I will not now go into), they might be written in brackets, after the name. Thus: Erith (Double Little Bob). Of course, it does not matter which of the four words is used for calling or other purposes; but it is clearly absurd to discuss whether anyone is entitled to give the method any of the three descriptions. That is a question of fact, not of property.

HERBERT DRAKE.

A BIRTHDAY PEAL AT KING'S NORTON.

The peal of Stedman Caters rung at King's Norton on Saturday was arranged as a birthday compliment to Mr. George E. Fearn, also to his brother Henry, whose birthday was a few days previously. The start of the peal was delayed more than an hour through the 'eleventh' man trying to get from Derby to Birmingham via Cheltenham. This added eighty miles to his journey, and he arrived just in time to take part in his first peal at King's Norton. Everyone, however, was much relieved to see him turn up smiling. The delay, however, prevented Mr. J. Neal from taking part in the peal, and Mr. James Bitterton filled the gap and rang the tenor with characteristic precision. The band and some 'extras' adjourned after the peal to the Bull's Head for a very substantial meat tea, kindly provided by Mr. George E. Fearn, and congratulatory speeches ended a very happy evening.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, July 27th, for evening service, at St. Mary's, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major in 46 mins.: A. T. Greenwood 1, Mrs. A. E. Lock 2, A. E. Lock 3, H. Jennings 4, E. J. Harding, jun., 5, J. D. Harris 6, T. R. Taylor 7, F. W. Rogers (conductor) 8. Arranged specially for the ringers of the 2nd and 3rd, who hail from Abingdon, Berks.

DEPTFORD.—At St. John's Church, for morning service, on Sunday, July 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from Holt's 'Original') in 39 mins.: J. Colby 1, C. Elliott 2 W. A. Martin 3, J. J. Lamb 4, W. J. Jeffries 5, R. Steers 6, F. W. Richardson (conductor) 7, Arch Bennington 8.

STOURBRIDGE.—On Sunday, July 6th, at St. Thomas' Church, for evening service, 672 Grandsire Triples: L. Turner 1, A. W. Dunn 2, H. Amphlett 3, J. W. Smith 4, N. Leach 5, C. W. Cooper 6, A. E. Whatmore (conductor) 7, A. Reynolds 8. Longest touch for ringers of treble and fifth.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, July 6th, for 8 a.m. service, at St. Mary's Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: G. Gregory (first quarter-peal) 1, S. Hughes 2, H. Walker 3, A. Hickman 4, I. Clark 5, N. Chesters 6, W. Weatherby (conductor) 7, G. Hall 8.

TENBY, SOUTH WALES.—On Sunday, July 6th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: H. Lilycrop 1, G. Jenkins 2, T. Yeomans 3, L. H. Jenkins 4, T. Griffiths 5, Rev. F. A. Oswell 6, A. Crawley (conductor) 7, J. Williams 8. A. Crawley was at Tenby on a holiday, all the rest of the band are Sunday service ringers at this tower.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.—On Sunday, June 22nd, for evening service, on the occasion of the Vicar (Rev. R. R. Neill) giving his farewell sermon, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 39 mins.: W. J. Jeffries 1, W. A. Martin 2, J. J. Lamb 3, C. Elliot 4, E. B. Crowder (conductor) 5, R. Steer 6, F. W. Thornton 7, J. Hurrell 8.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On Sunday, May 25th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: H. Bull 1, V. Matthews 2, R. Hayden 3, H. A. Wacey 4, F. Springham (conductor) 5, W. Tucker 6, W. Prior 7, W. Wilkinson 8. For evening service, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: Harold Wacey 1, F. Springham (conductor) 2, H. M. White 3, Rev. F. Lane 4, W. Prior 5, W. Tucker 6, P. Springham 7, E. Ansell 8. These quarter-peals were rung as a birthday compliment to the Master of the local company (Mr. F. Bird) and the christening of his baby son (Harold Frederick).

BARTON-LE-CLEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, May 25th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Doubles (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: H. Mann 1, R. Foddy 3, E. R. Brown 4, P. H. Roberts 5, A. Gutteridge 6, R. Kendall (conductor) 7, H. R. C. Mann 8. Rung with 6-8 covering. Longest length by ringers of the treble, 4th, 6th and tenor.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.—On Sunday, May 25th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 47 mins.: L. Flitton 1, R. Clements 2, P. Webb (conductor) 3, E. Flitton 4, W. Hutley 5, G. Lilley 6, W. Flitton 7, A. G. Lilley 8. First quarter by all the band in the method and on the bells. Rung at the first attempt. All the above are residents of the village and regular service ringers.

DEAN BATE'S KINDLY THOUGHT FOR VISITING RINGER'S.

The St. Andrew's Guild, Earls Colne, held their first annual outing on Saturday, July 19th, when 15 members journeyed by motor coach to various parts of Suffolk. Leaving home at 8 a.m., the first call was made at Hadleigh, and although information had been received that no ringing could take place there owing to the illness of the Dean (the Very Rev. H. N. Bate), he kindly consented on the arrival of the party to allow the use of the bells, for which the visitors were most grateful. At this tower the Chelmsford company were met and were given the first offer of the ropes. At Finborough, which was next visited, the Earls Colne ringers found the peal of six in readiness, and much enjoyed their short stay there. The next call was Stowmarket, where they enjoyed some good ringing, also a capital lunch at the Gordon Dining Rooms. Proceeding to Henley, they were met by the Rev. W. C. Pearson, who joined with the visitors in several touches on the light ring of eight. The final call was made at Ipswich, where they spent a very pleasant time with the members of St. Margaret's company. The day was most successful, and the courtesy received at every church was very much appreciated. Thanks are extended to all those who kindly assisted in making the outing such an enjoyable one, especially the Dean of Hadleigh, the Rev. W. C. Pearson (Henley), Mr. J. Souther (Stowmarket), and Mr. Cowey (Ipswich).

The bells at Earls Colne are now under repair, and there will be no ringing for a few weeks. When this work is completed, the company will be pleased to extend the same welcome to visiting ringers as was accorded to them.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on August 5th, Southwark Cathedral on the 7th, St. Magnus' on the 14th and 28th, *St. Giles', Cripplegate, or the Coffee Pot, on the 19th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, 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.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Madley on Saturday, August 2nd. Bells (6) available 3.30 to 8.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Our next meeting will be held at Burnley Parish Church on Saturday, Aug. 2nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. A good attendance requested. — F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A ringing meeting will be held at Teversal on Saturday, Aug. 2nd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—J. W. England.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Bratton on Saturday, Aug. 2nd. Bells (6) ready 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.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The annual meeting of the Preston Branch will be held at Higher Walton on Saturday, Aug. 2nd. Bells available from 2.30. A good attendance is requested. — Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Totternhoe on Saturday, Aug. 2nd. The bells (6) will be available from 2.45. Eaton Bray (6) available from 6 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Stanton-by-Dale (6 bells) on Saturday, Aug. 2nd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea can be arranged if required. All ringers welcome, and don't forget your methods please. Buses leave Sandiacre Square every half hour; also the Post Office, Ilkeston, every hour.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual fête and gala will be held at Sutton-on-Trent on August Bank Holiday. The bells will be open at 10 a.m. Tea can be obtained at any time on the gala ground. Good train and bus services. Cheap tickets obtainable. Roll up in hundreds.—E. A. Midwinter.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting at Southwold on Monday, Aug. 4th. Bells (8) available from 11 a.m. Meeting (in tower) 3.30 p.m. Tea (Chapman's Restaurant) at 4 p.m.—H. Drake, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Next meeting will be held at Handsworth on Bank Holiday Monday, August 4th, and not Wentworth, as stated in fixtures. Bells (8) available early. Tea at 5.30 p.m.—H. Thorpe, Hon. Sec., 104, Petre Street, Sheffield.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Peterborough Branch. — The annual meeting of the above branch will be held on August Bank Holiday at Whittlesea. The bells of St. Andrew's (8) and St. Mary's (8) will be available for ringing during the day. Service in St. Andrew's Church at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Good bus service from Peterborough.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, August 9th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch. — A meeting will be held at Leesfield, Oldham, on Saturday, August 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Alton District.—Quarterly meeting at Froyle on Saturday, August 9th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at the Shrubbery House, by kind invitation of Sir Hubert Miller, Bart. Will those who wish to accept the invitation kindly notify me by Thursday, Aug. 7th?—B. C. Taylor, Binsted Vicarage, Alton.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — The next meeting will be held at Wortley on Saturday, August 9th. Bells ready early. Tea 1s. 3d. per head. Please notify Mr. E. Booth, Wortley Arms Hotel, Wortley, near Sheffield. All are welcome.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec., 61, Beech Road, Wath-on-Dearne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch. — A meeting will be held at Hale on Saturday, August 9th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Business: Election of officers of the branch. Will all members make a special effort to attend? Some subscriptions are outstanding and would be gladly received.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Whitwell on Saturday, Aug. 9th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea at the Vicarage, by kind invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. J. C. Orr (district president) and business meeting. All ringers welcomed. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Aug. 5th?—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Wormingford on Saturday, Aug. 9th. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. All wishing to attend please notify me not later than Wednesday, Aug. 6th.—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Martin's, Cheriton, on Saturday, Aug. 9th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 5, followed by tea in the Schoolroom. Half fares up to 2s. paid. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Hawley on Saturday, August 9th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in the Parish Room. Those requiring tea please notify by Wednesday, August 6th.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Rd., Aldershot.

ESSEX, HERTS AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS. — Joint meeting at Edmonton on Saturday, Aug. 16th. Full particulars later. Please book the date.—E. J. Butler, W. Lawrence and C. T. Coles, Hon. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, on Saturday, August 16th. Bells ready 6 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — The Bishop of Truro proposes (n.v.) to dedicate the recast peal of eight bells at St. Mary's, Penzance, on Monday, August 25th. All ringing friends welcomed.—John Symons, Ringing Master, Buriton House, Penzance.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—The hon. secretary of this district is now Mr. Arthur H. Smith, 26, Church Street, Leatherhead.

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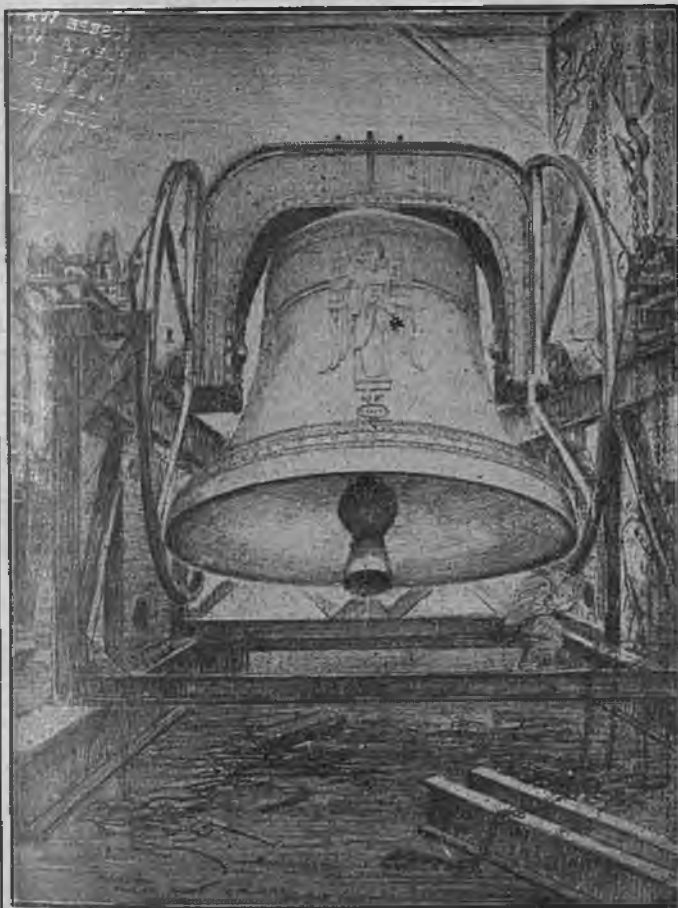
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THE PRESERVATION OF BELLS.

In a recent article on this page we suggested that church authorities might, in the long run, be saved a great deal of expense in the matter of bell restorations if some plan of systematic and competent inspection of belfries could be introduced. Theoretically, we believe, the inspection of bells and belfries is part of the duty of Rural Deans, but there are very few instances in which these gentlemen give practical effect to this portion of their duties. In a perfunctory way they may inquire about the bells when they make their official visit to a church, or they may not. The answer which they receive may or may not be accurate, although given in perfect good faith, because, unless the church has a band of ringers who are really jealous of the condition of their bells, the church authorities themselves often do not hear of any defects until something serious develops. It is not the same with other furnishings of the church. If the organ goes wrong, even to a small extent, the organist quickly sees to it that steps are taken to carry out the necessary repairs. Yet in how many instances do the ringers at the first signs of something out of order up above, show sufficient concern to bring the matter at once to the notice of the churchwardens? They are not infrequently content to put up with the increasingly bad going of the bells until the times arrives when the bells are no longer ringable and a considerable scheme of restoration becomes necessary. If this is not immediately possible the bells become temporarily silent, and, in some cases, unhappily, permanently so. It is the old story of the stitch in time.

What, we feel, is needed is the appointment in each Rural Deanery of a competent person whose business it should be to inspect the bells and their fittings in every tower and annually make an official report, with any recommendations that may be necessary. In dealing with restoration schemes, many diocesan authorities already recognise the value of having an advisor who is an expert upon bells and, we believe, it would be found of even greater advantage if the bells could be kept under constant supervision. There are, of course, many steeple-keepers who can and do maintain the bells in their charge in the highest state of efficiency, but there are a far greater number who consider their duties discharged when they have greased the bearings, or spliced a rope. Indeed, they realise little the importance of going over the nuts which hold the bells to the stocks, or, in the case of a wooden frame, of tightening up the bolts. An officially appointed 'inspector,' who on his visits to a tower could give authoritative advice on things of this

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kind to ignorant or neglectful steeplekeepers would, in a very short time, more than recoup the church authorities for any expense that might be incurred. Many bells would thus be kept in an efficient condition for many years longer than they often are, and heavy restoration schemes almost indefinitely postponed. How the appointment of such experts could be brought about it is rather difficult to suggest; but the subject might be opened up if ringers who are members of Ruri-decanal Conferences would bring the matter before these bodies. And in this connection let us make it plain that we do not refer solely to bells hung in peals for ringing, although they are our main concern, but all church bells hung in towers. It is often the twos, threes and fours, which are irreplaceable from an antiquarian point of view, which are the most neglected.

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A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANCES;

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| FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... 4 | CHARLES H. KIPPIN 9 |
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| FRANK JENNINGS 2 | DANIEL COOPER 6 |
| ALFRED J. BULL 3 | FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 7 |
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| WILLIAM SAUNDERS Treble | JAMES H. RIDING 5 |
| HARRY F. HOLDING 2 | WILLIAM WEATHERBY ... 6 |
| RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 3 | HARRY OVERTON 7 |
| *WILLIAM J. CHESTERS ... 4 | EDWARD V. RODENBERST ... Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

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

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 26, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

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| THOMAS J. SALTER Treble | FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... 5 |
| WILLIAM C. JONES 2 | WILLIAM PAGE 6 |
| ALBERT E. PARSONS 3 | WILLIAM SHORT 7 |
| HENRY MIDDLETON 4 | WILLIAM RANFORD Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

All the band are over 61 years of age. All are past or present officers of the above association, and all have rung over 100 peals, the total being 2,240.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 28, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

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| JOSEPH BAILEY Treble | CHARLES GEARY 5 |
| RICHARD A. HICKTON 2 | FRANCIS C. MORTON 6 |
| ALBERT H. WARD 3 | WILLIAM R. DRAGE 7 |
| FREDERICK W. TURNER ... 4 | EDMUND C. CHASTY Tenor |

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM R. DRAGE

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 29, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OLAVE, HART STREET, CITY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

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| *WILLIAM E. KILSEY Treble | ARTHUR F. PETRIE 5 |
| HORACE BELCHER 2 | GEORGE H. DAYNES 6 |
| HARRY HOSKINS 3 | FREDERICK W. THORNTON ... 7 |
| CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 4 | *HENRY T. WILLSON Tenor |

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM THORNTON.

* First peal, and elected members in the belfry. First peal of Grandsire on the bells. Rung on the 900th anniversary of the death of St. Olaf, King and martyr. It was also the first anniversary of the rededication of the bells after augmentation.

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 30, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

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| ALBERT V. COATES Treble | ALFRED E. OXLEY 5 |
| *MISS SYLVIA THORFIELD ... 2 | ROBERT WATERS 6 |
| HARRY SHORT 3 | WM. ELLERINGTON 7 |
| WM. A. BRECKON 4 | JOHN W. WATERS Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM A. BRECKON.

* First peal in the method. Miss Thorsfield hails from Cranford, Nottingham, and was elected a life member of the above association.

CRICH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 30, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. E. BANKES JAMES' ODD AND EVEN BOB ONE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| JOHN H. SWINFIELD Treble | JAMES S. HUTCHBY 5 |
| MADRICE SWINFIELD 2 | W. RICHARDSON-DEAGE ... 6 |
| JOSEPH BAILEY 3 | JAMES GEORGE 7 |
| CHARLES DRAPER 4 | BENJAMIN GREATORIX Tenor |

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time. It is believed to be the first odd and even bob peal composed on this plan, and was published in 'The Ringing World' on April 1st, 1921, but as given there the peal is not true. The amended figures will be found elsewhere in this issue.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 30, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

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| GEORGE OLLIVER Treble | CECIL NICE 5 |
| DR. E. L. TAYLOR 2 | NELSON ELLIOTT 6 |
| KENNETH SNELLING 3 | GEORGE ELLIS 7 |
| ROBERT SWIFT 4 | OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor |

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

WRITTELE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 2, 1930, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

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| THOMAS LINCOLN Treble | DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS 5 |
| WILLIAM KEEBLE 2 | *GEORGE GREEN 6 |
| WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3 | LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7 |
| WILLIAM F. CHEATOR 4 | ARTHUR HEAD Tenor |

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal in the method away from the treble.

NORTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 2, 1930, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES.

Tenor 10½ cwt. in F sharp.

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| NOLAN GOLDEN Treble | ERIC G. BENNETT 5 |
| ALPHREUS J. BERRY 2 | GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL 6 |
| CHARLES F. GOODMAN 3 | ALBERT G. HARRISON 7 |
| RAY GRANT 4 | CLEMENT J. MORE Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung by special request as a compliment to his Grace the Duke of Norfolk, who visited the village and opened a fête in aid of the recreation ground.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 2, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

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| G. RONALD EDWARDS Treble | GEORGE R. JONES 5 |
| WALTER J. BATTLE 2 | *JAMES F. SMITH 6 |
| ERNEST L. HUMPHRISS 3 | JOHN COOKE 7 |
| LESTER L. GRAY 4 | JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor |

Composed by E. MORRIS.

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal of Double Norwich. First peal in this method on the bells since they were recast. This composition contains 22 of the 24 4-6-8 course-ends, and the 6th the extent home.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 2, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

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| JESSE W. HARRISON Treble | THOMAS GOODCHILD 5 |
| *MISS K. E. FLETCHER 2 | WILLIAM HENLEY 6 |
| GEORGE MARTIN 3 | WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 7 |
| HARRY WINGROVE 4 | FRANK CORKE Tenor |

Composed by JOSEPH J. PARKER.

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First peal in the method.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 2, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

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| FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. Treble | ERNEST BRETT 5 |
| HERBERT E. AUDESLEY 2 | HERBERT A. HOLDEN 6 |
| FREDERICK A. COLEY 3 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7 |
| EDWIN F. PIKE 4 | RICHARD F. DEAL Tenor |

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

COMPTON MARTIN, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 26, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Consisting of 12 six-scores of Plain Bob, and 30 of Grandsire with 14 different callings. Tenor 15½ cwt.

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| *ERNEST TOSSELL Treble | HAROLD E. BLACKER 4 |
| CHARLES FIELD 2 | JEFFREY TOSSELL 5 |
| WILLIAM WEBB 3 | JOHN HOUSE Tenor |

Conducted by H. E. BLACKER.

* First peal away from tenor. First peal in two methods as conductor. First peal in two methods by all the band, except the ringer of the third.

WINFARTHING, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 29, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Comprising twelve and thirty extents respectively of Plain Bob and Grandsire with fourteen variations of calling.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in G.

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| ALBERT G. HARRISON Treble | GILBERT E. PLATER 3 |
| ALPHREUS J. BERRY 2 | ERIC G. BENNETT 4 |

NOLAN GOLDEN ... Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung to 'commemorate' the twelfth occasion of 'meeting short' of members of the band in the last eight weeks. Mr. Plater, from Southgate, London, was elected a member of the association previous to commencing the peal.

DENNINGTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 30, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being two 720's each of Woodbine and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 19½ cwt.

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| FREDERICK DEARING Treble | FRANCIS W. NADNTON 4 |
| WILLIAM C. BUNN 2 | JAMES WARDLEY 5 |
| ALFRED H. WATSON 3 | JOHN HALL Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN HALL.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 31, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being seven varied extents.

Tenor 10 cwt.

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| MISS KITTY WILLERS Treble | ARTHUR WILSON 4 |
| CHARLES ROBINSON 2 | ARTHUR J. GINN 5 |
| FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 3 | FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor |

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

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EAST BRENT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 2, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 18 cwt.

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| CHAS. R. LILLEY Treble | *ERNEST COOKE 4 |
| *CHAS. G. WEARE 2 | *WILLIAM BRADDICK 5 |
| *WILLIAM E. WISEMAN ... 3 | *WILLIAM FROST Tenor |

Conducted by CHAS. R. LILLEY.

* First peal by all the band, and all are regular service ringers, except the conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. Stitch, brother-in-law of the ringer of the 3rd. First peal on the bells.

BELBROUGHTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 2, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 13 cwt.

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| *GEORGE C. PARTON Treble | HARRY PRICE 4 |
| ARTHUR J. MARTIN 2 | RALPH C. PARTON 5 |
| WALTER H. RAXTER 3 | HAROLD F. MARTIN Tenor |

Conducted by HAROLD F. MARTIN.

* First peal of Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. C. Parton.

YETMINSTER, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 2, 1930, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr.

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| EDWARD G. L. COWARD ... Treble | FRANK PRICE 3 |
| WILFRED P. LAMBERT ... 2 | CLEMENT VOWLES 4 |
| WILLIAM C. SHUTE Tenor | |

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE

First peal on the bells. Rung as a compliment to the eldest son of the ringer of the 3rd on attaining his seventeenth birthday.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 2, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

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| *THOMAS S. ASHBURY Treble | JOHN BRAESINGTON 4 |
| ALBERT CRAWLEY 2 | JOHN PARKER 5 |
| ALBERT THOMAS 3 | ARTHUR ALLMAN Tenor |

Conducted by A. ALLMAN.

* First peal.

PERRANZABULOE, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 4, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PIPAN.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 12 lb.

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| *MISS LUCY WILLOUGHBY ... Treble | WILLIAM H. SLEEMAN 4 |
| *MISS E. JESSIE C. ANGWIN 2 | ARTHUR S. ROBERTS 5 |
| WILLIAM H. SOUTHEARD ... 3 | E. MAURICE ATKINS Tenor |

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

* First peal of Plain Bob and first attempt. The conductor, who is from St. Augustine's, Kilburn, was elected a member of the Truro Diocesan Guild previous to starting. The rest of the band are from Truro Cathedral. First peal of Minor on the bells.

YEOVIL RINGERS VISIT DEVON.

Yeoovil Parish Church Guild went for their annual tour on Saturday, July 12th. The first place to be visited was Teignmouth, where touches were rung on the bells of St. Michael's Church. Lunch and tea were partaken of at Torquay, and during the afternoon touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, and Bob Major were rung on the bells of St. Mary's Church. The return journey was made via Exeter, where the bells of St. Thomas' Church were rung. The tour was carried out under the leadership of the conductor, Mr. J. E. Baker, and the tea was provided as usual by Alderman W. E. Tucker, the Mayor, who is the parish warden, and Mr. J. Goodchild, the steward of the Guild.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE CHURCH BELLS.

FIRST SECTION OF A COUNTY SURVEY.

The completion of the detailed history of the church bells of England is a slow process. The task is one which appeals only to the antiquarian who, to be successful in the work, must also combine the qualities of a steeplejack and acrobat. The collection of information regarding bells in towers where ringing is practised is, of course, a comparatively simple matter, but it is in churches where there are one, two, or three bells, hung in almost inaccessible bell lofts, that the difficulties chiefly arise, and it is among these that the most interesting specimens of ancient bells are often found, for the simple reason that there has not been the same inducement to recasting as there has been when such bells formed part of a peal used for ringing.

Slowly the exploration of the church towers is going on. Several counties have, of course, been completed, others are partly done. No exhaustive survey of the bells of Nottinghamshire, however, has yet been made, but the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, Rector of Ordsall, and an enthusiastic ringer, is doing valuable work in this direction in the northern part of the county, and the result of his labours is being published in instalments by the Thoroton Society. The first instalment, which appeared in the 'Transactions' of the Society for 1929, has now been reprinted in book form. It deals with the bells in the rural deanery of Tuxford, which is in the Archdeaconry of Newark, and covers 22 churches. It is admirably printed, and is accompanied by a number of plates on art paper illustrating the lettering and shields found on the old bells. The inscriptions on all the bells are given, with ample descriptions of all the more interesting specimens, and much information relating to old practices.

BELFREY 'CHEESES.'

There was, for instance, the interesting custom which formerly existed in the parish of East Drayton in connection with weddings. After the banns were published for the first time, the ringers used to ring a special peal when the service was over. On the wedding day the bells were rung immediately the registers were signed and at intervals throughout the rest of day. The wedding party brought up to the belfry a large plum loaf of six or eight pounds weight and a cheese. Very often these were carried by the 'best man.' All the school children paraded to the tower at the same time, and the oldest ringer distributed a piece of the loaf and cheese to each child, in the order in which they stood in school. The ringers also received £1, which it was the custom to spend in equal shares at the two village inns. A final peal on the bells was rung at 6 a.m. the next morning. Then, if all had been carried out in the above manner, a ring was painted on the belfry walls, in red ochre, with the initials of the bride and bridegroom and the date. There are nearly a hundred such rings in the belfry, the first dated 1777 and the last 1865.

Traces of similar rings could be seen years ago at Troswell and Laneham on the tower walls, where locally they were known as 'cheeses.'

Ringings always took place at East Drayton on Christmas, New Year and on November 5th, and on each of these occasions the ringers received 4lb. of candles, ½ pint of oil and 2s. 6d., and on one occasion in the church accounts there is a charge of 2s. 6d. for red ochre.

East Drayton, also, is one of the parishes in which there is a plot of land held for the provision of bell ropes. It bears the name of 'Bell String Close,' and the tenant, who is usually the parish clerk, has it rent free on the condition that he provides new bell ropes when necessary. At Laneham there was formerly a small plot of land called the 'Bell Holt,' where osiers and rushes were grown and the sale of these was used to provide a fund for the ringers and new bell ropes when necessary. Whether this is still done, or, if not, why the practice was discontinued, the author does not tell us.

Kirton lost two of its bells by theft many years ago. In the Inventory of 1552 there were 'iii bells in the stepyll,' and they remained until 1843, when, according to White's 'Directory of Notts,' 'sacriligious thieves broke into the church and carried off the communion plate and surplice. About a fortnight after this a second visit was paid to the sacred edifice, and one of the bells, which had been broken, was taken by these high mettled thieves.' The story in the village is that two bells were stolen from the tower and thrown into the pond, where they remained for some time, and were afterwards carried off and sold.

The first section of 'The Church Bells of Nottinghamshire,' which can be obtained at 1s. 6d. per copy from the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, Ordsall, Retford, Notts, is an interesting little volume which shows that the work is being done with thoroughness and knowledge. It is hoped to publish at least one section covering a rural deanery each year. The next will be Mansfield Deanery, which will be followed by Retford.

FAREWELL QUARTER PEAL.

At the Parish Church of St. Michael, Bishop's Stortford, on Sunday, August 3rd, for morning service, and as a farewell to Mr. Victor Matthews, a member of the local band, who is leaving the neighbourhood for Guildford, Surrey, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: Miss D. Wacey 1, W. T. Prior 2, Harold Wacey 3, H. M. White 4, H. Bull 5, W. W. Tucker 6, F. Bird (conductor) 7, W. Wilkinson 8.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ACTIVITIES IN THE BANBURY DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Banbury Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild attracted a big gathering to Banbury, where the new peal of ten bells was available. Ringers were present from Northampton, Swindon, Burford, Oxford, Banbury, Adderbury, Deddington, Lower Heyford, Dun's Tew, Great Tew, Somerton, Cropredy, Sherington, Warmington, Wicken and Coventry, and Messrs. Taylor's work was spoken of in terms of high praise by all who rang on the bells. Service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Canon Jones), and the address was given by the Rev. J. A. Hultgren, who based an inspiring address on 'Is it worth while?' He said that perhaps some of them noticed the two large beams which lay outside the church as they came in. They were taken out of the belfry when the bells were put in. He was looking at them one day when a man came along and, after hearing what the new bells had cost, said, 'Is it worth while? It will all be the same in a hundred years' time.' Well, there were many people who said that, and he wanted them that afternoon to think about that utterance. People said that sort of thing and thought they were uttering a truth of experience, and went even further and acted upon that principle. It might seem that they were right, because a man might drop down with sickness and pass away, and though his grandchildren might remember him his great-grandchildren would not, and his deeds would not remain in the memory of his friends. Take, for instance, the bellringers of that church a hundred years ago. How many of them could even remember their names? That seemed to be the fate, these people would argue, with respect to their institutions, customs, fashions and buildings—that they passed right away. And a great mass of ordinary things and persons did seem to pass out of existence, so that they might think they were only sure of those immediately behind and those in front of them. If, however, they thought for a moment or two about the statement that it would all be the same in a hundred years' time they would see that it was untrue, and that it was in most cases an excuse for a lazy and indolent life, the taking of the line of least resistance, which was the wrong line. They were the heirs of the ages, and believed that nothing could be lost.

Having emphasised the need of everyone doing his best and utmost for beauty, humanity, goodness and brotherliness, the preacher asked, 'What could they, in their humble way, do as members of the Christian Church—and bellringers in that Church? Men had a right to expect a good example of them, in the first place in their family home, the practice of patience, and the setting of an example of temperate and holy living. And a good example, too, outside the home. Think of the harm done when a bellringer, who rang others to church, did not go to church himself, and whose conduct was no higher than that of the man who professed no religion at all. Their St. Mary's ringers had a glorious peal of ten bells. The Parochial Church Council might have been content with less, but after much advice they had done their best, and the result was something to be proud of. Those bells would ring out for many generations and delight the minds and touch the hearts of countless men and women and lift their hearts to God. If that sort of mind should be the standard in all they put their hearts to, then the world would be a better place in a hundred years' time for their having lived in it in the early years of the 20th and the last years of the 19th century.'

THE WORK OF THE BRANCH.

After the service, tea was partaken of at the Church House, and was followed by the annual meeting of the branch. The Rev. C. F. Cholmondeley (president of the branch) was supported by the hon. secretary (Mr. R. R. Lewis), Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Guild), Canon Coleridge, Rev. Canon Jones, Rev. W. E. MacFarlane (vice-president of the branch) and Mrs. MacFarlane, Rev. G. Barry, Rev. J. A. Hultgren, Rev. R. W. Sharpley, Rev. C. L. Marchant, Mr. W. Potts, Mr. R. T. Hibbert (Guild secretary) and Mr. A. J. Wright (Guild secretary).

Mr. Lewis presented the balance sheet, which showed the year was started with a balance in hand of £7 0s. 8½d., bank interest was 1s. 7d., ringing members' subscriptions came to £4 17s. 6d., and honorary members' £2 10s., making a total income of £14 9s. 9½d. On the expenditure side grants of £1 to Deddington (second) and £2 to Somerton had been made, and £3 13s. 9d. forwarded to the general treasurer. These and a few incidental expenses made a total of £7 19s. 9d., leaving a balance of £5 1s. 7d. in the Post Office Savings Bank and cash in the treasurer's hands of £1 8s. 5½d. The accounts had been audited by Mr. Miller. Mr. Lewis observed that £1 of the cash in hand had been promised the Banbury Restoration Fund.

The accounts were adopted.

Mr. Lewis then read his report as secretary as follows: In making a few observations on the year's working I would point out that two towers have been added to our list—Steeple Aston by transfer from the Witney and Woodstock Branch, and Sherington by the election of two new members. The Rev. J. W. S. Walker, honorary member of Steeple Aston, I regret to state has resigned. While you will note an increase of members' subscriptions to the amount of 18s. 6d., I must point out that there are far too many asterisks against the names of members in this year's report. Honorary members' subscriptions have also increased by 5s. Six new members have been elected during the year. One peal has been rung by members of the branch with the assistance of Messrs. Holfield, senior and junior, of

Appleton, namely, a peal of Grandsire Triples at Adderbury on December 26th; while members have taken part in several attempts. Since our last annual meeting Banbury bells have been completed and were dedicated by the Archdeacon of Oxford (Bishop Shaw) on Palm Sunday at evensong. We now have a fine light peal of ten, and only need keenness and the perseverance of the ringers to accomplish some fine bell music. The bells, I am sure, can be rated as one of the finest peals in the diocese, if not in the whole country. Deddington bells are in the hands of the bell hangers, and should soon be ready for dedication. Somerton, too, if not already started upon, will soon be put in hand. These two facts alone should be an encouragement to greater efforts in the art of change ringing. The branch has made grants to £2 to each of these towers. As a branch we are most fortunate in the fact that we have been entertained to tea at three of our meetings during the year. While the meetings have been fairly well attended, there is much room for improvement. I feel that there is not the same keenness as when the branch was first formed. Perhaps this can be attributed to the fact that three of our towers have been out of commission. I would like to mention the fact that I have been greatly encouraged by the help of our chairman and Mrs. Cholmondeley. They are always in attendance at our meetings, and I am sure put themselves to much inconvenience on our behalf. As to the future, I would ask members to make every effort to be present at the meetings, and pay their subscriptions in January when they are due. By so doing they help all their officers, both branch and general guild, and conduce to that good fellowship necessary to every good effort (applause).

The report was adopted.

MORE KEENNESS FOR SUNDAY RINGING NEEDED.

Mr. Lewis read an appeal on behalf of St. Matthews', Harwell, Berks, where £600 was required to carry out the work of restoration, and, owing to other expenses in the parish, it was necessary to raise a large part of this outside.

The meeting voted £1 to the appeal.

The Rev. C. F. Cholmondeley was re-elected president, and the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn congratulated the branch on having such a chairman, and said he hoped he would receive the backing of all the members.

The Rev. W. E. MacFarlane was re-elected vice-president.

Mr. R. Lewis was re-elected hon. secretary, and thanked the members for their renewed confidence. He would do his best, and asked them all to do likewise. He said there was not enough keenness for Sunday service ringing. At one or two towers he visited for Sunday service ringing he only found the ropes half manned. It was not good enough. Sunday service came before anything else (hear, hear).

Mr. Miller was re-elected auditor, and Messrs. H. Baggett and J. Simons representatives to the general committee of the Guild.

Mr. Leslie Malings, of Duns Tew, and Mr. Albert Grant, of Lower Heyford, were elected new members.

Deddington was chosen for the next meeting on October 18th.

BELL RESTORATIONS.

The Chairman congratulated the branch on the meeting that day, and spoke of how they were favoured by the presence of the Master, the secretary and treasurer of the Guild, and also Canon Coleridge.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn congratulated the branch on its year's work and on being able to make grants to two towers. He also congratulated the secretary on his excellently composed report, and all those who had been concerned in obtaining that delightful ring of ten bells in the Banbury tower. There was only one thing to be done now, and that was to make the acoustic conditions perfect.

Canon Coleridge was called upon, and alluded to the work the Central Council did for ringers. He mentioned two books which were shortly to be published. One was on Minor Methods, to be issued by the Central Council. He recommended them to approach their Parochial Church Councils with a view to their obtaining a volume for the ringers at each church. The other was a book to be published by Mr. E. Morris, of Leicester, and would be a complete history of ringing and ringers, and would form a monumental work. Concluding, he said it had given him very great pleasure to come to Banbury, where he had not been on ringing matters since the days of the late Canon Porter. The bells then were in a totally different condition to what they were now, and he congratulated all concerned on the work which had been carried out.

Mr. A. J. Wright, the Guild treasurer, observed that he would have pleasure in a few days in sending a cheque towards the restoration of the Banbury bells. During the past five years the towers in the Banbury Branch had received £20 out of the £60 he had got together for restoration purposes. He referred to the number of members who had not paid their subscriptions, and hoped that next year that would be remedied.

Mr. Miller proposed that each tower appoint someone to collect the members' subscriptions and have them ready to hand to Mr. Lewis at the January meeting. This was seconded by Mr. Scarrott and carried.

Mr. Hibbert, the Guild secretary, said the Banbury bells were an exceptionally fine peal, as were also Adderbury and Great Tew, and when Deddington and Somerton had been restored there was no reason why the members should not make a name for themselves. He urged them to back up their secretary, who had done splendid work since the branch began to toddle.

SUPPORT BY THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Mr. W. Potts proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to Canon Jones for the use of the church and tower for the service and ringing, to the Rev. J. A. Hultgren for his excellent address, to Mrs. Palmer for her accompaniments on the organ, and to the Rev. C. F. Cholmondeley for his services in the chair. As a member of the Oxford Diocesan Advisory Committee, he was acquainted with the very great movement there was for the advancement of ringing in that diocese. All at once there seemed to have been a movement to put bells in order, and at every meeting they got appeals. The committee was giving the movement its heartiest support, but he did not think they could do it without the valuable advice of the Master of the Guild. He was their technical advisor. During the last three years their debt to Mr. Jenkyn had been simply inestimable. As a member of the Banbury Parochial Church Council he was pleased with the commendations which had been passed upon their bells. They would give satisfaction to the members of the Parochial Church Council and the town of Banbury as a whole. They were pleased with them themselves, but they were glad to have it as the expert knowledge of those in that room. He alluded to how the Parochial Church Council was helped in the matter by the band of ringers and notably by their secretary, Mr. Lewis, who attended meetings and gave invaluable advice, which they gladly followed, the result of which they had seen. The books Canon Coleridge had recommended should find their way to the Banbury belfry. He was glad to know that that Rural Deanery had been so successful in securing so large a proportion of the Guild funds, and he did not think they had done yet, as there was another belfry not far from Banbury coming along for treatment, and the generosity they had received in the past gave him encouragement to hope it would also be helped (applause).

Mr. L. Clifton seconded the vote of thanks, which was accorded with acclamation.

Canon Jones, in reply, said he was glad to see such a good company and to welcome them to the parish and belfry and Church House. He was not a ringer, but he lived within fifty yards of St. Mary's, so he claimed to know all that could be known about the sound of bells (laughter). They were glad to have had Canon Coleridge and Mr. Jenkyn with them. They found their advice at all times most helpful. As chairman of the Parochial Church Council he would be very glad to benefit by the suggestion of Canon Coleridge, and he would see that copies of the books should be in the belfry, and he hoped the ringers would read them.

This concluded the meeting, and members of the company then adjourned to the tower, where more ringing was indulged in, Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Royal being rung.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Southampton District was held at Bishopstoke on Saturday, July 26th. The bells were available during the afternoon and evening, and tea and the business meeting were held at the Anchor Inn, presided over by Mr. Geo. Williams, vice-president and Ringing Master, supported by Mr. F. W. Rogers, Mr. G. Pullinger, Mr. F. T. Bayley, and Capt. W. Linter. Others present were from North Stoneham, King's Somborne, Portsmouth, Overton, Swanmore, Titchfield, Portsea, Bath and Bishopstoke. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Netley Abbey on Saturday, October 4th.

A vote of thanks was passed to a friend for kindly defraying the cost of tea, and to the Rector of Bishopstoke (who was unable to be present) for the use of bells. The methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge, Superlative and London Surprise Major.

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.

A very successful meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at East Meon on Saturday, July 19th, when nearly 40 ringers were present from Bramshott, Blackmoor, East Meon, Petersfield, Portsmouth (St. Thomas' and St. Mary's), North Stoneham, Ryde, Swanmore and Titchfield, also visitors from Balh, Rogate and Mr. J. W. Trappitt (Alton).

Ringing commenced about three o'clock and continued until 4.30, during which time the Vicar (Rev. C. Beckwith) visited the belfry and welcomed the members. The Guild service was held in the Lady Chapel, the Vicar also acting as organist. A very helpful address was also given by him, based on the Rotary motto, 'Service, not self.'

An excellent tea was served in the George Inn, which was followed by the business meeting, at which the Vicar presided. Mr. Alan R. Pink, late secretary of the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, who now resides at Petersfield, was elected a ringing member and was warmly welcomed to the district.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Havant, where the bells have been recently restored, on Saturday, October 18th next.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. C. Beckwith for his kindness in giving permission to ring and for presiding at the meeting. In the course of his reply he said how much East Meon was indebted to the Guild for the valuable assistance given to his ringers by instruction.

The ringers adjourned to the tower for further ringing until 8 p.m. During the day the ringing ranged from Rounds and Grandsire Doubles to Superlative, Cambridge, London and Bristol Surprise Major.

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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 'touring' season has begun. A 'week' is now in progress in Lancashire, and there is shortly to be one in Somerset, while next month a party will be peal ringing in Cambridgeshire and Northants. It is said that, for some people, these tours are the only weeks of work they do during the year. But that may be a libel. Anyhow, two peals a day for a week may be looked upon as a holiday, but it isn't—entirely.

Half a dozen of the band who rang the record peal of Cambridge Maximus last year celebrated the first anniversary on August Bank Holiday by taking part in a peal in the same method at Reading.

A 'silent' peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Drayton, Berks, on August 7th, 1899.

The first peal of Double Norwich in Wales was rung on August 13th, 1883.

'Many happy returns of the day' to Mr. William Pye, who will reach his 60th birthday next Thursday.

The peal of Cambridge Maximus at Walsall was rung on July 12th, not the 5th as published.

Wigan is famous for many things, including its pier, but few people know that it has been celebrated for its bells. The foundry existed in the 17th and 18th centuries, and bells cast in those days are still to be found in about thirty churches in Lancashire, Cheshire and North Wales.

The original firm was that of James and John Scott. They were bailiffs in 1627, and in 1653, 1688 and 1701 members of the same family were Mayors. In the 18th century the Scotts were succeeded at the Foundry by the Ashtons, who, in the order Ralph, Luke and Ralph, carried on the trade for three-quarters of a century.

FATAL ACCIDENT TO WHITTLE-LE-WOODS RINGER.

KILLED WHILE RETURNING FROM TEST MATCH.

When returning from the test match at Manchester, on Saturday week, to his home at Whittle-le-Woods, Mr. Edward Byfield, Coxhead was killed, as the result of a motor-cycle accident, which it is believed was caused by a burst tyre. The deceased, who was 27 years of age, was a ringer at Whittle-le-Woods Parish Church, and was a keen cricketer. He was secretary of the Whittle-le-Woods Cricket Club and captain of the second eleven.

Mr. Coxhead began his ringing with two or three other young men at the end of the Great War, in which three or four of the Whittle-le-Woods ringers gave their lives. He was regular and conscientious in his attendance at both service ringing and practice, and a most reliable ringer in the standard methods, in most of which he had rung peals. He was of a cheery disposition, and will be sadly missed, especially by his cricketing and ringing friends.

The funeral took place on Wednesday week at Whittle-le-Woods Parish Church, the Rev. T. H. Priestnell officiating. Members of the cricket club acted as bearers into the church, and the ringers conveyed the coffin to the grave. Among the many floral tributes was one in the shape of a bell from deceased's fellow ringers.

WORCESTERSHIRE VETERANS.

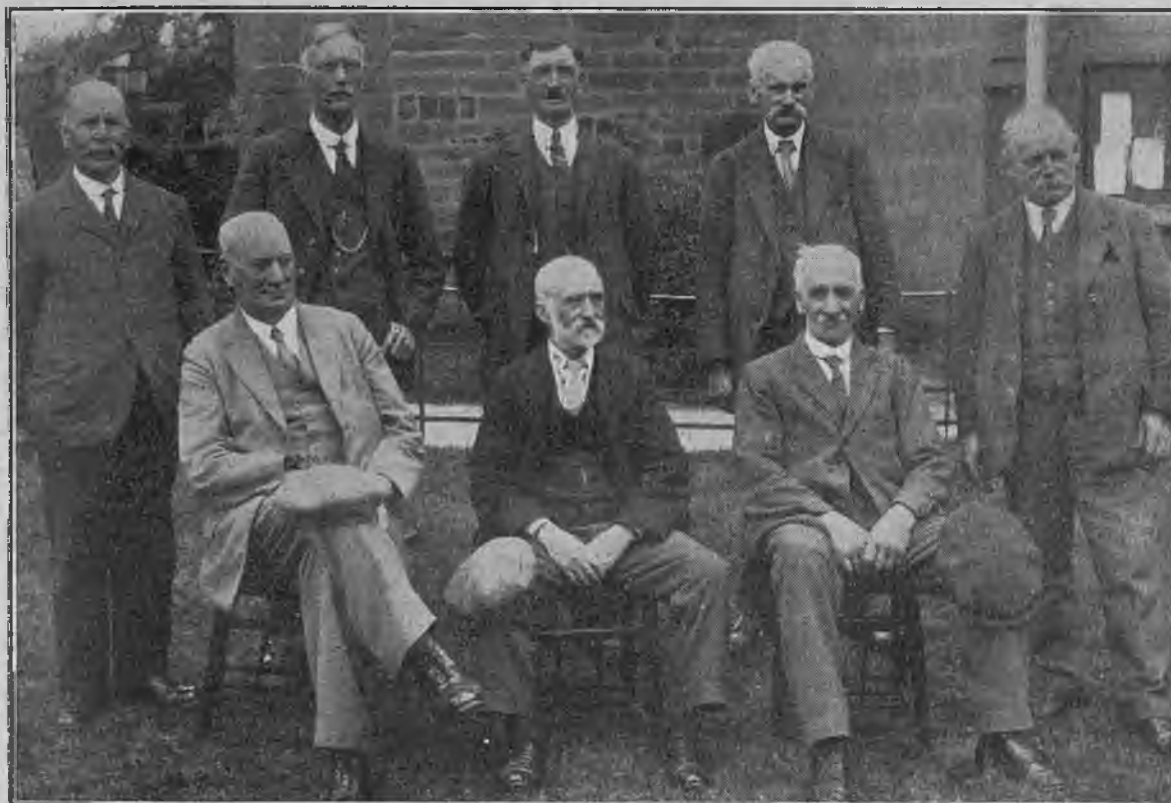
OFFICERS AND EX-OFFICERS TAKE PART IN A PEAL.

The interesting photograph of Worcestershire veterans on this page was taken after they had rung a peal of Stedman Triples at St. John the Baptist's Church, Worcester. Apart from the fact that they are all over 61 years of age, they have all served the Worcestershire

William C. Jones (Worcester), age 62. A Gloucester man, but has resided in Worcester long enough to serve the association as auditor for 25 years, and three years as Branch Master. Has rung 136 peals.
 Albert E. Parsons (Old Hill), age 64. Although his peals of recent years have been few and far between, he has served the association in many ways, including eight years as Master. His peals number 119.

Henry Middleton (Evesham), age 63. Rang in the long peal of Stedman Cinques (11,111 changes) at Birmingham, was Branch Master for many years. Has rung 199 peals.

Frederick J. Johnson (Hinton), age 65. Father of family of ringers who have rung in peals on handbells of Doubles, Minor, Triples, Major, Caters, Royal, Cinques, and Maximus. Rung 150 peals.



The peal band, all of whom have served the Worcestershire Association. Standing: W. Short, W. C. Jones, H. Middleton, F. J. Johnson, W. Ranford. Seated: A. E. Parsons, T. J. Salter, W. Page.

[Photo: G. Colwell, Worcester.]

Association in office and some are still serving. The record of the peal will be found in the customary place, but the following brief details give something of the part the band have taken in ringing during a long number of years. Their peal aggregate is 2,240.

Thomas J. Salter (Kidderminster), age 63, took part in the first peals of Stedman Triples, Double Norwich Court Bob Major 5,152, bearing my name as composer. The figures have not appeared in your columns, but were rung at Bolsover, Derby, on January 19th, 1929, conducted by John Flint, and appear in the Midland Counties report (peal No. 3833).

I offer my most humble apology to the conductor and his band and also the association for so having polluted their report. I would ask each member not to fail to endorse the same as false in their reports.—Yours truly,
 ARTHUR CRAVEN.

William Page (Worcester), age 68. Served the association for more than thirty years, Master for three years. Conducted the first peals of Superlative Cambridge, London and Bristol Surprise for the Western Branch. His peals number 111.

William Short (Clent), age 62, has been one of the leading peal ringers of the country, his total being now 787. He rang in 14,112 of London Surprise at King's Norton, conducted the 11,111 of Stedman Cinques at Birmingham, and has rung more peals than any other Worcestershire ringer.

William Ranford (Suckley), age 61, the 'nipper' of the band, although he is often called 'father.' Served on the committee for eight years, and has rung 294 peals.

A FALSE PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is my very unpleasant duty to call your readers' attention to a false peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major 5,152, bearing my name as composer. The figures have not appeared in your columns, but were rung at Bolsover, Derby, on January 19th, 1929, conducted by John Flint, and appear in the Midland Counties report (peal No. 3833).

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HARWELL, BERKS. BELL FUND.

For rehanging ring of six and adding two trebles, the following subscriptions have so far been received or promised:—Hillesden, Bucks, ringers, 7s.; Steeple Claydon, Bucks, ringers, 5s.; St. Giles', Oxford, ringers, 12s.; Waltham, St. Lawrence, ringers, 7s.; Mr. W. F. Judge, 2s.; Rev. J. F. Amies, 2s.; Rev. C. W. O. Jenkin, £1 1s.; High Wycombe ringers, 7s. 6d.; Bucklebury ringers, 11s.; Mr. A. J. Frankum, 2s.; Mr. W. Hutton, 2s.; Mr. A. J. Wright, 10s.; St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, 5s.; Mr. F. Mulford, £1; Oxford Diocesan Guild Restoration Fund, £5; North Berkshire Branch, O.D.G., £5; Mr. D. Napper, £2 2s. Total, £17 15s. 6d.

THE OUTING SEASON. MORE REPORTS OF PLEASANT DAYS.

This is the season of the 'annual outing,' and every week-end sees a 'general post' among ringers, who by road or rail seek out new towers in which to exercise their skill. Below are some of the reports which have reached us, telling of happy days spent among the bells:—

The Higham Ferrers ringers, accompanied by Mr. Harry Chapman, of Kingston, and Messrs. C. Whitney and W. and E. Whitmore, of Raunds, spent an enjoyable day when they visited the belfries of Newport Pagnell, Stony Stratford, Leighton Buzzard and Woburn for an outing. Travelling via Wollaston and Olney, the first stop was made at Newport, where touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung, but the bells had to be hurriedly lowered owing to illness. The party then proceeded to Stony Stratford, and on peal of eight, touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Double Norwich and Kent Treble Bob Major were brought round. Then along Watling Street, through beautiful Buckinghamshire country to Leighton Buzzard, where, after tea, the peal of ten (tenor 25 cwt.) were raised, but after a course of Grandsire Caters it was decided to confine ringing to the back eight, as some of the ringers were not fully acquainted with ten bells. Proceeding to Woburn, the fine peal of eight in the beautiful Church of the Blessed Mary were soon set going, and these were voted 'the best of the day.' Here a course of Superlative was rung besides the usual methods. The party then travelled home through Woburn Park via Ampthill and Bedford, arriving in Higham Ferrers at 10.30 p.m. Thanks are due to the various incumbents and steeplekeepers and to Mr. Geo. Randall, of Higham, who so ably arranged this outing.

E. E. W.

LAVENHAM'S BENEDICTS BEAT BACHELORS.

The SS. Peter and Paul's Society, Lavenham, held their ninth annual outing on Saturday, July 26th, under the leadership of Mr. Stedman Symonds. A start was made at 7.30 a.m., the first halt being at Framlingham, where the party were met by Messrs. Maulden and Crickmer. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Kent Treble Bob were rung and a brief visit was also made to the old castle. The next call was Kelsale, where Stedman, Double Norwich, Kent and Superlative were rung. At 12 noon the party reached Leiston, the main objective of the day. Here the ringers were met by the Messrs. Bailey. St. Margaret's handy peal of eight were soon tapping off merry touches of Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent and Superlative. A competition in striking took place between the society's single and married bands, the latter winning by one point. At Sizewell, Falcon Inn, the party sat down to lunch. This event was also won by the married section by two points. An enjoyable hour and a half was afterwards spent on the beach at Sizewell Gap, where the 'Dulcet Handbell Quartette' rendered some fine old airs, 'four in hand.' At Pettistree, courses of Plain Bob and Kent were rung on the peal of six. Afterwards the party were entertained to tea at the Grange by Mrs. B. Taylor, a native of Lavenham. The last call was at Grundisburgh, where the Rev. Sutton (Rector) gave the ringers a hearty welcome in the tower. The methods rung here were Grandsire, Double Norwich, Kent and Oxford. Home was reached at 10 p.m., when, for the eighth year in succession, the same unanimous opinion was expressed, 'that this was better than the last.' The ringers wish to take this opportunity of offering their thanks to all those who helped to make the outing such an enjoyable one.

HARWICH RINGERS IN SUFFOLK.

The annual outing of St. Nicholas' Guild, Harwich, took place on Saturday, July 26th, when in glorious weather a visit was paid by charabanc to Suffolk. Calling first at Henley, the ringers were met by the Rev. W. C. Pearson, and the bells were set going to Kent Treble Bob Major and Grandsire Triples on this light ring of eight. The next stop was Helmingham, where the fine old church dates back to 1500 and contains a very musical peal of eight bells. Touches of Kent Treble Bob Major and Grandsire Triples were brought round. After inspecting the very interesting church, a move was made to Framlingham, which was reached about 1.30 p.m. Mr. F. Watting, of Saxmundham, here joined the party, and, lunch having been disposed of, tracks were made for the tower of St. Michael's Church, where a well-struck 576 of Kent and 504 of Grandsire Triples were brought round on the fine old peal, the bells having been cast at various dates from 1583 to 1718. The church also possesses an organ which dates from 1674, and was presented to the church by Pembroke College in 1708. After an interesting visit to the Castle, the journey was resumed to Hasketon, the home of Mr. G. Thompson, captain of the Guild, where tea was waiting. Tracks were then made for home, which was reached at 10.45 p.m. The Guild wish, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to thank the Rev. W. C. Pearson, of Henley, for granting permission to ring on the bells, also Messrs. Whiting and Last, of Helmingham, and Mr. J. Hall, of Framlingham, for meeting them and helping to make the day a success. They also thank Miss Thompson for arranging the tea.

AN ISLAND TRIP.

The ringers of St. Mary's, Putney, held their annual outing on Saturday and Sunday, July 19th and 20th. The direction chosen this year was Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight, and 6.30 a.m. saw the noble 14 packed into a local 'Chiev.' and off via Kingston Bypass Road and the old Portsmouth Road, complete with luggage and the famous handbells of 'He of the many initials.' On top of Hindhead a course of Grandsire Triples was tapped off in solemn solitude before 8 a.m.—Have we made a record? (I wonder)—and 8.55 saw the party seated for breakfast at headquarters, Madden's Hotel, Portsmouth. Having shown that, as a band, we have as healthy an appetite as the next one, and bedrooms having been allocated, we proceeded in leisurely fashion to lose a boat across to Ryde. However, in compensation, we were enabled to see the arrival home of the battle cruiser, 'Suffolk,' from the China station, also Sir Thomas Lipton's challenger, 'Shamrock V.,' which was then about to start for America, watching crowds voicing their hopes for victory and the return of 'The Can.' Ryde was reached soon after eleven o'clock, and 'Old Joe' soon finding another charabanc (a rather difficult job, as they are so small), we were on tour, taking the route to Brading, where an eight of about 10 cwt. were at our disposal. Ringing was done in standard methods, Mr. Pain kindly obliging with keys. It was intended to put two refractory persons in the ancient stocks here, but unfortunately, or the reverse, as you look at it, the stocks were nailed in. It was a case of 'On, Stanley, on,' this being the 'Shuvver,' so via Sandown and Shanklin, through lovely lanes in delightful weather, occasionally 'hitting up' a piece of promenade, we went, reaching Godshill in time for a light lunch, afterwards proceeding to the quaint hilltop church, where we found a wedding in course of progress. Very appropriately the bells rang out for another happy couple, seemingly all the more so because of the music of a nice little six, smartly turning in a touch of Bob Minor. These bells are by Llewellyn and James, a name not very frequently met with among bells nowadays. A look round the very interesting church here, and we were loaded into our coach by the aforesaid Joe, and on the road to Carisbrooke, driving round the Castle slowly and admiring this ancient structure. Time would not permit a close inspection, as we were due to ring on the splendid eight here (tenor 25 cwt.) by the Croydon Foundry. Several touches were enjoyed and the bells lowered, farewells said, and we were on board for Ryde. Here a heavyish eight by Taylor were in contrast to the last peal, preferences being rather divided. After separating the combatants, tea was had, and 'the Joe person' announced that he had done with the party till supper time, so they could have the remaining part of the day to themselves. All went their ways, but caught a boat and arrived back at headquarters safely. Two other 'Erbs' arrived at 11.50, and after feeding were put to bed, and then, 'rest for the organiser.' Sunday morning saw the party at Alverstoke, where the local band welcomed them, a very fine light eight by Taylor's being made use of. Various diversions till 5.30 were the order, but not much could be done in the way of sightseeing as the weather became undone. It did not, however, entirely damp the spirits of the party, a fire of railery and chaff making up for much. Ringing for evening service was the last item, so to St. Thomas à Becket, where Mr. Burnett and his men gave us a welcome, and the lovely 25½ cwt. peal of eight were heard to advantage in standard methods. Borrowing a few locals, an almost 'Faultless' (capital F, please) course of Double Norwich was the outstanding feature of the whole trip, one severe critic remarking that it was well worth while travelling the distance to ring that alone. Home was the next objective, and, the weather by now having become more or less a deluge, we had a rather more difficult journey to go through, arriving at Putney, tired but happy, at 11.50, one, whose name I withhold, having to stay the night with Mr. Samaritan. Thanks are due to gentlemen who met us at the towers with such courtesy, also to Vicars and Rectors for the use of the bells. Prizes as usual were awarded, Mr. Cassell receiving the Iron Cross, while the treasurer was presented with a very nice and useful pipe, which I believe he knows how to use. Conducting was shared by Messrs. Elson, Malins, Cassell and Herbert.

BOURNEMOUTH RINGERS' TOUR.

The annual outing of the ringers of St. John's Church, Bournemouth, took place on Saturday, July 26th. Leaving Bournemouth at 8.30, the first stop was North Stoneham, where the band was met by the Master of the Guild (Mr. George Williams), and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Cambridge Surprise were rung. The next call was at St. Michael's, Southampton, where various touches were successfully brought round. After lunch, came an interesting drive to All Saints', Dibden. After ringing here, the party made for Lymington, where tea was partaken of at the church. Many excellent touches were afterwards accomplished. Proceeding to Milford-on-Sea, many methods were rung on this beautiful peal of eight, which was the last call of the day. The handbells were kept very busy on the homeward journey, Bournemouth being reached by 11.30. The ringers wish to thank all the incumbents at the churches visited for the use of the bells and the steeplekeepers for having the bells ready for them.

HASLEMERE RINGERS VISIT THAMESIDE TOWERS.

The annual outing of the Haslemere, Surrey, ringers was held on July 19th, when, accompanied by Miss Irene Hastie, of Leatherhead, Messrs. A. J. Bartlett and M. Smithers (Chiddingfold) they spent an enjoyable day on the Thameside. The first stop was St. Mary's, Staines, where touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman were brought round. At Egham, touches of Stedman, Grandsire and Treble Bob were brought into rounds, and the Vicar came to speed the parting guests. At Windsor, an excellent lunch had been prepared, and, after 'full justice had been done,' Old Windsor Church was visited, and touches of Plain Bob, Grandsire, Treble Bob and Stedman were rung. Going next to Bray, the bells were raised, and Bob Minor, Grandsire Doubles and Treble Bob were rung, and this finished the ringing for the day. After an excellent tea at the Crown Hotel, at the invitation of the Master, a trip on the river to Boulter's Lock and back was greatly enjoyed. The homeward journey was commenced, and home was reached about 9.30 p.m., after a most enjoyable day. The company arranged to meet for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters on the Sunday evening, and this was rung in 48 mins. by the following: Major J. H. B. Hesse 1, R. Hayes 2, B. Elliott 3, F. Bowden 4, H. Furlonger 5, J. Bartlett (conductor) 6, W. Eldridge 7, R. Overy 8, M. Smithers 9, E. Wicks 10. This was W. Eldridge and H. Furlonger's first quarter on an inside bell.

BEACONSFIELD RINGERS IN SURREY.

Beaconsfield ringers had their annual outing on July 12th, when they visited some West Surrey towers. A start was made from the church a little after 12 o'clock for Farnham, where they were met by the veteran Mr. Clapshaw, and the bells raised and started to Stedman and Double Norwich. The bells and tower here are all that can be desired, and this accounted for the party being a bit late in getting away. Frensham was next on the list. Here there is a nice ring of six, but the time here had to be cut short to enable the party to catch up with the schedule, but all had a pull, Kent and Cambridge being rung. Then away over Hindhead to Chiddingfold, where Stedman, Double Norwich and a particularly good course of Cambridge were rung. After tea, the party proceeded to Witley. Here conditions are not in favour of good ringing, but Stedman was attempted, and Bob Major was brought round. Proceeding to Godalming, the last tower on the list, Stedman, Double Norwich and Cambridge were brought round, and the bells lowered. The inner man having been refreshed, a start was made for home, which was reached at 11.30 p.m., all being agreed that a good half-day had been spent. The band wish to take this opportunity of thanking the incumbents and towerkeepers of the towers mentioned for the use of the bells and the trouble taken to make the visits a success.

PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL RINGERS' EXCURSION.

The annual outing of the ringers of the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury, Portsmouth, was held on Saturday, July 12th, when, accompanied by an old friend, in the person of Mr. J. H. Blake, of Chichester, a start was made just before 8 a.m. in fine but somewhat cold weather. The route taken was via West End, Lyndhurst and Christchurch to Poole, which was reached 30 minutes late, due to the driver having chosen the wrong road. Ringing took place at St. James' Church, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major being rung. At Wimborne, an excellent lunch awaited the party at the Crown Hotel, but unfortunately time did not permit an inspection of the Minster Church of St. Cuthbert, as the ringers were due at Wimborne St. Giles. On arrival, it was found that a wedding was about to take place, so, immediately after the ceremony, the bells rang out a message of gladness to the happy couple from ringers of another diocese. After touches of Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob, and Kent Treble Bob Major had been rung, a move was made to Salisbury. In the absence of the Dean (who was unfortunately unable to be present in person), one of the resident canons was waiting to welcome the party, and, together with a guide, pointed out the great architectural beauties and historic relics of the Cathedral. Tea was taken at the County Hotel, after which touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung on the sonorous octave at St. Thomas' Church.

The homeward journey was made via Romsey, where a short stop only was made, and Portsmouth was again reached at 9.45 p.m. The company would like to give expression, through these columns, of their feelings of deep appreciation of the kindness and courtesy shown them by the Rt. Rev. Lord Bishop Randolph, D.D., and the canons and staff of Salisbury Cathedral, also to all the incumbents and steeplekeepers of churches who contributed so much to the success of the day.

H. L. W. A.

DARLEY DALE.—On July 23rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Taylor 1, W. Blagshaw 2, E. Blackwell 3, H. Taylor 4, B. Allsop 5, G. H. Paulson (conductor) 6, R. Allsop tenor (covering). First 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor by ringers of 1, 2, 4, 6 and tenor.

HANSLOPE, BUCKS.—On July 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): A. Meakins 1, H. Garratt 2, J. Higgins (conductor) 3, A. Gibbons 4, E. Hilmyer 5, J. Ansell 6. First quarter-peal by ringers of 2, 5 and tenor, who belong to the local band.

REV. E. BANKES JAMES' ODD-AND-EVEN BOB ONE PART

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This composition was rung for the first time on July 30th, at Orich, Derbyshire, conducted by Maurice Swinfield. The peal, as originally published in 'The Ringing World' on April 1st, 1921, was false, but altered as above by Mr. Swinfield, it is true. The figures have been checked and confirmed by Mr. J. W. Parker, of Sunderland, to whom Mr. Swinfield expresses his thanks.

FEERING RINGERS VISIT KENT.

On Saturday, July 5th, members of All Saints' Guild, Feering, accompanied by the Vicar and churchwardens and friends from Kelvedon, held their annual outing. Leaving Feering at 8 a.m., Gravesend was reached at 10 a.m., and the towers at Wrotham, Aylesford, Chatham, Rochester Cathedral and Gravesend were visited in turn, short touches of Major being rung at each, interposed with rounds to enable all to have a pull, including the juniors. The Guild desire, through 'The Ringing World,' to thank all the clergy for the use of the bells, and all ringers who kindly met them at the various places, also Mr. F. Mitchell, who so kindly assisted in the arrangements. The party left Gravesend at 9 p.m., arriving home safely shortly after 11 p.m., having spent a long but thoroughly happy day amidst some of the lovely scenery of Kent.

ROCK FERRY, CHESHIRE.—On Thursday, June 12th, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Minor (1,260 changes) in 42 mins., being 240 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, 120 each of Oxford Single, Double and Single Court and 180 of Plain Bob: Miss D. I. Leatham 1, Miss M. Cooke 2, J. Leslie 3, F. Banton 4, W. Dean 5, J. Cooke (conductor) 6. Rung for the induction service of the Rev. F. E. Hicks, as Vicar of St. Peter's parish. Also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the second, it being her 15th birthday. First quarter-peal in seven methods by the ringers of 1, 2 and 4.

HALSALL, LANCs.—At St. Cuthbert's Church, on May 16th, for the Confirmation service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 26 mins. J. Fairclough 1, T. Prescott 2, J. Gardner 3, A. Mawdesley (conductor) 4, H. Sergeant 5, E. Blundell 6.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. PRESTON BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.

A very successful meeting of the Preston Branch was held at Higher Walton on Saturday, August 2nd. The bells, a handy peal of eight, were raised shortly before three o'clock, and were rung in various methods till after 8 p.m. Members were present from eleven of the branch towers, as well as Messrs. Grounds and Booth, from Standish, and all present had a pull, the ringing being of quite a high standard.

Before commencing the business meeting, the Chairman, Mr. W. Sharples, referred to the tragic death of one of their fellow-ringers, Mr. E. B. Coxhead, of Whittle-le-Woods, and also to the death of Mrs. Booth, the wife of Mr. J. Booth, of Standish, who was present with them that day. The Chairman proposed a vote of condolence with Mr. Coxhead's relatives and also with Mr. Booth.—This was carried with the members standing in silence.

Arising from the minutes of the last meeting, the Secretary read correspondence, and explained why the meeting which was to have been held at St. Helen's, Garstang, had been postponed. The explanation was accepted.

The meeting confirmed the election of Arthur Townley Parker, of Chorley, as a member of the association.

The place and date of the next meeting was then fixed, and the Secretary then gave a report of the branch's activities during the year. Meetings had been held, he said, at Chorley Parish Church, Hoghton, Broughton, Samesbury, Preston Parish Church, Brownedge, Leyland St. James, Penwortham, Whittle-le-Woods, and Chorley. They had also held a joint meeting with the Fylde Branch at St. Annes. At the meetings held at Hoghton and Preston Parish Church, Mr. Wm. Taylor gave lectures which were much appreciated by all present, the subject being, 'In and out of course in change ringing, and also aids to the young conductor.' The meeting at Preston Parish Church was a joint meeting, at which the Blackburn, Fylde, Wigan, and Bolton Branches were represented, and it is proposed to hold a similar meeting at Blackburn about the same time next year. On the whole the meetings had been fairly well attended, a fair number of other branch members having been present at various meetings. The standard of ringing in the branch seemed rather better, if they judged by the methods rung at the meetings and the peals rung by the branch. The number of peals rung was thirteen, which was as large a number as ever. They had been rung in seven different towers by thirty-four members, eleven of whom have rung their first peal in one or more methods, while five had rung their first peal inside in a different method. The methods rung were: Plain Bob Minor 2, Minor in three methods 1, Cambridge Minor 1, Minor in seven methods 1, Grandsire Triples 2, Oxford Treble Bob Major 1, Kent Treble Bob Major 4, Double Norwich Court Bob Major 1. Local peals were rung at Penwortham, Brindle and Whittle-le-Woods. In the local peal of Minor at Penwortham, Mr. E. W. Hutchinson was successful in ringing his first peal: this at the ripe age of seventy-three years. The peal of Minor at Preston was on the heaviest peal of bells rung to Minor by the association. The peal of Minor rung half-muffled at Brindle was rung as a last token of respect to Mr. J. H. Garstide, of Chorley, an old and esteemed ringer and churchworker. During the year, Mr. B. A. Knights had completed his one hundred peals for the association, and he was the first Preston Branch member to do so.

UNPAID SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The bells at St. Helen's, Churchton, and Broughton had both been in the hands of the founders and bell hangers during the year, and the reports regarding both peals were very satisfactory. Subscriptions had come in fairly well, although there were one or two towers where they had not had a meeting recently, where the members had not paid for the current year. The list of members was slightly larger than last year, as sixteen or seventeen new members had been elected, but they had lost one or two through death, among them Mr. E. B. Coxhead, who was killed the previous week in a motor accident. They had also lost a few members through lack of interest, as well as members leaving the district. For various reasons the annual social was abandoned this year, but it was to be hoped it would soon be revived.

The report was accepted, and the secretary thanked.

Mr. Sharples gave a report of the committee meeting held at Chorley last month, and this was accepted with thanks to Mr. Sharples.

Before the election of branch secretary took place, a proposal was put that the secretary be elected for two years, as it was thought it would be beneficial, as the committee men would then retire in alternate years.—On being put to the meeting, the proposal was carried, and the retiring secretary was elected unanimously, with a vote of thanks for his services, one of the supporters humorously suggesting that the secretary be paid the same remuneration as before.

The Secretary thanked the members for their vote of thanks and for their renewed confidence in him.

A letter was then read regarding the Central Council's proposal that associations should agree to abide by the rules and decisions of the Central Council.—The matter was discussed, and Mr. Bradley

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SKIPTON RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

Mr. and Mrs. William Downham Hillary, of Skipton, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on July 31st, having been married at Skipton Parish Church in 1880. Both are well known in Skipton, and received many congratulations upon the auspicious event.

Mr. Hillary has been a ringer at Skipton since 1878. He is the second oldest member of the band, his brother-in-law, Mr. William Billows, having had two years longer service. When Mr. Hillary joined the band in 1878, there was only a peal of six bells, and the ringers were Messrs. Wm. Trees, Joseph Barrett, J. Ingham, W. Pate, Joseph Thompson, Tom Harry Trees, S. Watson, W. Holdsworth, Wm. Billows and himself. He has served under three Rectors—the Rev. P. C. Kidd, the Rev. H. L. Cook and the present holder of the living, the Rev. R. S. Stoney; he has rung in honour of great events in the reigns of three monarchs—the jubilee of Queen Victoria in 1887, the Diamond Jubilee in 1897, and the coronations of King Edward and King George. He has taken part in 37 peals, including 6,048, which was the record for the longest peal of Oxford rung in Yorkshire at that time (1889). The ringers, in addition to Mr. Hillary, were Messrs. F. Anderson, J. Boothman, C. Langstreth (Gargrave), J. McKell (Gargrave), and W. Billows (conductor).

Mr. Hillary can remember vividly the addition of the two new bells and the rehanging of the old ones in 1887, to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee; and also when the bells were recast and rehung ten years ago. He also took part with the Skipton ringers in the reopening of the bells at Holy Trinity Church, Burnley and Salsdale Parish Church. During the war, when a number of ringers joined the fighting forces, their places were filled by four ladies, among them being Mr. Hillary's daughter, Miss Ada Hillary (now Mrs. Geo. Bottomley), who rang until 1922.

Mr. Hillary in 1879 joined the old Volunteers and served until 1901, when he retired with the rank of sergeant. For nineteen years he was a member of the Skipton Fire Brigade in which he attained the rank of superintendent.

As a young man he was a prominent competitor at all the local sports meetings, and at once time was regarded as the best exponent of the long jump in the district. He also acquitted himself well in the sprint events, and was no mean performer in events over longer distances, as his successes testified.

For 47 years Mr. Hillary was employed as a painter with Messrs. G. H. Mason, and it was only as the result of a fall he suffered in 1928 that he retired and was prevented from completing half a century of service with the firm.

Mrs. Hillary is a sister of Mrs. Thomas Bellamy, of Chapel Hill, Skipton, who, with her husband, attained their golden wedding anniversary a few months ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Hillary have had five sons and four daughters, and they have eight grandchildren. One son, Thomas, who was a member of the Territorials, died before the war, while two of his brothers died during the war, Horace in England, from wounds received in Gallipoli, and Harold, who had held positions with the Skipton and Branshaw (Keighley) Golf Clubs and a similar appointment in Canada, died in France.

On the eve of the golden wedding, Mr. Hillary took part in a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Skipton Parish Church in honour of the event. The ringers were: W. Billows 1, W. Birtwhistle, Gargrave (conductor) 2, W. E. Townsend 3, W. Bradley, Gargrave, 4, J. Garlick 5, C. Langstreth, Gargrave, 6, J. Smith 7, W. D. Hillary 8.

THORNHAM RINGERS' OUTING.

The members of the Thornham and Cotton company of ringers had their annual outing on July 12th. The party went by motor to Newmarket and then on to Ely Cathedral. The next call was Haverhill, where an excellent dinner was provided for the ringers, who later rang on the bells of that church. The next calls were Clare, Long Melford, Sudbury and then Nayland, where the party stopped for tea and ringing. They then proceeded to Hadleigh and Ipswich, but it was too late to ring on the bells of St. Margaret's. The touches were conducted by Mr. G. Cattermole and Mr. B. Chilvers, and the ringers are grateful to the latter for organising the best outing they have had.

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said as the Central Council was comprised of representatives elected by the associations it was only reasonable that the Council's decisions should be recognised and upheld by the associations.

The feeling of the meeting was that as the Lancashire Association's rules did not contain a rule governing the above resolution, a resolution to discuss the same at the annual meeting should be sent to the general secretary.

Another item of interest was put before the meeting by a member who asked for information regarding the branch peal book. After discussion, the meeting instructed the secretary to try and get the book to the next business meeting.

The usual vote of thanks to the church authorities closed the meeting.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 26th, a visit was paid by members of the North Notts Association to Misson for the purpose of reviving the art of change ringing at that tower, and it is hoped the effort will prove successful. Members arrived from Branston, Edwinstowe, Everton, (Tamston, Misterton and Ordsall, and a full company of local ringers was present.

Tea was served in an excellent manner, after which a business meeting followed presided over by Rev. H. H. Skinner, Vicar of Misson, who gave the association a most hearty welcome to his church.

The Hon. Secretary stated that during the past week he had been in communication with the Everton ringers, and he was very pleased to say that they had decided to be reaffiliated with the association. It may be remembered that Everton was among the founders of the association. The following members were duly elected: Messrs. S. Harrison, H. Searle, F. Searle, A. Smith, E. Smith, F. Smithson, G. Swindon and R. Welsh, of Everton, and T. Seamore, of Misson.

It was stated that the next meeting would be at East Markham on a date to be fixed by the committee.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar, the caterers, and all who had helped to make the meeting such a success from the learners' point of view. It is desirable that a few more towers should follow the example set by the Everton band.

DEATH OF AN OLD BARNSELY RINGER.

The death of Mr. Wilfred Richardson, of Barnsley, at the advanced age of 84 years, has to be recorded with regret. A member of St. Mary's company for over fifty years, he was always present for service ringing, and was a ready teacher of young ringers on practice nights. His occupation, that of warehouseman for Messrs. Geo. Guest, grocers, of Barnsley, did not permit him to go in for peal ringing away, but at home he was always ready to join in for the benefit of ringing and ringers. He became a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Yorkshire Association in the 'Seventies,' and also helped in the formation of Barnsley and District Association in the year 1909. Owing to age and chronic rheumatism, his active ringing had to cease some years ago. He is the last of the band that Mr. C. D. Potter (the first president of Barnsley Association) met in the tower at St. Mary's 54 years ago.

TAUNTON RINGER'S BEREAVEMENT.

We regret to announce the sudden death of Mrs. J. Burge, beloved wife of Mr. James Burge, of Taunton. The deceased lady underwent a serious operation a few years ago, but although it was thought that the operation was a very successful one, it left its mark behind, and she succumbed on July 26th. She was laid to rest on August 2nd in St. Mary's Cemetery amid many manifestations of esteem and regard. The first part of the service was held in St. Mary's Church, the Rev. W. H. Allen, Vicar of Broadway, officiating. As the cortege left the church, the grand peal of twelve was rung in rounds, followed by two courses of Stedman Cinques conducted by W. White, the bells being half-muffled. The band was made up of ringers from the three towers in Taunton. Amongst the many beautiful floral tributes was one from the ringers of St. Mary's, where Mr. Burge has been conductor for over thirty years. Much sympathy is felt for Mr. Burge and his daughter in their great loss.

THE NON-CONDUCTED PEAL AT TONBRIDGE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As umpire to the above peal, I feel it is only fair, on behalf of the band, to reply to the query raised in your last issue by Mr. Alfred Rowley, of Brierley Hill. I can, without fear or favour, confirm that the peal was rung strictly silent, and that no motion was made by those taking part. At no time did any of the band appear to be in doubt, and the striking was perfect throughout.—Yours faithfully,

W. CROUCHER.

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WEDDING BELLS.

On Tuesday, July 29th, at the Parish Church of St. John, Burslem, in honour of the marriage of Mr. G. H. Bennett and Miss M. B. Waklet, which took place on the same day, 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent, Oxford and Woodbine Treble Bob. The following ringers took part: F. Shuker, F. Box, J. Hurd, H. Box, P. Kelsall, T. Hilditch and H. Box (conductor).

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, July 27th, for children's festival service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): J. W. Faithfull (conductor) 1, F. White 2, F. E. Pitman 3, A. Newman 4, F. Mursell 5, H. Reeves 6, H. Payne 7, H. J. Nash 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, July 27th, after evensong, at St. Olave's Church, Hart Street, City, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): W. J. Kilbey 1, G. H. Daynes 2, J. A. Dart 3, E. E. Richards 4, C. Davis 5, A. F. Petrie 6, F. W. Thornton (conductor) 7, H. T. Willson 8.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, July 27th, for evening service, at St. Mary's, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major in 46 mins.: A. T. Greenwood 1, Mrs. A. E. Lock 2, A. E. Lock 3, H. Jennings 4, E. J. Harding, jun., 5, J. D. Harris 6, T. R. Taylor 7, F. W. Rogers (conductor) 8. Arranged specially for the ringers of the 2nd and 3rd, who hail from Abingdon, Berks.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, July 27th, at St. Mary's Church, before evensong, the following 720's were rung: 720 Ipswich Surprise and 720 Kent Treble Bob: J. Sitch 1, L. Camp 2, H. Wright 3, G. Camp 4, E. Sitch 5, A. Bradley (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, July 15th, before evensong, 720 Norwich Surprise: J. Sitch 1, L. Camp 2, C. Harrington 3, H. Wright 4, G. Camp 5, E. Sitch (conductor) 6; and 720 Oxford Treble Bob: E. Sitch 1, J. Sitch 2, L. Camp 3, G. Camp 4, C. Harrington 5, H. Wright (conductor) 6.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—For morning service, on July 27th, 720 Kent Treble Bob: H. Pennack 1, P. Felton 2, Miss Dolly French 3, P. Green 4, Dr. Spencer Phillips 5, Geo. Green (conductor) 6. This was also rung for the birthday of Miss Dolly French, and it was her first 720 of Kent; also the first in the method for the ringers of 1 and 2.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, July 27th, for evensong, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 42 mins.: A. Wright 1, Miss M. L. Cufflin 2, A. Disney 3, H. Bowley 4, J. O. Lancashire 5, G. H. Dexter 6, R. F. Elkington 7, W. Sibson 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of treble and tenor, and first on eight bells by ringer of 4th.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On Sunday, July 27th, at Farnborough Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 47 mins., with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. G. Morley, who was for many years churchwarden of Farnborough Parish Church: L. Parfitt 1, R. Turner 2, A. Alexander 3, C. Turner 4, G. Gasson (conductor) 5, T. Paul 6.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Sunday, July 27th, at the Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 55 mins.: Miss Violet Shorter 1, S. P. Banyard 2, E. G. Hibbins 3, R. Lathbury (conductor) 4, J. W. Quiney 5, J. W. Ward 6, E. Harper 7, T. R. Dennis 8.

LEICESTER.—On Sunday, July 20th (St. Margaret's Day), at St. Margaret's Church, for morning and evening service, two quarter-peals of Grandsire Triples by Messrs. E. Cattell, L. Johnson, T. Bent, G. Humphreys, W. and E. Tanser, J. E. and G. S. Morris. Conducted by Ernest Morris.—At St. Peter's, Belgrave, in the afternoon, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by: F. Graham, F. Sharman, E. Morris, R. Barrow, G. Tillson, R. F. Elkington, W. A. Skinner (conductor), K. Lawson, the latter part accompanied by the organ!

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.—On Sunday, July 13th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) for evening service, on the occasion of the Sunday Schools' Anniversary: John Potter 1, Rev. C. B. Hulton 2, William Jones 3, Fred Grundy 4, Joseph Ridyard 5, Percy H. Derbyshire 6, Joseph H. Ridyard (conductor) 7, A. Burton 8.

CHURCH, LANCS.—On Sunday evening, July 6th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. Chadwick 1, W. Aaron 2, J. Cavanaugh 3, A. Brunton 4, A. Ingham 5, J. Ingham 6, R. Bolderstone 7, L. J. Williams (conductor) 8. Specially rung as a farewell to Joseph Riley, who left on above date to reside at Dursley, Gloucester.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows' Church, on Sunday, May 25th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: E. G. Hibble (first quarter in method) 1, H. A. Barnett 2, J. G. Nash 3, W. J. Ellis (first as conductor in the method) 4, C. A. Button 5, M. Fensom 6, H. Ellis 7, E. A. Hull 8.

EAST GRINSTEAD (SUSSEX).—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on May 18th, in 49 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. A. Ladd 1, G. Lambert 2, H. D. White 3, J. Wren 4, E. J. Ladd 5, J. A. Hart, Uckfield (conductor) 6, R. Stredwick 7, S. W. Chesson 8.

HOLBORN, LONDON.—On Sunday, May 18th, for evening service, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Stedman Triples in 46 mins.: T. Benney 1, H. Alford 2, W. J. Norton 3, C. J. Chooel 4, E. E. Pryor 5, C. Brett 6, G. B. Cole (conductor) 7, G. H. Viller 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Bullock.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, May 11th, for evening service at the Parish Church, 528 Grandsire Cinques: F. W. Bond 1, A. Parsons 2, F. J. Lewis, jun., 3, H. L. Cook 4, H. S. Parsons 5, F. J. Lewis, sen. (conductor) 3, F. J. Lewis, jun., 4, J. C. Eden 5, H. Bond 9, H. Lewis 10, W. H. Hayward 11, J. Hayward 12.—On Sunday, May 18th, 547 Stedman Caters: F. W. Bond 1, A. Parsons 2, F. J. Lewis, sen. (conductor) 3, F. J. Lewis, jun., 4, J. C. Eden 5, H. L. Cook 6, H. C. Bond 7, H. Lewis 8, H. S. Parsons 9, W. Wrigley 10. All the above are local service ringers.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 14th and 28th, St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 19th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, 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.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, August 9th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Leesfield, Oldham, on Saturday, August 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Green-hirst Hey, Todmorden.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton District.—Quarterly meeting at Froyle on Saturday, August 9th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at the Shrubbery House, by kind invitation of Sir Hubert Miller, Bart.—B. C. Taylor, Binsted Vicarage, Alton.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Wortley on Saturday, August 9th. Bells ready early. Tea 1s. 3d. per head. Please notify Mr. E. Booth, Wortley Arms Hotel, Wortley, near Sheffield. All are welcome.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec., 61, Beech Road, Wath-on-Deane.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hale on Saturday, August 9th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Business: Election of officers of the branch. Will all members make a special effort to attend? Some subscriptions are outstanding and would be gladly received.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Whitwell on Saturday, Aug. 9th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea at the Vicarage, by kind invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. J. C. Orr (district president) and business meeting. All ringers welcomed. — B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Wormingford on Saturday, Aug. 9th. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Martin's, Cheriton, on Saturday, Aug. 9th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 5, followed by tea in the Schoolroom. Half fares up to 2s. paid. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Hawley on Saturday, August 9th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in the Parish Room.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, on Saturday, August 16th. Bells ready 6 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

ESSEX, HERTS AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS. — Joint meeting at Edmonton on Saturday, August 16th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea, at 5, at 1s. 3d. each. Please advise Mr. C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4, by August 13th, if you are coming. Ringing also at St. Andrew's, Enfield, at 2.30, and at All Hallows', Tottenham, from 6.30 to 7.30. All ringers welcome! Come in your hundreds!! —E. J. Butler, W. Lawrence and C. T. Coles, Hon. Secs.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Sunderland on Saturday, August 16th. Bells of Bishop Wearmouth Church and St. Ignatius available. Meet Bishop Wearmouth Church at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in St. Ignatius' Institute, and those requiring tea please advise Mr. G. S. Taylor, 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland, by August 14th. All ringers from rounds to Surprise welcome. — F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Water Street, West Hartlepool.

OXFORD AND WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILDS.—Newbury and Andover Branches. — A joint meeting will be held at Thatcham on Saturday, August 16th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., at 1s. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify Mr. H. Smith, 22, High Street, Thatcham, near Newbury, not later than Wednesday, August 13th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis and the Rev. F. C. Sear, Hon. Secs.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Edenbridge on Saturday, August 16th. Tower opened 3.30 p.m. Will all those requiring tea kindly let me know by Wednesday, August 13th? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—A meeting of the above will be held at Greasley (8 bells) on Saturday, August 16th. Bells ready 3 p.m. South Normanton bus from Millstone Lane 2.20 p.m. every half-hour. Tea free. Please advise Mr. F. T. Justice, Watnall, Notts, by Thursday, August 14th.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Biddenham (6 bells) on Saturday, August 16th, at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Bletsoe bells are not available for this meeting. All ringers welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Stagsden, Beds.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Hanbury on Saturday, August 16th. Bells (8) ready 4 p.m. Yellow bus leaves Wetmore Road Park at 3.30 p.m. Please see that this meeting is well supported.—John Leach, Dis. Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Berkswell, near Coventry, on Saturday, August 16th. Bells available during afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided at a moderate charge.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — A meeting will be held at Rainford on Saturday, August 16th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Will all members make a special effort to attend? Subscriptions are due.—James W. Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Castleton on Saturday, August 16th. Church of St. Edmund, 8 bells (tenor about 15 cwt), available afternoon and evening. Tea will be arranged at a moderate charge.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Deanery Branch. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Enmore on Saturday, August 16th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. All ringers welcome. Please let me know not later than Tuesday, August 12th how many will require tea.—C. Evans, Hon. Sec., 14, Redgate Street, Bridgwater.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Oxted, on Saturday, August 23rd. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, August 20th.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The annual branch meeting and social will be held at Church Kirk on Saturday, August 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d. each, at 5 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. Business: Election of officers. Social commences at 7.30 p.m. Will all those intending being present at tea please notify Mr. L. J. Williams, 58, York Street, Church, not later than Tuesday, August 19th? — F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The Bolton Borough Police have placed their bowling green at the disposal of ringers, wives and friends on Saturday, August 23rd. Names please by August 20th to Peter Crook, 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Bishop of Truro proposes (p.v.) to dedicate the recast peal of eight bells at St. Mary's, Penzance, on Monday, August 25th. All ringing friends welcomed. — John Symons, Ringing Master, Buriton House, Penzance.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, August 30th. Usual arrangements made. Cheap tickets on Southern Railway.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

HOYLANDSWAINE CHURCH. — Change Ringing Contest. Six bells, to be held on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Rules will be sent to any band wishing to join on receipt of stamped addressed envelope. Teas only guaranteed to those who apply. Closing date August 30th. — E. Brookes, Hail Lane, Hoylandswaine, Sheffield.

DEATH.

WREAKS. — On Monday, August 4th, at 5, Crag's Road, Paisley, Elizabeth Ann, dearly beloved wife of Albert Edward Wreaks (formerly of Pendleton, Manchester), after a lingering illness, patiently borne.

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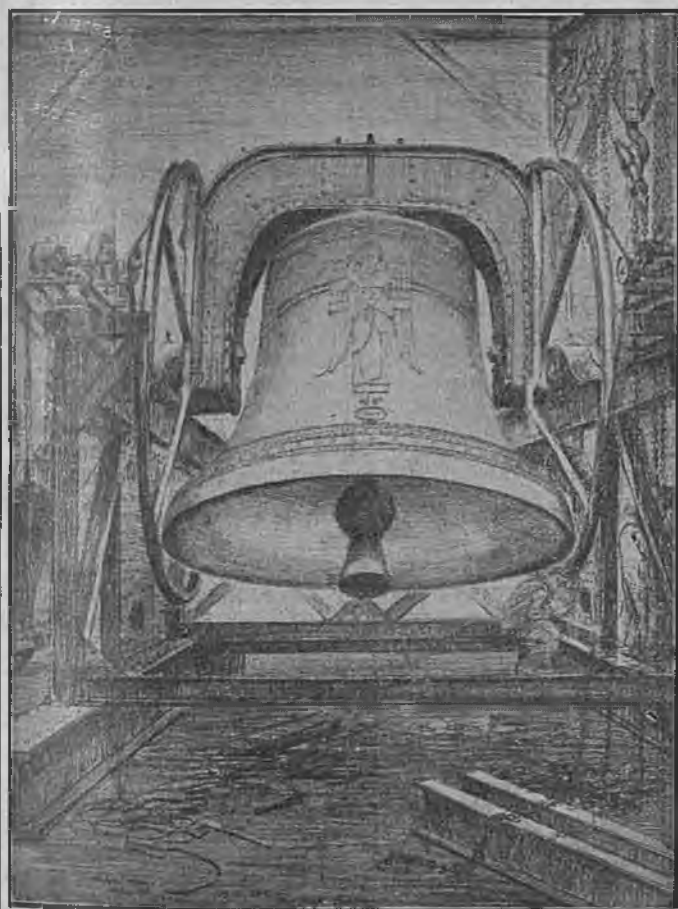
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A few weeks ago the Guildford Diocesan Guild's representatives on the Council put forward to their members a practical suggestion for promoting the sales of the Council's publications. It was that every association should purchase a number of copies of the various works for re-sale on the ground that, as the various ringing bodies get the benefit of the Council's publications, they should bear some of the risk of the loss on sales. As a matter of fact the Council almost every year makes a loss on sales; the total number of publications sold does not defray the cost of advertising. This is not because the goods it has to offer are not worth buying, but because the article itself cannot be come by without a little trouble, and that is one of the things which many ringers

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| WILLIAM SHORT... .. Treble | REV. C. CAREW COX... .. 6 |
| ALFRED S. BAYLEY 2 | WILLIAM SADNDERS 7 |
| CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 3 | JOHN PERRY 8 |
| *JOHN GRIFFITHS... .. 4 | EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 9 |
| *ARTHUR PRITCHARD 5 | ARTHUR H. GARBETT ... Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT

* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal on ten bells. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Margaret Caroline Lago, eldest daughter of Mr. Walter Lago, one of the local ringers, to Mr. Walter Jones, son of Mr. James Jones, of Dawley.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, August 4, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

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| FRANK LAWRENCE Treble | WILLIAM PAGE 6 |
| DENNIS R. MORRIS 2 | WILLIAM RANFORD 7 |
| SIDNEY T. HOLT 3 | WILLIAM C. JONES 8 |
| LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 4 | CYRIL TANSELL 9 |
| *FRED HAWKES 5 | CHARLES CAMM Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Treble Bob Royal.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 9, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

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| ALFRED H. PULLING... .. Treble | WILLIAM SPICE 6 |
| *THOMAS E. SONE 2 | CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7 |
| CHARLES W. PLAYER 3 | GEORGE GILBERT... .. 8 |
| ERNEST J. DOBBIE 4 | WILLIAM T. BEESON 9 |
| C. ERNEST SMITH 5 | STANLEY B. DOBBIE Tenor |

Composed by FRED A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING

* First peal of Stedman Caters. C. E. Smith was proposed a member of the association before starting.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

RUARDEAN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 2, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| WILLIAM BEARD Treble | ALFRED T. POULTON 5 |
| JOSEPH WILLIAMS 2 | WILLIAM BISHOP 6 |
| BRUCE P. CHEW 3 | WILLIAM POSTON... .. 7 |
| GEORGE WILKS 4 | HOWARD MEEK Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM POSTON.

Rung for the anniversary of the restoration and rededication of the bells, and as an expression of gratitude to the members of the Horlick family for kindly defraying the outstanding cost of the work.

TETTENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, August 2, 1930, in Three Hours and Eighteen 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 15 cwt.

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| ARTHUR BENNETT Treble | ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 5 |
| HAROLD L. FLAVELL 2 | HARRY BOSWELL 6 |
| WILLIAM A. JONES 3 | ALFRED FALLON 7 |
| ALBERT D. COLLINS 4 | THOMAS BATE Tenor |

Conducted by A. FALLON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect and sympathy on the death of Mr. H. R. Pickering, one of the Tettenhall company.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, August 3, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

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| LESLIE G. BRETT Treble | T. WILLIAM LAST 5 |
| JAMES BENNETT, JUN. 2 | WILLIAM J. GROOM 6 |
| GEORGE PRYKE 3 | CECIL PIPE 7 |
| LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 4 | HARRY PARKES Tenor |

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Conducted by WM. J. GROOM.

Arranged especially for the tenor ringer, who hails from Kent.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 4, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in G.

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| WILLIAM HENLEY Treble | GEORGE MARTIN 5 |
| WILLIAM E. TAYLOR 2 | SAMUEL QUINTIN... .. 6 |
| *MISS MARIE P. CROSS 3 | THOMAS J. FOWLER 7 |
| REGINALD W. REX 4 | GEORGE GILBERT... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal of Bob Major. Rung on the 38th anniversary of Mr. Taylor's first peal. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Cross.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 4, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb.

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| HERBERT FULCHER Treble | GEORGE GOWER 5 |
| JOHN SNELLING 2 | FREDERICK R. BORRETT 6 |
| GEORGE HOWLETT 3 | RUSSELL RICHES 7 |
| CHARLES BAKER 4 | ERNEST WHITING... .. Tenor |

Composed by JAMES PAGETT.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

One hundredth peal by the 2nd ringer.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 4, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

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| ROBERT SPERRING Treble | ARTHUR NEWELL... .. 5 |
| HARRY LEWIS 2 | PERCY SWINDLEY... .. 6 |
| MARTIN HARRIS 3 | WALTER THOMAS... .. 7 |
| SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 4 | ARTHUR E. PEGLAR Tenor |

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

First peal in the method on the bells.

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SHIFNAL, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 5, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt. in E flat.

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| WILLIAM SHORT Treble | ARTHUR PRITCHARD 5 |
| ALFRED S. BAYLEY 2 | ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 6 |
| REV. C. CAREW COX 3 | EDWARD V. RODENHURST 7 |
| CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 4 | WALTER LAGO Tenor |

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 6, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

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

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| WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... Treble | RAYMOND S. PHILPOT ... 5 |
| C. ERNEST SMITH 2 | *GEORGE E. CLODE 6 |
| ALFRED H. POLLING 3 | FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7 |
| ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 4 | CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor |

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

* First peal of Surprise on an inside bell. C. E. Smith has now completed the circle in this tower.

HAVANT, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 6, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

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| *WILLIAM GENT Treble | *MORGAN MARSHALL 5 |
| FREDERICK A. BURNETT ... 2 | ALAN R. PINK 6 |
| JOSIAH HARRIS 3 | HARRY L. W. AITKEN ... 7 |
| ERNEST J. HEDGER 4 | *SIDNEY PARSONS Tenor |

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal. First peal of Triples as conductor. First peal on the bells since their renovation by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, August 7, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ILKESTON VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

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| *SAMUEL HARRISON ... Treble | †MILTON C. FOWLER ... 5 |
| OLIVER GREATHEAD 2 | *EDGAR C. STACEY 6 |
| *WILLIAM A. WOOLER ... 3 | *ERNEST COOPER 7 |
| *J. EDWARD CAWSE 4 | PERCY GLEDSTONE ... Tenor |

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

* First spliced peal. † First peal of Spliced Major. First 'spliced' peal on the bells.

BUCKLAND, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 9, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

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| MRS. A. E. LOCK Treble | GORDON CAUDWELL 5 |
| WALTER F. JUDGE 2 | ALBERT E. LOCK 6 |
| EDMUND A. PASSAM 3 | RICHARD POST 7 |
| FRANCIS TAYLOR 4 | NELSON SERGEANT ... Tenor |

Conducted by RICHARD POST.

First peal as conductor.

GREAT TEY RINGERS' OUTING.

The ringers of Great Tey, Essex, and their friends had a tour through their own county for their outing. They rang at Wivenhoe and Thorington, and visited the beautiful church of St. Osyth before reaching Clacton, where they had lunch. Returning by way of Kirby-le-Soken and Tendring, where they had tea, they rang in the evening at Great Bromley and Ardleigh, and, in spite of a wet day, spent a very enjoyable time. The ringers wish to thank all the incumbents who granted them permission to ring, and the steeplekeepers who had the bells in readiness for them.

CHESTER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 9, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

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| *HARRY LEWIS Treble | JAMES F. SMITH 5 |
| ROBERT SPERRING 2 | JAMES SWINDLEY 6 |
| *MARTIN HARRIS 3 | PERCY SWINDLEY 7 |
| †ARTHUR NEWELL 4 | GEORGE R. JONES ... Tenor |

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal in the method. † 70th peal.

DORE, SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 9, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

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| MISS NOEL CAWTHORNE ... Treble | †ARTHUR S. ROBINSON ... 5 |
| MRS. T. P. RYDER 2 | *J. E. LEWIS COCKEY ... 6 |
| *MAURICE E. WILSON ... 3 | FRED WATKINSON 7 |
| FREDERICK CARDWELL ... 4 | †EVERARD DAVENPORT ... Tenor |

Conducted by FRED WATKINSON.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal in the method. Quickest peal on the bells.

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 9, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

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| TOM O'HARA Treble | CHARLEY BATES 5 |
| MISS ELSIE E. SMITH ... 2 | WILLIAM BIGGIN 6 |
| ROBERT HARRISON, SEN. ... 3 | BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 7 |
| ARTHUR KNIGHTS 4 | A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Rung to celebrate the 80th birthday of Mr. E. Hunstone, many years churchwarden at Norton. The band wish to thank the Rev. Mr. Pegg and Mrs. Pegg for the excellent tea provided at the conclusion of the peal.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 9, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. (approx.).

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| HARRY WINGROVE ... Treble | GEORGE MARTIN 5 |
| WILLIAM WELLING 2 | WILLIAM HENLEY 6 |
| PHYLLIS M. MAYNE 3 | FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7 |
| *ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 4 | CECIL C. MAYNE Tenor |

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by C. C. MAYNE.

* First peal in the method. Arranged for the ringers of the 4th and 7th, who were elected members previous to the peal.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 9, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

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| *FREDERICK A. COLLEY ... Treble | *JOHN H. CRAMPION 5 |
| *GEORGE POPNELL 2 | JAMES E. DAVIS 6 |
| CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 3 | FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 7 |
| *JOHN A. WAUGH 4 | *WILFRED WILLIAMS ... Tenor |

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal of New Cambridge. This peal was rung as a wedding peal for Mr. G. H. Cross and Miss M. L. Mutton, who were married at St. Nicholas' Church, Chislehurst, on Monday, August 4th, the band extending to them hearty congratulations.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 9, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

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| JAMES T. WARD | Treble | JOHN R. MAIN | 5 |
| WALTER PERKINS | 2 | JAMES M. NICKERSON | 6 |
| ANDERSON Y. TYLER | 3 | AMOS SMART | 7 |
| ARTHUR BELLAMY | 4 | THOMAS R. HENSHER | Tenor |

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS R. HENSHER

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, August 10, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

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| CHARLES CLARKE | Treble | FREDERICK W. ROGERS | 5 |
| GEORGE PORNELL | 2 | *ALFRED T. GREENWOOD | 6 |
| WILFRED WILLIAMS | 3 | CECIL W. PIPE | 7 |
| CHARLES W. ROBERTS | 4 | RONALD H. BULLEN | Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* 50th peal. The ringers of the 2nd and 6th were elected members of the Suffolk Guild previous to starting the peal.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

LONG WITTENHAM, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 19, 1930, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

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| ALFRED THATCHER | Treble | WILLIAM HUTTON | 4 |
| ALBERT EASON | 2 | EDWARD WINTER | 5 |
| HARRY KING | 3 | EDWARD BRESLEY | Tenor |

Conducted by EDWARD WINTER.

First peal by all, except the ringer of the 5th, and first peal on the bells.

MARSTON MAGNA, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 4, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two six-scores of Bob Doubles and the remainder of Grandsire in 10 different callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

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| ARTHUR H. S. RAINEY | Treble | HAROLD F. TRAVERS | 4 |
| WILFRED LAMBERT | 2 | FRANK PRICE | 5 |
| PERCY N. G. RAINEY | 3 | THOMAS J. SETTER | Tenor |

Conducted by P. N. G. RAINEY.

First two methods peal by all except the ringer of the 5th. Rung as a birthday compliment to the tenor ringer's sister.

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 4, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 15½ cwt.

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| *C. M. HEATHCOTE | Treble | C. J. PARTRIDGE | 4 |
| W. ALLIN, SEN. | 2 | C. BECKLEY | 5 |
| J. E. WHELDON | 3 | T. BETTISON | Tenor |

Conducted by T. BETTISON.

* First peal of Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd. J. E. Wheldon hails from Milton, Staffs. This is the first peal in which the ringers of the third and tenor have rung together for 31 years.

BISHOPS STORTFORD, HERTS.—On August Bank Holiday, at St. Michael's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: Miss D. Wacey 1, C. Beeston 2, Harold Wacey 3, Rev. F. W. Lane 4, H. Bull 5, F. Bird (conductor) 6, H. M. White 7, W. Wilkinson 8.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 4, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints, Rockwell Green,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Cambridge Surprise and two each of Oxford and Kent. Tenor 12 cwt.

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| JAMES HUNT | Treble | S. GEORGE COLES | 4 |
| ARTHUR H. REED | 2 | PERCY MERSON | 5 |
| ALFRED J. WYATT | 3 | WILLIAM H. COLES | Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM H. COLES.

First peal of Minor on the bells. Also first of Minor as conductor.

EAST SUTTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 4, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

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| CHARLES H. SONE | Treble | CHARLES W. PLAYER | 4 |
| HARRY BAKER | 2 | ALBERT RELFE | 5 |
| MRS. H. BAKER | 3 | THOMAS E. SONE | Tenor |

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

First peal on the bells.

CHASTLETON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 4, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

In 10 different callings.

Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

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| *FRANK TUFFLEY | Treble | †LAWRENCE HAWCUTT | 4 |
| WALTER LARGE | 2 | HORACE TERRY | 5 |
| WILLIAM COLEMAN | 3 | *FREDERICK KINCHIN | Tenor |

Conducted by HORACE TERRY.

* First peal. † Proposed a member before starting.

CLIFTON REYNES, BUCKS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 5, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 42 six-scores, eight different callings.

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| EDWARD SEAMARK | Treble | ALBERT MINNEY | 4 |
| J. J. PARTRIDGE | 2 | SIDNEY CORRY | 5 |
| AMOS SMART | 3 | *EDWARD STANTON | Tenor |

Conducted by AMOS SMART.

* First peal.

TIBSHELF, DERBYSHIRE.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 7, 1930, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

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| ARTHUR SMITHSON | Treble | FRED W. KNOWLES | 4 |
| WILLIAM SWAIN | 2 | HAROLD FRADGLEY | 5 |
| ERNEST T. MALLENDER | 3 | JOHN W. ENGLAND | Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN W. ENGLAND.

Rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. J. W. Scott, aged 84 years, who had been an active ringer since the age of 12, and who was interred at Tibshelf the same day.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 7, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edmund,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 different callings. Tenor 9½ cwt.

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| *WALTER COPPERWHEAT | Treble | †ERIC J. SARGEANT | 3 |
| BURLEY P. MORRIS | 2 | †CHARLES M. WHITNEY | 4 |
| | | †WILLIAM J. WHITMORE | Tenor |

Conducted by B. P. MORRIS.

* First peal. † First peal away from treble. † First peal of Doubles. All the ringers are under 20 years of age, the average being 18 years.

MORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

On Saturday, August 9, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Cross,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's with different callings. Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

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| H. HALL | ... Treble | F. WHEELER | ... 4 |
| E. MALLENDER | 2 | F. CLARKE | 5 |
| A. SMITHSON | 3 | F. W. KNOWLES | Tenor |

Conducted by F. W. KNOWLES.

Rung for the wedding of Mr. Vaughan Cox, a member of the local band, and Miss Lily Knowles, sister of the conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

The following four peals were rung at the residence of Mr. J. Bray.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 29, 1930, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

Tenor size 11½ in F sharp.

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| FRANK LORD | 1-2 | JACK BRAY | 5-6 |
| WALTER AYRE | 3-4 | BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. ... | 7-8 |

Composed and Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

Witnesses: Mrs. J. BRAY and Mrs. W. AYRE.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 30, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 11½ in F sharp.

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| *MRS. J. BRAY | 1-2 | WALTER AYRE | 5-6 |
| *FRANK LORD | 3-4 | JACK BRAY | 7-8 |

*BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. ... 9-10

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by J. BRAY.

Witness: Mrs. W. AYRE.

* First peal on ten. First peal on ten as conductor. First peal of Royal by all except 5-6.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday and Friday, July 31 and August 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor size 11½ in F sharp.

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| JACK BRAY | 1-2 | WALTER AYRE | 5-6 |
| FRANK LORD | 3-4 | BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. ... | 7-8 |

Composed by J. H. PILKINGTON. Conducted by FRANK LORD.

Witnesses: Mrs. J. BRAY (first half).

Mrs. W. AYRE (all but !)

First peal in hand as conductor.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 3, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 11½ in F sharp.

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| MRS. J. BRAY | 1-2 | JACK BRAY | 5-6 |
| *CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... | 3-4 | † HAROLD MARCON | 7-8 |

BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. ... 9-10

Composed by W. AYRE. Conducted by J. BRAY.

Witness: FRANK LORD.

* First peal in hand. † First peal of Royal 'in hand.'

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, August 8, 1930, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

At 56, MOORLAND AVENUE.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 12 in F.

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| HARRY CARTER | 1-2 | JACK BRAY | 5-6 |
| *CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... | 3-4 | HAROLD MARCON | 7-8 |

Composed by GEO. WILLIAMS. Conducted by J. BRAY.

Witnessed by Mrs. C. MCGUINNESS, Miss S. NORTON & Mrs. J. BRAY

* First peal of Major 'in hand.' First peal 'in hand' in the city of Lincoln.

A SUCCESSFUL TOUR.

The following peals were rung during the tour in Lancashire and Cheshire, only two peals being lost during the 'week':—

NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 2, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

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| JAMES H. SHEPHERD | ... Treble | GEORGE WILLIAMS | 5 |
| WILLIAM HORAN | 2 | FRANK BENNETT | 6 |
| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL | 3 | THOMAS B. WORSLEY | 7 |
| ERNEST BENNETT | 4 | JAMES GEORGE | Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Sunday, August 3, 1930, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| JAMES H. SHEPHERD | ... Treble | FRANK BENNETT | 5 |
| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL | 2 | WILLIAM HORAN | 6 |
| ERNEST BENNETT | 3 | JAMES GEORGE | 7 |
| THOMAS R. DENNIS | 4 | GEORGE WILLIAMS | Tenor |

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 4, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5031 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

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| GEORGE WILLIAMS | ... Treble | WILLIAM HORAN | 6 |
| PETER LAFLIN | 2 | FRANK BENNETT | 7 |
| JAMES H. RIDING | 3 | THOMAS R. DENNIS | 8 |
| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL | 4 | BENJAMIN THORPE | 9 |
| *ERNEST BENNETT | 5 | JAMES GEORGE | Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal on ten bells.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 4, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

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| EDWARD JENKINS | ... Treble | BENJAMIN THORPE | 6 |
| THOMAS R. DENNIS | 2 | WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... | 7 |
| FRANK BENNETT | 3 | JAMES H. SHEPHERD | 8 |
| *ERNEST BENNETT | 4 | JAMES GEORGE | 9 |
| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL | 5 | JAMES H. RIDING | Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

* First peal of Royal.

REDDISH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 5, 1930, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Elisabeth,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

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| JAMES GEORGE | ... Treble | WILLIAM HORAN | 5 |
| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL | 2 | GEORGE WILLIAMS | 6 |
| THOMAS R. DENNIS | 3 | JAMES H. SHEPHERD | 7 |
| FRANK BENNETT | 4 | JAMES C. E. SIMPSON | Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT

First peal of Superlative on the bells.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 5, 1930, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 11 lb.

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| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL | ... Treble | FRANK BENNETT | 5 |
| GEORGE R. PYE | 2 | WILLIAM HORAN | 6 |
| ERNEST BENNETT | 3 | GEORGE WILLIAMS | 7 |
| JAMES C. E. SIMPSON | 4 | JAMES GEORGE | Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS

NORBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 6, 1930, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 22 lb.

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| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... Treble | THOMAS R. DENNIS ... 5 |
| FRANK BENNETT ... 2 | JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 6 |
| GEORGE R. PYE ... 3 | WILLIAM HORAN ... 7 |
| ERNEST BENNETT ... 4 | GEORGE WILLIAMS ... Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.
The conductor's 1,250th peal.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 7, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt.

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| JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... Treble | GEORGE R. PYE ... 5 |
| GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 2 | THOMAS R. DENNIS ... 6 |
| ERNEST BENNETT ... 3 | JAMES GEORGE ... 7 |
| WILLIAM HORAN ... 4 | JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor |

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.
* 100th peal.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 7, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 17½ cwt.

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| THOMAS R. DENNIS ... Treble | FRANK BENNETT ... 5 |
| GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 2 | GEORGE R. PYE ... 6 |
| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 3 | JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 7 |
| ERNEST BENNETT ... 4 | JAMES GEORGE ... Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
First peal of Surprise on the bells.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 8, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

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| ERNEST BENNETT ... Treble | GEORGE R. PYE ... 5 |
| THOMAS R. DENNIS ... 2 | WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 6 |
| WILLIAM HORAN ... 3 | JAMES GEORGE ... 7 |
| FRANK BENNETT ... 4 | JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

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| JAMES GEORGE ... Tenor | ERNEST BENNETT ... 5 |
| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 2 | TITUS BARLOW ... 6 |
| FRANK BENNETT ... 3 | JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 7 |
| WILLIAM HORAN ... 4 | JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON
First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

PRESTWICH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 9, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Rev. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.
Tenor 16 cwt. 15 lb.

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| FRANK BENNETT ... Treble | TITUS BARLOW ... 5 |
| WILLIAM HORAN ... 2 | THOMAS R. DENNIS ... 6 |
| ERNEST BENNETT ... 3 | JAMES GEORGE ... 7 |
| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 4 | JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor |

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
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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.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have recast the 4th and tenor at Havant, Hants, and rehung the 3rd and 4th in new bearings. The next meeting of the Portsmouth District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild is to be held at this tower.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are also retuning and rehangings the peal of six at Whitstable, Kent.

Six ringers who were delayed in Reading for half an hour on August Bank Holiday were treated to some 'topping' Maximus striking at St. Laurence's Church; in fact, they would have been listening yet had not their shepherd bawled them off to the station to catch their train for a remote village in Berkshire, where they rang a humble peal of Bob Major.

The seventh bell at Tenterden, Kent, being out of action, owing to bearing trouble, no ringing is possible. Will intending visitors please note.

The ringer of the 3rd in the peal of Grandsire Triples at Aberavon on July 11th was W. J. Nulton.

In our account of the veterans' peal at Worcester, Mr. W. Page's peal total was given as 111; whereas he has rung 138. This, however, does not affect the aggregate total rung by the band.

A well-known ringer joined the ranks of the Benedicts on Bank Holiday, when Mr. George H. Cross, formerly of Norwich, and now of London, was married to Miss M. L. Mutton, at St. Nicholas' Church, Chislehurst. The congratulations of their many friends will go out to the happy couple, who are spending their honeymoon in the West.

The peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus at Norwich on Bank Holiday was rung in honour of the event, as was also a peal of New Cambridge Surprise Major at Eriton on Saturday.

Somebody sat up late at Burton-on-Stather on July 31st, for we record this week a handbell peal begun on that date and finished on August 1st, so that the ringing was spread not only over part of two days, but part of two months as well! It is the kind of performance that cannot very well be beaten unless some band will take on a peal that will need more than a month to ring.

York Minster has the unique record of having had three peals of twelve and a peal of ten in the course of its history. Its tower was the first to contain a peal of twelve. That was in the year 1655, but in 1765 a new peal of ten to replace them was cast at Whitechapel, and these were opened on August 18th of that year. These bells were destroyed by fire in 1840 and another ring of twelve replaced them. These were succeeded by the present glorious peal of twelve, cast at Loughborough.

The ringing 'week' in Lancashire and Cheshire ended on Sunday with a record of 14 successes in 16 attempts. The peals included three of Double Norwich, four of Superlative, three of Cambridge, one of Stedman Triples, two of Stedman Caters and one of Kent Treble Bob Royal. The two unsuccessful attempts were Stedman Cinques at Ashton-under-Lyne, lost after an hour and a half through a change course, and Cambridge Major at Radcliffe, after an hour, from the same cause.

The report of a peal rung on Saturday at Ormesby has been sent without the number of changes.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRATTON'S FINE CHURCH.

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at the Parish Church of St. James the Great (or St. Margaret), Bratton, Westbury, Wilts, on Saturday, August 2nd. Ringing commenced about 3 p.m. and the Guild service was afterwards held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Seymour Collett), Miss Hobbs being the organist. Tea followed in the Church Institute, to which 21 sat down.

A short business meeting was presided over by Mr. C. D. Heginbottom, and Miss M. Traylen and Mr. S. Davis, of Devizes, were elected members of the Guild. Ringers, including Mr. J. T. Dyke, of Chilcompton, hon. secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, were present from Bratton, Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Southbroom, Trowbridge, Westbury, Warminster and Rowde. On the motion of the chairman, a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar, the organist and those who prepared the tea.—The Vicar suitably replied and extended an invitation to those present to visit the Vicarage gardens.

Touces of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Plain Bob Minor were rung during the afternoon and evening, also a touch of Cambridge Surprise Minor, which is believed to be the first touch of Cambridge on the bells. The following is a description of the bells:—

1. Mears and Stainbank, Founders, London, 1897. On waist: 'These two small bells were added A.D. 1897 in commemoration of Queen Victoria's long and eventful reign.'

2. Mears and Stainbank, Founders, London. On waist: 'R. S. Jacob, Vicar. G. G. Cleverley, James Hurlle, Churchwardens.'



The Interesting Church at Bratton, Wilts.

3. God be our Guyd, 1587. I.W. On waist: 'Recast by Mears and Stainbank, Whitechapel Foundry, London, 1896.'

4. John Whitaker, Churchwarden, 1793. (4 roses.). Thomas and James Bilbie, Chew, Stoke, Somerset. Fecit (rose).

5. G. Mears, Founder, London, 1858.

6. Honour the King. I.W. 1617.

The tenor and old treble were cast by J. Wallis, the large capitals I.W. on the 3rd being, according to Cocks' 'Church Bells of Bucks,' an imitation of the fancy ones used sometimes by Wallis, as at Hemington, Somerset, and Windsor Castle (Curfew Tower). There were 'tiii' bells in the tower in the days of the 1553 Church Inventory.

The following is a description of the church taken from 'Highways and Byeways of Wiltshire':— 'Under the White Horse on Bratton Down I went on to Bratton, and saw the noble church there. There is nothing in all this county finer in its way than this airy and spacious village church of stone, a work as we see it of the early fifteenth century. It is a cruciform building with fine central tower of four stages splendidly ceiled, and consists of clerestoried nave of two bays, with north and south aisles, transepts and chancel, with three doorways north, south and west of nave; the two former strangely far to the east, and the south doorway having a porch. The position of these two side doorways, perhaps, is due to the older church which certainly stood here in Norman times, as the bowl

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL'S PUBLICATIONS.

A pleasant meeting of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held at Hawley, an eight-bell tower, on Saturday. Hawley is on the fringe of the diocese, and is one of the half-dozen towers in Hampshire which come within the Guild's area. The church and bells are modern and ideally situated for ringing. The surroundings are rural, but the bells, which are a useful peal, with tenor about 16½ cwt., would be improved outside if the sound were better modulated by stopping up the slate louvres, which throw the sound down in a rather overpowering way in the immediate neighbourhood of the church. There is one other little drawback in the tower, and that is closeness of some of the ropes to the walls. On Saturday a stalwart guardsman found that the easiest place from which to ring the tenor was the belfry window sill. Although the gathering was not a large one, most of the district towers were represented during the day, including Aldershot, Ash, Bagshot, Farnborough, Farnham, Hawley and Yorktown, while there were also ringers from Woking and a welcome visitor in Mr. Maurice Hibbert, of Bushey, who, seeking an afternoon in the country, succeeded in getting it by landing at a railway station three miles from his objective, and finding no means of reaching Hawley except by walking.

The Guild's service was conducted by the Rector, who, in his address, emphasised the need of personal example in the lives of all those who served the church. A bountiful tea was served in the Parish Room, and thoroughly enjoyed by the 23 who participated.

The Rector was thanked, on the call of Admiral T. P. Walker, for the use of the bells and conducting the service, and thanks were also extended to the ladies who prepared the tea, and to the organist.

At the brief business meeting, over which Admiral Walker presided, as the Rector had to leave for another engagement, one new member was elected, and a discussion took place on the recommendation of the Guild's Central Council representatives that the Guild should purchase, for resale to members, copies of some of the Council's publications. The suggestion found favour, as it was thought that sales might be effected at meetings if the publications were on view, whereas ringers would not trouble individually to send to the librarian for them.

Major Gale (Hawley) was elected to fill a vacancy on the Executive Committee of the Guild, caused by the regretted departure from the district of Mr. H. Tinsey (Scale), to whom it was resolved to send a letter of good wishes on the new venture which he has undertaken in Norfolk.

It was announced that the next meeting would be held at Farnborough, where the bells have recently been increased to six, and where this meeting would have been held but for the recent death of one of the churchwardens.

During the day Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Minor, Bob Major and Treble Bob Major were rung. Major Gale and Admiral T. P. Walker took part in some of the touches, and the treble to a course of Kent was rung by a thirteen-year-old schoolgirl from Aldershot, where there seems an inexhaustible supply of 'youngsters,' and an example is set to other towers to 'catch 'em young.'

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

ALTON DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting of the Alton District was held on Saturday at Froyle. The unfavourable weather no doubt affected the attendance, and there was only a small party, which included the master (Mr. G. Williams) and Mrs. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Read, and ringers from Blackmoor, Petersfield, Alton and Froyle. After about two hours' use of the bells, the Guild Office was said in St. Mary's Church by the district secretary, and then the party adjourned to the Shrubbery House for tea, by the kind invitation of Sir Hubert Miller, who is a life member of the Guild. Sir Hubert joined the ringers during tea, and, in response to the vote of thanks proposed by the master, cordially expressed the hope that the fixture at Froyle might become an annual one. The visitors afterwards had a stroll in the beautiful grounds, under the guidance of Mr. Gerald Robinson, head gardener, and a member of the Froyle band. This was most enjoyable, as the sun was then shining brightly, and when the company dispersed at 7 p.m. their only regret was there had not been a larger number to enjoy Sir Hubert's hospitality.

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of the font testifies, as do the east walls of the transepts and the walls of the porch. Apart from them, the whole church is a really fine work of the early Perpendicular time at its best, and gives one a most happy notion of the art of the fifteenth century.'

The country round about Bratton is supposed to be the scene of the Battle of Ethandun, in 878, when King Alfred conquered the Danes.

MR. JAMES BENNETT'S 500 PEALS.

Although there are quite a number of ringers who have scored 500 peals, the man who would achieve this record has got to keep busy over a considerable number of years. The latest addition to the ranks of those who can claim this distinction is Mr. James Bennett, of Lewisham, whose performance is the more noteworthy from the fact that over 300 of the peals were rung while he was serving in the Royal Marines. Here is the list of Mr. Bennett's peals, and, as will be seen, it is made up of a great variety of methods:—

| | | Rung Conducted | |
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| Minor.—In 1 method | ... | 2 | 1 |
| In 2 methods | ... | 1 | 1 |
| In 3 methods | ... | 4 | 1 |
| In 4 methods | ... | 2 | 1 |
| In 5 methods | ... | 2 | 2 |
| In 6 methods | ... | 2 | 2 |
| In 7 methods | ... | 17 | 5 |
| Triples.—Grandsire | ... | 19 | 2 |
| Stedman | ... | 72 | — |
| Union | ... | 2 | — |
| Erin | ... | 1 | — |
| Major.—A. Plain Bob | ... | 15 | 5 |
| Little Bob | ... | 1 | — |
| Reverse Bob | ... | 1 | — |
| Canterbury Pleasure | ... | 1 | — |
| Little Canterbury Pleasure | ... | 1 | — |
| Dartford Little Bob | ... | 1 | — |

**MR. JAMES BENNETT.**

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| Crayford Little Bob | ... | 1 | — |
| Kent Treble Bob | ... | 33 | 12 |
| Oxford Treble Bob | ... | 9 | — |
| Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob | ... | 2 | — |
| Cam Treble Bob | ... | 1 | — |
| Double Bob | ... | 1 | — |
| Double Oxford Bob | ... | 2 | — |
| Double Norwich Court Bob | ... | 61 | — |
| 'Real' Double Norwich Court Bob | ... | 1 | — |
| Spliced Double Norwich and Plain Bob | ... | 1 | — |
| Norfolk Surprise | ... | 4 | — |
| Superlative Surprise | ... | 29 | — |
| Cambridge Surprise | ... | 47 | — |
| New Cambridge Surprise | ... | 2 | — |
| Bristol Surprise | ... | 20 | — |

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SOME 'EXERCISE'!

If in one hundred years' time our art is taken from us, we can at least see to it that our ringing societies shall, although bereft of their bells continue as organised bodies down the pathway of time. Here is a suggestion for what it is worth; only we must organise at once.

I furnish an extract from 'Bengal Lancer' (Gollancz, Ltd.):—

'At Tughlakabad . . . we found the hereditary well-jumpers of the Moghul court still plying their profession. In 1922 some twenty of these men were alive, and all still active, including the eldest, who was ninety-nine.

'The shaft was eighty feet deep and only eight feet wide, so that if the jumpers had taken off with the slightest outward impetus they would have hit the sides and killed themselves. The only way to reach the bottom in safety was to step off as if going down a stair, and this the old men did.

'One after another they went down, making a noise like popping corks.'

(One side of the well is cut away in a ramp to water level with five arches in the shaft which enable spectators to see the performers flash by.—Ed.)

' . . . The eldest well-jumper came up to us, wringing his wet, white beard.

"Sahib, what are we to do with our boys," he asked. "Government has forbidden us to teach them to jump, saying it is dangerous, and that they must be educated. Are they to sit in schools with idol-worshippers instead of learning our ancient craft?"

"Who is to know what you teach them?"

"That is true," he chuckled, "and on bright nights we do still show them how the trick is done, beginning from the bottom archway. But their heads are so full of this new tyranny of education that I doubt whether they will ever have our skill."

So, there you are! Let us catch and train the younger generation now. Alternate Saturdays for 'Youths' and 'Gumberlands' at Tower Bridge, commencing from the low level. Jumps from the top span to count as a peal of Cambridge Maximus. Other bridges on the river to be allotted to the junior London societies.

A committee to be formed, known as 'The Extinction Committee,' to bring this most important question forward at the next annual meeting of the Central Council.

May I add that our certificate will in no way be affected, as the descent from campanology to Thames is very clearly depicted thereon.

'COLLEGE YOUTH'

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|---|-----|----|---|
| London Surprise | ... | 22 | — |
| Londonderry Surprise | ... | 1 | — |
| Lincolnshire Surprise | ... | 1 | — |
| Yorkshire Surprise | ... | 1 | — |
| Rutland Surprise | ... | 1 | — |
| Pudsey Surprise | ... | 1 | — |
| Spliced Surprise in 4 methods | ... | 5 | — |
| Spliced Surprise in 5 methods | ... | 1 | — |
| Spliced Surprise in 6 methods | ... | 1 | — |
| Spliced Surprise in 10 methods | ... | 1 | — |
| Caters.—Grandsire | ... | 1 | — |
| Stedman | ... | 30 | — |
| Spliced Erin, Stedman and Grandsire | ... | 1 | — |
| Royal.—Plain Bob | ... | 2 | — |
| Little Bob | ... | 1 | — |
| Kent Treble Bob | ... | 10 | — |
| Oxford Treble Bob | ... | 1 | — |
| Cambridge Surprise | ... | 14 | — |
| Cinques.—Grandsire | ... | 1 | — |
| Stedman | ... | 26 | — |
| Maximus.—Kent Treble Bob | ... | 3 | — |
| B. Cambridge Surprise | ... | 13 | — |
| Superlative Surprise | ... | 2 | — |
| C. Spliced Superlative and Cambridge Surprise | ... | 2 | — |
| Total | 500 | 32 | |

A. Includes the first peal ever rung by a Navy and Army band of ringers

B. Includes the record peal on 12 bells, also of Surprise.

C. The only spliced peals ever rung on 12 bells.

Rung in 23 counties, for 22 associations, in 168 towers, in nine of which the circle has been completed.

The first of these peals was rung at St. Mary's, Chatham, Kent, on 10th April, 1912, and the 500th at St. Mary's, Ealing, Middlesex, on 21st May, 1930; 303 being rung whilst Mr. Bennett was serving in the Royal Marines. Since the above total was completed, Mr. Bennett has rung a further nine peals, of which four have been Cambridge Surprise Maximus.

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. TOUCHES FROM THE PEAL.

The famous one-part peal of Grandsire Triples, known as 'Holt's Original,' which was, so far as is known, the first peal of Grandsire Triples composed with ordinary bobs and two ordinary singles only, is a composition that all Grandsire conductors should aim at calling. There was a time when it was recognised as an outstanding performance to call this peal; and it is still one of the best proofs of a conductor's ability to memorise a difficult composition. True, it is no uncommon achievement in these days—another sign of the advance of the times—and a week or two ago we published the record of the peal being rung 'non-conducted.' It was not the first time it had been rung in this way, but whenever it is done it is a performance which ranks high among notable peals. But when all is said and done, there are a great many Grandsire conductors who rather shrink from calling the 'Original,' not because it is really beyond them, but because of the application that is necessary to memorise the calling. It is sometimes overlooked that scores of touches of various lengths can be got from the peal, and that practically the whole of this 'one-part' can be learnt and practised piecemeal.

For instance, a start can be made on the first five hundred or so, a touch of 545 being obtained by ringing the first 33 leads producing:—

476532
S. 364725 3
P.L. 325476 3

Round at hand previous change.

Or there is the last 756 changes of the peal got by starting in the plain course, which comes up at this point.

Our old friend Mr. Challis Winney, who is a past master in the calling of this composition, sends us two quarter-peals, out of the middle of it. One, which he got from 'Dick' French nearly 50 years ago, emanated from All Hallows, Tottenham, and commences 18 leads after the half-peal (564723).

234567
672453 2
346572 1

From the peal 673425 3
to
653724

246375 2
P.L. 234567 1

The other is a 1,259, commencing 18 leads before the half-way.

234567

From the peal 672453 2
to
P.L. 425376

S. 364725 1
P.L. 325476 3

Round at hand.

Mr. Winney adds that he sends us these quarter-peals in the hope that young ringers will aspire to call the 'Original' and, to borrow his old friend Matt Wood's expression, not despise Grandsire Triples.

ANOTHER WHO 'COMPLETED THE CIRCLE.' To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Amongst others who have called Holt's Original from every bell is Mr. Herbert P. Harman, one time of Bromley, Kent. This gentleman 'completed the circle' on December 26th, 1901, at Dartford, Kent. I myself had the pleasure of taking part in this peal.—Yours faithfully,
GEORGE R. NEWTON.

WOLVERHAMPTON RINGER'S CYCLING FATALITY.

It is with very deep regret that we have to record the death of Mr. H. R. Pickering, a very promising ringer at St. Michael and All Angels', Tettenhall, Wolverhampton. His end came with tragic suddenness. He was cycling home on Saturday, July 26th, when he fell from his cycle in such a manner as to sustain fatal injuries, death taking place in the Royal Hospital, Wolverhampton, on Monday, July 28th.

The funeral took place in the beautiful churchyard at Tettenhall on Saturday, August 2nd, when six of his brother ringers carried him to the grave. The bells were rung half-muffled for the service, and again afterwards, when the whole pull and stand was rung 28 times, corresponding with the years of his age. Afterwards a peal of Grandsire Triples half-muffled was rung, which is recorded in the proper column.

COLLINGHAM BRIDGE, YORKS.—On Tuesday, August 5th, at the ancient Parish Church of St. Oswald, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 35 mins.: W. Hague 1, A. E. Rawlings 2, H. Mason 3, C. Hague 4, G. H. Rawlings, jun., 5, W. Scheerer (conductor) 6, H. Groves 7, S. Atkinson 8 (7 and 8 covering). First 720 for all ringers. The last previous 720 at this church was rung before the war.

SUFFOLK GUILD.

AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY APPOINTED.

A very satisfactory meeting of the Suffolk Guild was held recently at Grundisburgh, at which ringers from a number of towers were present, and many different methods were rung. But the chief feature of the meeting was the reorganisation of the local band, under the guidance of ex-Sergt.-Major Pipe. Besides some young beginners, several very old members rejoined the band, among the best ringers being Mr. Clarke, now in his 80th year, and his son.

These also journeyed to Southwold, where a very successful meeting was held on Bank Holiday, August 4th. By kind permission of the Vicar, the bells of St. Edmund's Church were at the disposal of the ringers from midday; the methods rung were Plain Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Double Norwich; and members and friends were present from Beccles, Grundisburgh, Leiston, Halesworth, Wrentham, Cambridge, Ufford, London and other places.

The business meeting was held in the belfry, with Mr. F. C. Lambert, Halesworth, in the chair. Much sympathy was expressed with the general secretary in his nervous breakdown, which considerably limited his powers. It was decided to elect an assistant secretary, and the mantle fell on to Mr. C. E. Fisher, who, to the satisfaction of all the members, promised to do all he could to help with the work until such time as the secretary had completely recovered.

After considerable discussion, it was decided to divide the Southwold District into two parts, which would be absorbed into the neighbouring districts. Members from all the towers concerned agreeing, it was unanimously decided to join Southwold to Halesworth, and Wrentham and Brampton to Beccles.

It was agreed that the next meeting be held at Fressingfield on September 27th. After the usual votes of thanks, members adjourned to Chapman's Restaurant for tea, which was admirably served.

On their way back members tried to visit the tower at Walberswick, but as a service was being held, only the exterior, together with the beautiful ruins and excavations, could be inspected. Then to Westleton, where everything was locked up. A warmer welcome was met with at Middleton, where some local ringers joined the company, including two ladies who are learning to ring. There was only time for a few touches of Grandsire and Stedman here before the ringers dispersed.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Peterborough Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was held at Whittlesey on Monday, August 4th. Between 40 and 50 ringers were present from various parts of the country. A short service was held in St. Andrew's Church and was conducted by the Rev. A. E. T. Newman. This was followed by a tea and meeting, held at the White Lion Inn, the general secretary (Mr. R. G. Black) presiding.

The bells of St. Mary's and St. Andrew's Churches were kindly placed at the disposal of the ringers and were kept going during the day to various methods, ranging from Bob Major to Double Norwich, a most enjoyable day being spent by all.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Ashford District was held at St. Martin's, Cheriton, on Saturday, August 9th, but would have been poorly attended had it not been for visitors from Canterbury, Lewisham and Rochester Districts. Service at 5 o'clock was followed by tea in the School-room, kindly provided by the Church Council.

At the business meeting votes of thanks were passed to the lady organist and Mr. H. Beal, who kindly had everything in readiness. Returning to the tower, the ringers were able to practice methods up to Double Norwich, and the small meeting, which was noteworthy in having present members from four districts, was quite successful.

BURFORD RINGERS AT EVESHAM AND TEWKESBURY.

The ringers of Burford, Oxon, had their annual outing on Saturday, July 26th. Leaving the lovely little Cotswold town behind at 8.30, they were soon at Moreton-in-Marsh, and the peal of eight peals at the Parish Church going to the tune of Grandsire and Stedman Triples. Thence to Chipping Campden, a fine eight, with 24 cwt. tenor, where good ringing was enjoyed. A surprise call was made at Badsey, and, consent being readily given, the peal of eight (tenor 17½ cwt.) were soon ringing out. A move was then made to Evesham, where a welcome lunch had been arranged, and Mr. J. D. Johnson was waiting to welcome the visitors to the bell tower. A long stay could not be made, owing to the tenor being required for a soul departed. Tewkesbury was the next place of call, and ringing on the beautiful peal of ten bells at the Abbey was much enjoyed. With the help of the Rev. E. G. Benson and Mr. T. Devereaux, a course of Stedman Caters was brought round, being the first Caters rung by most of the visiting band. After tea at Tewkesbury the party headed for the Cotswolds again, calling at Northleach, where there is another fine peal of eight. Home was reached at 9.30 after plenty of exercise and a most enjoyable day. The best thanks of the ringers are given through 'The Ringing World' to the various incumbents for permission to ring, and to those who kindly met them at the towers.

SEVENTY-TWO YEARS A RINGER.**DEATH OF A DERBYSHIRE VETERAN.**

We regret to announce the death, on Tuesday, August 5th, at the advanced age of 84 years, of Mr. John William Scott, of Tibshelf, Derbyshire. The deceased was a member of the East Derbyshire and Nottingham Association since its formation in 1887, and had always faithfully attended its meetings until a few months ago. Always willing to give his help and advice in the training of young ringers, he was known and held in great esteem among ringers in a very large district. Born in Co. Durham, he commenced ringing at Winlayton at the age of 12, and thus had the remarkable record of 72 years as an active ringer, nearly 50 of which had been spent at Tibshelf as ringer, tower-keeper and clock attendant.

At the funeral on Thursday, August 7th, the Vicar paid tribute to the sterling work of the deceased, and urged all young ringers to take his life as an example. He was consistent in his work as a ringer and consistent also in his worship of God.

Mr. Scott leaves one son, Mr. J. E. Scott, of North Shields, who is also an enthusiastic change ringer, and often takes part in peals in the North. The bells were rung at the funeral by fellow-members of the association, which was represented in the cortege by the secretary (Mr. J. W. England), who received his early training at the capable hands of deceased. In the evening a muffled peal was rung, particulars of which will be found in the peal columns. John William Scott was a remarkable man. May he rest in peace.

DONCASTER BELLS.**OPPORTUNITY FOR BROADCAST COMPARISON.**

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I understand Doncaster bells are to be broadcast on Sunday, August 31st.

As you are aware, the late Lord Grimthorpe designed and was very proud of these bells, and perhaps some of your interested readers may care to express an opinion in your columns as to how they compare with modern bells when heard via a loud speaker.

The bells are very thick and the tone rather hard. The tenor is a 54in. bell in E flat and weighs 30½ cwt.

HAROLD WALKER.

A CENTENARIAN'S BIRTHDAY.

At Fressingfield, Norfolk, on Aug. 7th, to celebrate the 100th birthday of Mrs. Emma Culver, 1392 Bob Major: Wm. Riches 1, E. Plummer 2, J. Etheridge 3, R. Rayner 4, E. Austin Head 5, J. Riches 6, Wal. Riches 7, R. Riches (conductor) 8; also 448 in the same method with A. Riches ringing the 5th.

THE LANCASHIRE TOUR.

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MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, August 9, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

SS. GEORGE AND DENYS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6007 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

| | | | |
|----------------------------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| JAMES C. E. SIMPSON | Treble | WILLIAM HORAN | 6 |
| WILLIAM H. FOSSELL | 2 | FRANK BENNETT | 7 |
| WILLIAM R. MADGWICK | 3 | BENJAMIN THORPE | 8 |
| TOM WILDE | 4 | JAMES GEORGE | 9 |
| JAMES H. RIDING | 5 | JAMES H. SHEPHERD | Tenor |

Composed by SIR A. HEYWOOD. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCASHIRE.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Sunday, August 10, 1930, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 502½ CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

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|----------------------------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| *ROBERT T. DAVIES | Treble | THOMAS B. WORSLEY | 5 |
| WILLIAM H. FOSSELL | 2 | FRANK BENNETT | 6 |
| WILLIAM HORAN | 3 | TITUS BARLOW | 7 |
| WILLIAM R. MADGWICK | 4 | JAMES GEORGE | Tenor |

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal of Double Norwich. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Davies on the 37th anniversary of their wedding. The thanks of the party are due to them for the excellent arrangements made for their accommodation.

WEDDING BELLS.**MR. G. H. CROSS AND MISS M. L. MUTTON.**

A wedding of much interest to members of the Exercise took place at Chislehurst on August Bank Holiday, when Mr. George Herbert Cross, second son of the late Mr. F. and Mrs. Cross, of Winter Road, Norwich, was married to Miss Marjorie Louise Mutton, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Mutton, of 6, Camden Grove, Chislehurst. Mr. Cross is well known in ringing circles, both as an able ringer and composer, and since coming to London from Norwich has taken an active part in ringing in the Metropolis, being now Ringing Master at St. Clement Dances. His bride has been one of the ringers at St. Nicholas', Chislehurst, and is a member of the Ladies' Guild.

The service took place at St. Nicholas', Chislehurst, and was conducted by Canon Oscar Hardman. The service was fully choral, the Rev. F. H. Keyworth accompanying on the organ the following hymns: 'Love divine, all loves excelling,' 'O perfect love,' and 'Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost.'

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a gown of parchment satin, underlined with pink, in mediæval style; she wore a necklace of pearls and a gold watch, the gift of the bridegroom. The bridesmaids were the Misses Gwen, Mary, Annie, Eileen and Evelyn Mutton (sisters of the bride), while the bride's brother, Master Donald Mutton, was a diminutive page. The elder maids wore long gowns in lemon, green, mauve and pink, and the two children cream and green; their ornaments were crystal necklets, the gift of the bridegroom. The bridegroom's brother, Mr. B. Cross, acted as best man. Chislehurst Ringers, of which the bride was a member, formed a guard of honour.

A number of ringing friends were present, and as the happy couple left the church, the bells were 'fired' and two courses of Stedman Triples and two courses of Double Norwich, in which Messrs. T. H. Taffender and C. W. Roberts (London), F. W. Rogers and A. T. Greenwood (Portsmouth) and B. Thompson (Norwich) took part.

After a reception, held by the bride's parents at the Guides' Hall, at which over a hundred guests were present, the happy pair left for a honeymoon tour of Somerset, Devon and Cornwall. The bride's going-away dress was of pale green crepe georgette.

During the reception two courses of Stedman Triples and two courses of Stedman Caters were rung on handbells, and as their car left for the station, they were given a send off with Stedman Triples and a 'size sixteen' shoe.

ANOTHER CHISLEHURST WEDDING.

Another Chislehurst ringer was married, on Saturday, when the wedding of Mr. Cyril Brett-Smith, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brett-Smith, of 68, White Horse Hill, Chislehurst, and Miss Mildred Doris Mallett, elder daughter of Mr. Frederick F. Mallett and Mrs. Mallett, of 89, Green Lane, Chislehurst, took place at St. Nicholas' Church, the Rev. G. R. Hampson officiating.

As the bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. H. C. Mallett, entered the church, the Bridal Chorus from 'Lohengrin' was played. She wore an ankle-length dress of ivory silk, a tulle veil with a wreath of orange blossom, and gold brocade shoes. Her bouquet was of red roses and white heather, and she wore a necklet of pearls, the gift of the bridegroom.

The bridesmaids were Miss Mary R. Mallett (bride's sister), Miss Rosetta E. Gale (bride's cousin), and the Misses Lizzie, Annie and Lydia Brett-Smith (sisters of the bridegroom). They were attired in forget-me-not blue silk, with silver net mob-caps and wreaths of forget-me-nots; and their bouquets were of pink sweet peas. They also wore necklets of pearls. Mr. Jack Brett-Smith, the bridegroom's brother, acted as best man.

As the congregation left the church Mendelssohn's 'Wedding March' was played by the Rev. F. H. Keyworth, who officiated at the organ. The local ringers 'fired' the bells and rang a touch of Grandsire Triples in honour of the event.

After a reception, held by the bride's mother, at which over 40 people attended, the happy pair left for a honeymoon in Hertfordshire. Green silk marocain was the basis of the bride's going-away dress, and she wore a hat to match.

RINGERS' WEDDING AT WINGFIELD.

The wedding took place at North Wingfield Church on Saturday, August 9th, of Mr. Bert Wheeler, of Morton, and Miss D. A. Tarlton, daughter of Mr. J. P. Tarlton, of North Wingfield, hon. secretary of the Chesterfield District of the Midland Counties Association. Both bride and bridegroom are enthusiastic ringers at North Wingfield Church.

At the close of the ceremony 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung by local members and friends. In the afternoon a peal of Double Norwich was attempted, but came to grief. Various touches were afterwards brought round by a band of friends from the surrounding districts, the bride's father also taking part.

At the Holy Cross Church, Morton, Derbyshire, for the wedding of Miss Lily Knowles and Mr. Vaughan Cox, a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, recorded in our peal columns, was rung on Saturday. The bridegroom is a ringer at the church and the bride a sister of the conductor of the peal (Mr. F. W. Knowles).

WORSLEY RINGERS' TRIP INTO DERBYSHIRE.

The annual outing of the St. Mark's, Worsley, bellringers took place on Saturday, August 2nd. The showery weather, in which the party started at 7 a.m., did not damp the courage of the ringers, their wives and 'intendeds,' and friends from neighbouring towers of Walkden and Swinton. Tideswell was reached by 9 a.m. and lunch was provided at the Star Hotel. Afterwards the ringers were greeted at the church by the steeplekeeper. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Kent Treble Bob and Bob Major were rung on the fine peal recently placed in the tower by Taylor's, three members of the local company joining in with touches of Bob Major. Just before 11 a.m. the journey was resumed to Matlock, the destination. Handbells were set going again to change ringing and tunes, and Matlock was reached about noon, and after dinner the Parish Church was visited. Here Mr. Paulson, the vergier, was waiting for the party, and touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob were rung. Mr. Paulson joining in. After a good spell at the ropes the party spent some time in a round of sightseeing. At tea time they received a visit from the Vicar (the Rev. J. Renshaw) and his wife. The return journey was enlivened by the handbells and mouth organ solos, and after a call at Buxton, where an hour was spent, home was safely reached about 10.30 p.m., all somewhat tired after a most enjoyable outing that will not be forgotten. Through the medium of 'The Ringing World' the party wish to thank the towerkeepers of Tideswell and Matlock, the Vicars and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and all those who helped to make the outing such a pleasant one.

A PEAKLAND EXCURSION.

The Overseal ringers' first trip to Peakland, which was made last year, aroused such keen interest in the hills and dales of Derbyshire that this year the ringers planned a similar tour. The first point of interest to be reached was the wonderful church of Hoar Cross, near Burton-on-Trent. Built by the beneficence of Lord and Lady Meynell-Ingram, this church possesses features such as may be found in few churches of its size. Beautifully proportioned and rich in carving of wood and stone, its beauty holds one spellbound. Leaving Hoar Cross, the party passed on to the very old town of Abbot's Bromley, where the ancient market hall is still intact. Its Tudor buildings take us back to the days of 'Bluff King Hal,' and many are the good old tales of Abbot's Bromley in the 'good old days.' From here they went on via Wetley Rocks and Cheadle to Leek, 'the metropolis of the moorlands.' It saw much of the struggles of the Stuart period, being a garrison town of Charles I. Its ancient church has many interesting features, including curious epitaphs.

After an excellent lunch at the Red Lion Hotel, the drive took the company out of Leek to the top of Morridge, and, passing via Oneocote down a steep, winding road, they reached Hulme End Station in order to take a trip by the narrow gauge railway down the wonderful Manifold Valley. This valley is rich in caves and recently many relics, including Roman coins, have been unearthed. Leaving Hulme End, they travelled on to the pretty village of Hartington. Nestling in the valley, this village was beloved of John Cotton and Isaac Walton. 'The Compleat Angler.' The road then lay by way of Olstonfield and Hopedale to Ilam, and as a thrilling experience the 'drop' into Ilam compares very favourably with the 'snake' at Castleton. The sexton only was with the party this time, but his services were not required, as the bus and driver were both equal to the task. Passing through Ilam, the Isaac Walton Hotel was reached, and, after a good tea, a ramble in beautiful Dovedale was enjoyed. Mayfield was then reached, where the bells were tried. The old church, with its bullet-scarred doorway and door, and strict Puritan severity, forms a marked contrast with the church of Hoar Cross. Leaving Mayfield, the route lay through Ellastone and the old town of Uttoxeter to Tutbury, famous for its old castle. And then through Burton-on-Trent to Overseal.

NETHERTON RINGERS' CELEBRATION.

On Sunday evening, August 3rd, at Netherton, Dudley, Worcester-shire, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. was rung by the following local ringers and friends: Ben Gough (Coseley) 1, Ben Boote 2, Tom A. Townsend 3, Sam Hughes (Smethwick) 4, Alf Rowley (Brierley Hill), conductor, 5, Harry Hubble 6, Albert Prestidge, sen., 7, Albert Prestidge, jun., 8.

This quarter-peal was specially rung in honour of its being the 30th anniversary of the election of Mr. Albert Prestidge as a ringer to the St. Andrew's, Netherton, band, he having been made a member on Sunday, August 3rd, 1900. Mr. Prestidge is also a member of the local Church Council, is now ringing master and conductor, and a prominent citizen of Netherton, where he has been licensee of the Bird-in-Hand, St. Andrew's Street, for over 20 years, and where he is always pleased to see all ringing friends.

FIRST ON THE BELLS.

On Tuesday, August 5th, at the Parish Church, Withernsea, Yorks, 720 Bob Minor: Miss N. Dalton 1, T. Sheppard 2, J. Pickering 3, C. Tomlinson 4, S. Webb (conductor) 5, M. Dixon 6. First 720 of Minor on the bells, which were recently augmented to six.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 28th, *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 19th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, 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.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, on Saturday, August 16th. Bells ready 6 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

ESSEX, HERTS AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS. — Joint meeting at Edmonton on Saturday, August 16th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea, at 5, at 1s. 3d. each. Ringing also at St. Andrew's, Enfield, at 2.30, and at All Hallows', Tottenham, from 6.30 to 7.30. All ringers welcome! Come in your hundreds!—E. J. Butler, W. Lawrence and C. T. Coles, Hon. Secs.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Sunderland on Saturday, August 16th. Bells of Bishop Wearmouth Church and St. Ignatius available. Meet Bishop Wearmouth Church at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in St. Ignatius' Institute. All ringers from rounds to Surprise welcome. — F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Water Street, West Hartlepool.

OXFORD AND WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILDS.—Newbury and Andover Branches. — A joint meeting will be held at Thatcham on Saturday, August 16th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., at 1s. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis and the Rev. F. C. Sear, Hon. Secs.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Edenbridge on Saturday, August 16th. Tower opened 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Hanbury on Saturday, August 16th. Bells (8) ready 4 p.m. Yellow bus leaves Wetmore Road Park at 3.30 p.m. Please see that this meeting is well supported.—John Leach, Dis. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Biddenham (6 bells) on Saturday, August 16th, at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Bletsoe bells are not available for this meeting. All ringers welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Stagsden, Beds.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Berkswell, near Coventry, on Saturday, August 16th. Bells available during afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided at a moderate charge.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—A meeting of the above will be held at Greasley (8 bells) on Saturday, August 16th. Bells ready 3 p.m. South Normanton bus from Millstone Lane 2.20 p.m. every half-hour. Those requiring tea please advise Mr. F. T. Justice, Watnall, Notts.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — A meeting will be held at Rainford on Saturday, August 16th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Will all members make a special effort to attend? Subscriptions are due.—James W. Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Castleton on Saturday, August 16th. Church of St. Edmund, 8 bells (tenor about 15 cwt.), available afternoon and evening. Tea will be arranged at a moderate charge.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Deanery Branch. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Enmore on Saturday, August 16th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. All ringers welcome.—C. Evans, Hon. Sec., 14, Redgate Street, Bridgwater.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Oxted, on Saturday, August 23rd. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, August 20th.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. — The annual branch meeting and social will be held at Church Kirk on Saturday, August 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d. each, at 5 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. Business: Election of officers. Social commences at 7.30 p.m. Will all those intending being present at tea please notify Mr. L. J. Williams, 58, York Street, Church, not later than Tuesday, August 19th? — F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Helen's Church, Garstang, on Saturday, August 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea kindly notify Mr. J. Shore, Oak Lea, Kirkland, Garstang, not later than Wednesday, August 20th?—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely Archdeaconry.—A ringing meeting will be held at Bourn (8) on Saturday, August 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., in the Vicarage. No service. Please notify by August 20th for tea. Methods: Double Norwich, Cambridge and Superlative. Plain Bob for any others if required.—F. Warrington, Ashcroft, Mill Road, Over, Cambs.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division. — A meeting will be held at Malden on Saturday, August 23rd. Bells available: All Saints' (8) and St. Mary's (6) at 2.30. Service at All Saints' at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Will all those intending to be present at tea please let me know by Wednesday, August 20th? — A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch. — The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at Marbury on Saturday, August 23rd. Six bells. Will all those who intend being present kindly let me know on or before August 20th?—Richard D. Langford, Branch Hon. Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The Bolton Borough Police have placed their bowling green at the disposal of ringers, wives and friends on Saturday, August 23rd. Names please by August 20th to Peter Crook, 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Chesterfield District will be held at Ashover on Saturday, Aug. 23rd. Will members who have not paid their annual subscription please note that they are due? A good attendance is earnestly requested, and all ringers will be welcome. No arrangement is made for tea, as there are places where tea may be obtained. East Midland buses leave Markham Road, Chesterfield, for Kelstedge, which is close to Ashover, every hour.—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Harpenden on Saturday, August 23rd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Arrangements for tea will be made. All are welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Hatfield Broad Oak on Saturday, August 23rd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m.—C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Selston on Saturday, August 23rd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., at 1s. each. Please notify Mr. Wilson Dobb, Church Lane, Selston, by Thursday, August 21st.—J. W. England, Sec., South Normanton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing meeting has been arranged at Marlow on Saturday, August 23rd. Bells available 6.30 to 9 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treasurer, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District. — A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Peterborough (6) on Saturday, August 23rd. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly notify Mr. J. J. Jutson, St. Mary's School House, Peterborough, by August 20th?—S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD. — The next meeting will be held at Kennington on Saturday, August 23rd (not 16th as arranged at last meeting). Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Bishop of Truro proposes (p.v.) to dedicate the recast peal of eight bells at St. Mary's, Penzance, on Monday, August 25th, at 4 p.m. Ringing from 10.30 a.m. All ringing friends welcomed.—John Symons, Ringing Master, Buriton House, Penzance.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held at Wombourn (Staffs) on Saturday, August 30th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, August 30th. Usual arrangements made. Cheap tickets on Southern Railway.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD AND SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting will be held at Church Stretton on Saturday, August 30th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Further particulars later.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wisborough Green on Saturday, August 30th. All those intending being present kindly advise me early. — A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival at Brecon on Saturday, August 30th. Towers of St. Mary's and St. David's Churches open for ringing from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Service in St. Lawrence Chapel of Cathedral at 3 p.m. Tea at Ely Tower (by kind invitation of Lord Bishop) at 4 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Please let Hon. Treasurer (Mr. Charles Powell, 3, North Road, Brecon) know numbers expected for tea by August 23rd.—W. R. Howells, Hon. Sec., N. P. Bank Chambers, Neath.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hanley Castle on Saturday, August 30th. Lady Lechmere has kindly offered to provide tea for all those who notify Mr. E. Gibbs, Hanley Swan, by August 27th. —J. Rowlett, Branch Sec., Old Street, Upton-on-Severn.

SURREY AND LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS.—A district joint meeting will be held at Beddington on Saturday, August 30th. Bells (10) at 3 p.m. Service 5, tea following. Ringing after till 9 p.m. Those requiring tea please advise Mr. C. H. Kippen, 18, Guy Road, Beddington, by August 27th.—D. Cooper and J. Herbert, Hon. Secs.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Sketty on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., with tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis.

HOYLANDSWAINE CHURCH.—Change Ringing Contest. Six bells, to be held on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Rules will be sent to any band wishing to join on receipt of stamped addressed envelope. Teas only guaranteed to those who apply. Closing date August 30th. — E. Brookes, Hail Lane, Hoylandswaine, Sheffield.

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LINSLADE, BUCKS.—On August 10th, for matins, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,280 changes): W. Insley 1, F. Jeffs 2, W. J. Jeffs 3, B. Calcott 4, G. W. Harris 5, A. E. Sharman (conductor) 6, A. G. Matthews 7, F. Vicars 8. First quarter in the method on the bells, also by ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 8th, who are local men. The rest are from the Priory Church, Dunstable, where ringing is temporarily suspended owing to the tower being under restoration.

OVER, CAMBS.—On Sunday, August 10th, at the Church of St. Mary, 720 changes of Cambridge Surprise Minor for evensong: W. Bavin 1, M. Ginn 2, B. Wayman 3, C. Robinson 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6.

PAIGNTON.—On Sunday, August 10th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. Allwood 1, F. Hayes (conductor) 2, G. H. Lewes 3, T. S. Collings 4, A. J. Grant 5, F. E. Parnell 6, H. J. Hole 7, C. F. Austin 8. Arranged for Messrs. Hayes and Grant, who hail from High Wycombe (Bucks) and Taunton respectively.

FARINGTON, BERKS.—On Sunday, August 10th, for evening service, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: E. Walker 1, F. H. Freegard 2, F. Wheeler 3, E. C. Hughes 4, H. Taylor 5, T. Clarke 6, C. I. J. Pearce (conductor) 7, J. Beasley 8.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTTS, HUNTS.—On Sunday, August 10th, at the Church of St. Margaret, 1,248 Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. Warrington (conductor) 1, G. L. Perkins 2, H. Saunders 3, G. Ransome 4, H. Lavender 5, J. Perkins 6. Rung on the occasion of the dedication of a new south chapel by the Ven. Archdeacon of Huntingdon in memory of Col. Linton, many years warden of this church and much respected by all who knew him.

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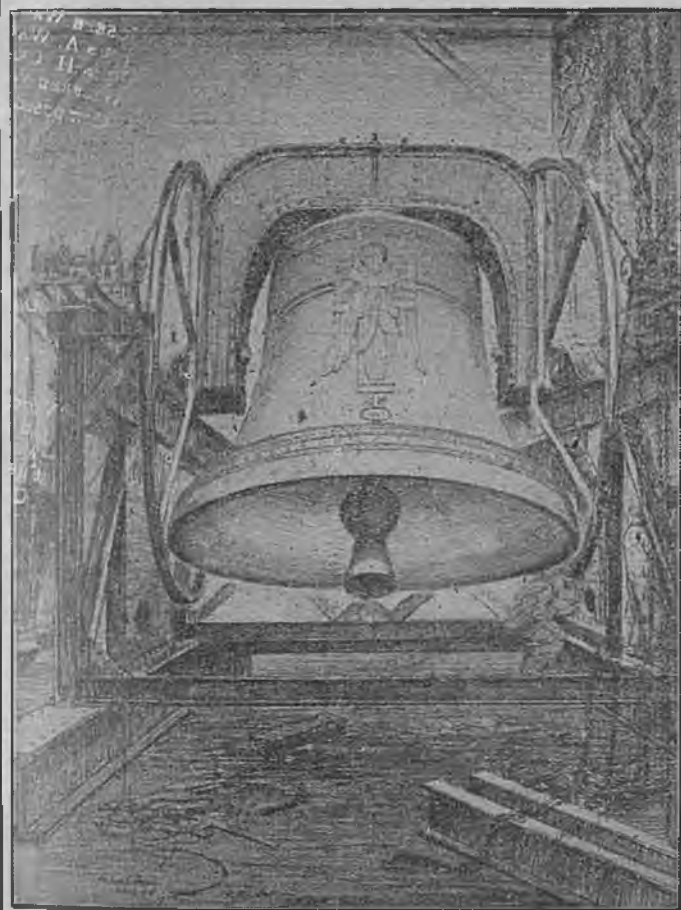
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| FRED HOPPER 2 | W. JACK DOVE 6 |
| JOSEPH C. DEAN 3 | JOHN T. HENSMAN 7 |
| THOMAS LAW 4 | TOM TEBBOTT Tenor |

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

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| G. RONALD EDWARDS... .. 2 | EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... 6 |
| GEORGE R. NEWTON 3 | JAMES F. SMITH 7 |
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| JOHN A. GODFREY 2 | WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 6 |
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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 9, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

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| J. KIDD, JUN. Treble | S. J. T. SHELLOCK 5 |
| *H. HARPER... .. 2 | F. BELSEY 6 |
| W. HAIGH 3 | C. NORRIS 7 |
| *W. E. CLARKE 4 | W. COLLISHAW Tenor |

Conducted by F. BELSEY.

* First peal of Grandsire. This peal was arranged for Mr. W. E. Clarke, who hails from Boston, Lincs, and who was elected a member of the Kent County Association.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 9, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

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| REGINALD C. KERSEY ... Treble | ERNEST S. BAILEY 5 |
| GEORGE WILSON 2 | JAMES G. RUMSEY 6 |
| LEONARD P. BAILEY 3 | CHARLES F. BAILEY 7 |
| JAMES M. BAILEY 4 | *ALLEN F. BAILEY Tenor |

Composed by REV. J. H. PILKINGTON. Conducted by C. F. BAILEY
* First peal in the method. J. G. Rumsey's 250th peal.

DUNMOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 9, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

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| WALTER SMITH Treble | FREDERICK RIDGWELL 5 |
| MISS KITTY WILLERS 2 | WALTER ARNOLD 6 |
| *JOSEPH J. JENNINGS 3 | WILLIAM KEEBLE 7 |
| FRANK CLAYDON 4 | LEWIS W. WIFFEN Tenor |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE
* First peal in the method 'inside.'

WILBY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, August 10, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

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| ALPHAËUS J. BERRY ... Treble | FRANK CLAYDON 5 |
| WILLIAM J. NEVARD... .. 2 | WILLIAM KEEBLE 6 |
| *ALBERT G. HARRISON ... 3 | WILLIAM CLOVER 7 |
| WILLIAM STEGGALL 4 | ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor |

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.
* 75th peal. The conductor's 600th peal, rung with 472 ringers in
146 towers in 29 counties for 18 Guilds and associations on 294 days
of the year.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD

On Monday, August 11, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

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| JOHN H. CRAMPION ... Treble | JOHN T. KENTISH 5 |
| *GEORGE POPNELL 2 | CECIL W. PIPE 6 |
| JOHN A. WADGH 3 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7 |
| ERNEST BRETT 4 | WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal of Superlative.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Monday, August 11, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

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| ROBERT S. STRATFORD ... Treble | K. ALDER GOFTON 5 |
| EDWARD A. HERN 2 | DAVID VINCENT 6 |
| RICHARD A. GOFTON 3 | STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ... 7 |
| WILLIAM MILLER 4 | THOMAS T. GOFTON Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.
Messrs. Vincent and Miller, for whom this peal was arranged, hail
from Sunderland and Leytonstone respectively.

FULBOURN, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 13, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF S. VIGOR AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

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| MISS VIOLET E. SHORTER... Treble | *JAMES W. R. QUINNEY ... 5 |
| MISS NORA E. SHORTER ... 2 | BASIL D. BUTTRESS 6 |
| REGINALD L. G. LATHBURY 3 | ERNEST G. HIBBINS 7 |
| HAROLD J. HAZELL 4 | JOHN W. WARD Tenor |

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.
* First peal. Fiftieth peal as conductor; the peals including 37
different compositions of Triples, Major and Caters.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF ERIN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. E. S. POWELL'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| WILFRED WILLIAMS ... Treble | THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 5 |
| EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 2 | FREDERICK A. COLEY... .. 6 |
| JOHN H. CRAMPION 3 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7 |
| HARRY A. HOVERD 4 | JOHN WHEADON Tenor |

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal in the method by all, except the ringers of the 2nd and
tenor.

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CONDOVER, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 16, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

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| *ALAN M. HICKMAN Treble | HARRY F. HOLDING 5 |
| HARRY OVERTON 2 | WILLIAM J. CHESTERS 6 |
| REV. C. CAREW COX 3 | RICHARD T. HOLDING 7 |
| JAMES H. RIDING 4 | EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... Tenor |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. H. RIDING.

* First peal of Oxford. The band were afterwards hospitably entertained to tea by the Vicar (Rev. C. D. R. Sharpe).

ENVILLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, August 16, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

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| ERIC SANT Treble | ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 5 |
| HAROLD L. FLAVELL 2 | HARRY BOSWELL 6 |
| WILLIAM A. JONES 3 | ALFRED FALLON 7 |
| ALBERT D. COLLINS 4 | JAMES SHAW Tenor |

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

The above is the first peal on these bells since June 3rd, 1911, and was arranged for Mr. James Shaw, a native of the above village, who now resides at Wolverhampton.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 16, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.

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| CHARLES W. DENVER ... Treble | †FRANK J. EWENS 5 |
| *WILLIAM VIGGERS 2 | JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 6 |
| FREDERICK MARCHANT ... 3 | HECTOR HUNT 7 |
| BARZILLAI HAWKINS ... 4 | HENRY J. HUNT Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

Rung to welcome to the parish the Rev. F. W. T. Waithman (who was instituted and inducted to the living on the following day) and the Rev. H. J. Percival Smith (curate). It was also a birthday peal for Mrs. H. J. Hunt.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 16, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

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| ERNEST MORRIS Treble | WILLIAM WILLSON 5 |
| E. HARRY STONELEY 2 | FREDERICK H. DEXTER 6 |
| REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 3 | PERCY HARRISON 7 |
| C. FERGUSON HOWITT ... 4 | JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor |

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS

Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Elsie Fernyehough, a Sunday School teacher and churchworker, to Mr. Rowland Barrow, the genial towerkeeper of this church. The band wish them every happiness and success.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 16, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

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| REV. HIRZEL F. DE LISLE Treble | *WILLIAM LINCOLN 5 |
| GEORGE GREEN 2 | HARRY PARKES 6 |
| THOMAS LINCOLN 3 | ARTHUR HEAD 7 |
| CHARLES W. FRANKLIN ... 4 | WILLIAM KEEBLE Tenor |

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* 200th peal. The conductor has now completed the circle in eight towers, having called a peal of Major from each bell in each tower. The treble ringer is a son of a former Vicar of Galleywood, and was homo on holiday from South Africa. This was his first Surprise peal and first peal for 26 years. C. W. Franklin was elected a life member previous to the peal.

KNARESBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 16, 1930, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ILKESTON VARIATION. Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

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| SAMUEL HARRISON ... Treble | HARRY MORGAN 5 |
| MILTON C. FOWLER 2 | J. EDWARD CAWSEY 6 |
| WILLIAM A. WOOLER 3 | WILLIAM HORAN 7 |
| OLIVER GREATHEAD 4 | LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... Tenor |

Composed by E. C. GOBEY. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSEY.

First spliced peal on the bells, and rung after meeting short for Double Norwich.

BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, August 16, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

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| CHARLES W. STEPHENSON... Treble | HARRY ENTWISTLE 5 |
| WILLIAM MCCLEAVE 2 | RENNIE HARTLEY 6 |
| WALTER STEPHENSON... .. 3 | FRED BENILEY 7 |
| TOM REDMAN 4 | WILLIAM H. HUNTER... Tenor |

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

Rung as a farewell to Mr. Rennie Hartley, who has been a ringer at the above church for 34 years, and is leaving the district to take up business in Fleetwood, the ringers wishing him every success.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN AND PRESTON BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, August 16, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

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| MISS MAY CLAYTON ... Treble | ARTHUR TOMLINSON 5 |
| FRED HINDLE 2 | JOHN BROWN 6 |
| THOMAS CALDERBANK... .. 3 | WILLIAM E. WILSON 7 |
| THOMAS WILSON 4 | JAMES HARRISON Tenor |

Conducted by W. E. WILSON.

First peal in the method on the bells.

KESALE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 16, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

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| REGINALD C. KERSEY ... Treble | ERNEST S. BAILEY 5 |
| JAMES J. RUMSEY 2 | FREDERICK J. SMITH 6 |
| LEONARD P. BAILEY 3 | CHARLES E. FISHER 7 |
| FRANK L. FISHER 4 | CHARLES F. BAILEY Tenor |

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

First peal of London on the bells.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 16, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

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| JAMES W. TRAPPITT, SEN. ... Treble | *FREDERICK G. COLE 5 |
| GEORGE WILLIAMS 2 | ALAN R. PINK 6 |
| ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 3 | EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ... 7 |
| FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 4 | FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... Tenor |

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Superlative.

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POTTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 4, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's with different compositions.

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| J. TAYLOR Treble | H. SHERMAN 4 |
| S. STUBBINS 2 | T. CASTLE 5 |
| C. F. PAGE 3 | S. H. WALLIS Tenor |

Conducted by S. H. WALLIS.

BUCKHORN WESTON, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 4, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire, 14 different callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

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| ALBERT E. BAVERSTOCK ... Treble | EDWARD G. L. COWARD ... 4 |
| JAMES F. HATCHLEY 2 | WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5 |
| H. JIM RALPH 3 | *ALBERT E. COX Tenor |

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

* First peal.

THURLASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, August 9, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 42 six-scores with 10 different callings. Tenor 15½ cwt.

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| JOSEPH TAYLOR Treble | WILLIAM A. WOOD 4 |
| GEORGE HURD 2 | GEORGE A. NEWTON 5 |
| GEORGE WRIGHT, SEN. ... 3 | *THOMAS H. FRIER Tenor |

Conducted by G. A. NEWTON.

* First peal.

THORNBY, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 9, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Helen,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With ten different callings.

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| ERNEST MARSH Treble | ARTHUR MARLOW 3 |
| GEORGE HOLICK 2 | ROLAND ADAMS 4 |

RONALD RUSSELL ... Tenor

Conducted by A. MARLOW.

First peal on the bells since they were rehung.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 10, 1930, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Plain Bob, one of Woodbine Treble Bob and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

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| *DAVID SMITH Treble | HARRY PARKER 4 |
| HARRY W. HOWARD 2 | *JOHN WORTH 5 |
| ALBERT CRAWLEY 3 | *ERNEST BENNETT Tenor |

Conducted by ERNEST BENNETT.

* First peal in four methods.

WOLLASTON, STOURBRIDGE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, August 12, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| PERCY RICHARDS Treble | CHAS WM. COOPER 4 |
| HAROLD V. COOPER 2 | SIDNEY G. THOMPSON 5 |
| SAMUEL THOMPSON 3 | ARTHUR E. WHATMORE Tenor |

Conducted by SIDNEY G. THOMPSON.

First peal as conductor. Rung to celebrate the coming of age of the conductor, also a birthday compliment to the treble ringer. H. V. Cooper's 50th peal.

BUXTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 12, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different compositions. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F. sharp.

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| *DOUGLAS E. ROST ... Treble | WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... 4 |
| WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE ... 2 | PHILIP N. BARTON ... 5 |
| *NOLAN GOLDEN 3 | WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... Tenor |

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal. † 100th peal. W. B. Duncan has now completed the circle in this tower.

WILBURTON, ISLE OF ELY.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(OVER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 16, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

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| MANSFIELD GINN ... Treble | FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... 4 |
| FRED C. GINN 2 | ARTHUR J. GINN 5 |
| BERRY WAYMAN 3 | FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor |

Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. H. Sharp, wife of a local ringer. Mr. Sharp has nearly fifty years' service at this church.

BROMHAM, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

(DEVIZES BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 16, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, called differently. Tenor 19 cwt. in F.

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| *VINCENT E. SWIFT ... Treble | CHARLES D. HEGINBOTHOM 4 |
| SIDNEY HILLIER 2 | WILLIAM A. SWIFT 5 |
| GEORGE WINTER 3 | FRANK GREEN Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM A. SWIFT.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
AND ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, August 16, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

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| *WALTER T. EARL ... Treble | EDWARD J. DIXON 4 |
| HENRY C. CASTLE 2 | *PERCY PAGE 5 |
| *WALTER C. EVERETT ... 3 | EDWARD S. PLUCK Tenor |

Conducted by EDWARD S. PLUCK.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells.

BRETFORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, August 14, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 11½ cwt.

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| JOHN C. PERKINS ... Treble | FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... 4 |
| JOHN HALL 2 | *RAYMOND JELFS 5 |
| *MISS AMY JOHNSON ... 3 | JOSEPH D. JOHNSON Tenor |

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* First peal of Surprise. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Amy Johnson, and also to Miss Daphne Johnson, daughter of the conductor.

WYBUNBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 16, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Chad,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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| HAROLD ASHURY ... Treble | JOHN BRASSINGTON ... 4 |
| ERIC B. ALLMAN 2 | ARTHUR ALLMAN 5 |
| *JOHN TIMMIS 3 | †WILLIAM GEORGE Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN BRASSINGTON.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.

WATERFOOT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 16, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

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| HAROLD W. EMMETT ... Treble | † A. VICTOR WILLIAMS ... 4 |
| * WILLIAM H. KENDALL ... 2 | FRED KENDALL ... 5 |
| * W. ERNEST RAWSON ... 3 | JOHN HILL ... Tenor |

Conducted by H. W. EMMETT.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First Minor peal by all. First peal as conductor, at first attempt. Believed to be the first peal on the bells in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd. All the above are Sunday service ringers at St. Saviour's Church, Bacup.

SOUTH NORMANTON, DERBYSHIRE.
EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 16, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Double Court, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr.

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| * ERNEST W. RILEY ... Tenor | * CORNELIUS J. PARTRIDGE ... 4 |
| * HAROLD FRADGLEY ... 2 | WILLIAM SWAIN ... 5 |
| FRED W. KNOWLES ... 3 | JOHN W. ENGLAND ... Tenor |

Conducted by J. W. ENGLAND.

* First peal in four methods. First peal for the association in which Double Court has been included. Rung after the wedding of Mr. J. Slater, a chorister, and Miss C. Haslam, Sunday School Superintendent, both of South Normanton.

CAPENHURST, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 16, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently.

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| GEORGE R. JONES ... Treble | HARRY COUSON ... 4 |
| * RONALD G. JONES ... 2 | ARTHUR NEWALL ... 5 |
| WILLIAM WEETMAN ... 3 | JAMES F. SMITH ... Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE R. JONES.

* First peal of Minor. The band wish to thank Mr. P. Goodier for having everything ready for them.

WEST DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 16, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, College Single and two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

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| HORACE M. DAY ... Treble | WILLIAM NEAL ... 4 |
| * SIDNEY J. HAW ... 2 | JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 5 |
| WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... 3 | WALTER H. FREEMAN ... Tenor |

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal, and elected a life member of the association in the tower. The first peal the brothers Freeman have rung together.

NETTLEHAM, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 16, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

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| MOSES BILLINGS ... Treble | CYRIL SPEED ... 4 |
| HARRY CARTER ... 2 | CHARLES CLAYDON ... 5 |
| * RUSSELL RANSEAW ... 3 | JOHN WALDEN ... Tenor |

Conducted by M. BILLINGS.

* First peal in three methods. Rung in honour of the birth of a son to the conductor.

WALTHAMSTOW.—At St. Saviour's Church, on Sunday, August 17th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: R. G. Ward 1, F. Corney 2, J. Bird 3, W. Ellis (conductor) 4, J. Waugh 5, W. H. Scabrook 6, F. Hull 7, C. Whellam 8.

HANDBELL PEALS.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 13, 1930, in Two Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT 52, LAMMAS PARK ROAD.

A PEAL OF SPLICED DOUBLE, PLAIN AND LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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| J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 1-2 | E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 5-6 |
| ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 3-4 | STEPHEN H. WOOD ... 7-8 |

Composed and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

The courses in this peal consist of seven leads, thus: 1 of Double, 1 of Plain, 3 of Little, 1 of Plain, and 1 of Double Bob.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD.)

On Friday, August 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT 1, SALTER'S ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

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| JOHN ANDERSON ... 1-2 | ROBERT S. ANDERSON ... 5-6 |
| WILLIAM H. BARBER ... 3-4 | ADAM DEAS ... 7-8 |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

Rung to celebrate the anniversary of Mr. John Anderson's wedding day, which fell on the 14th inst.

THE HANDBELL WEEK AT SURFLEET.

The following handbell peals were rung at Surfleet, Lincs, for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild:—

SURFLEET, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 3, 1930, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

ON THE LAWN AT GLYN GARTH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

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| WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 1-2 | WALTER AYRE ... 5-6 |
| FRANK I. HAIRS ... 3-4 | RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 7-8 |

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by W. AYRE.

Umpires: Mrs. R. RICHARDSON and Mrs. F. I. HAIRS.

On Monday, August 4, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT GLYN GARTH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 14 in D.

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| FRANK I. HAIRS ... 1-2 | RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 5-6 |
| WALTER AYRE ... 3-4 | MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... 7-8 |

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by W. AYRE.

Umpires: Mrs. RICHARDSON and Mr. W. H. HEWETT.

On Monday, August 4, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three-and-a-Half Minutes,

AT GLYN GARTH,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in B.

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| MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... 1-2 | FRANK I. HAIRS ... 5-6 |
| RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 3-4 | WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 7-8 |
| WALTER AYRE ... 5-10 | |

Composed and Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

Umpire: Mrs. R. RICHARDSON.

On Tuesday, August 5, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT GLYN GARTH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in B.

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| WALTER AYRE ... 1-2 | FRANK I. HAIRS ... 5-6 |
| MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... 3-4 | WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 7-8 |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by F. I. HAIRS.

Umpires: Mr. and Mrs. R. RICHARDSON.

On Tuesday, August 5, 1930, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes.

At GLYN GARTH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

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| MRS. R. RICHARDSON 1-2 | FRANK I. HAIRS 5-6 |
| RUPERT RICHARDSON 3-4 | WALTER AYRE 7-8 |

Composed by J. J. BRIERLEY. Conducted by W. AYRE.
Umpires: Mrs. F. I. HAIRS and W. H. HEWETT.

On Wednesday, August 6, 1930, in Two Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

At GLYN GARTH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

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| MRS. F. I. HAIRS... .. 1-2 | FRANK I. HAIRS 5-5 |
| RUPERT RICHARDSON 3-4 | WILLIAM H. HEWETT... .. 7-8 |

Composed by JOHN COX. Conducted by R. RICHARDSON.
Umpire: W. AYRE.
Witnesses: MRS. R. RICHARDSON and MRS. W. AYRE.

On Friday, August 8, 1930, in Three Hours,

At GLYN GARTH,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

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| MRS. F. I. HAIRS... .. 1-2 | *WALTER AYRE 5-6 |
| FRANK I. HAIRS 3-4 | WILLIAM H. HEWETT 7-8 |

†RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 9-10
Composed by G. HAYWARD. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
Umpires: MRS. R. RICHARDSON and MRS. W. AYRE.
* 250th peal. † 450th peal.

On Sunday, August 10, 1930, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

At GLYN GARTH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

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| WILLIAM H. HEWETT... .. 1-2 | WALTER AYRE 5-6 |
| RUPERT RICHARDSON 3-4 | FRANK I. HAIRS 7-8 |

Composed and Conducted by W. AYRE.
Witnesses: MRS. RICHARDSON and MRS. AYRE.

SPliced PLAIN MINOR.

A NEW EXTENT IN EIGHT METHODS.

The ramifications of the problem of splicing plain Minor methods is again illustrated by the following extent in eight methods, which has been arranged by Mr. A. Relfe, of Lamberhurst. The basis is College Single and St. Clement's (which are the same method except for the 2nd's and 6th's lead-end links) in one half, and London Bob and Double Oxford (a similarly related pair) in the second half. With the former are spliced Lytham and Thelwall, and with the latter Wavertree and Childwall.

Here is the composition:—

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| 23456 College Single. | 24356 London Bob. |
| 64523 Lytham. | 63524 Wavertree. |
| — 35642 College Single. | — 45632 London Bob. |
| 26435 St. Clement's. | 26345 Double Oxford. |
| 42563 Thelwall. | 32564 Childwall. |
| 54326 Lytham. | 53426 Wavertree. |
| 63254 College Single. | 64253 London Bob. |
| — 42635 College Single. | — 32645 London Bob. |
| — 56423 Thelwall. | — 56324 Childwall. |
| 45362 St. Clement's. | 35462 Double Oxford. |

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| 34256 | 43256 |
| Twice repeated with Single at the end produces 24356. | Twice repeated with Single at the end for rounds. |

This 720, in which there are 54 changes of method in 60 leads, was rung at Lamberhurst on Wednesday, August 13th, by: (1. Fuller 1, W. Marshall 2, J. Bassett 3, A. Smith 4, J. Waghorn 5, A. Relfe (conductor) 6.

On the previous Sunday, August 10th, for matins, 720 Spliced Hexham, Surfleet, York, Durham, Berwick and Beverley Surprise was rung at Lamberhurst by: W. Marshall 1, J. Bassett 2, B. Luck 3, A. Marshall 4, A. Smith 5, A. Relfe (conductor) 6.

This is the third combination of six Surprise methods to be rung in one extent. In this, Mr. A. G. Driver has combined the course splice with Mr. J. W. Parker's 2nd and 6th splice, to obtain the extent.

The above 720's were arranged for Mr. A. Smith, of Leatherhead, who was home on holiday.

LONDON.—On Sunday, August 17th, at the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, for evensong, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. Waddington 1, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 2, J. E. Davis 3, J. A. Waugh 4, J. H. Crampion 5, W. Williams 6, C. W. Pipe 7, E. Brett 8.

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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.

It is expected that the opening of the new peal of eight at St. David's Cathedral will take place in about two months' time. These bells, with a tenor of 25 cwt., have been installed by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

Messrs Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., have in hand the rehanging of the peal of six at Fittleworth, Sussex.

Fittleworth is of special interest as regards bells, as it was in this parish that the late Canon Simpson, who spent some forty years in research on the subject of the tones and tunes of church bells, resided.

The bells at St. Philleigh, in the Roseland district of Cornwall, have now been hung with complete new fittings in a new iron and steel frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., Nos. 1 and 2 bells having been recast. The tower, until recently in danger of collapse, has now been completely restored.

Renovations, costing between £500 and £600, are being carried out to the interior of St. Martin's Parish Church, Birmingham, which is being thoroughly cleaned for the first time for 25 years. The belfry is being included in the scheme.

Those who listened on Sunday evening to the broadcast from this church must have wondered when they heard only the front eight of the twelve ringing. It was not due to absentee ringers, but to an absentee clapper.

The peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor rung at Morton, Derbyshire, on August 9th, should have been credited to the East Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Association.

The Bristol United Guilds have issued gratis a leaflet giving changes in the information contained in the last edition of the 'Ringers' Directory.' Notifications to enable the directory to be kept up to date should be sent to the hon. secretary, Mr. E. Guise.

Henry Hubbard, who published a work on change ringing about the middle of last century, was born at Norwich on August 25th, 1807. On August 24th, 1868, he conducted a veterans' peal at Guiseley, in which the combined ages of the eight ringers was 553 years.

The first true peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on August 26th, 1718. Grandsire Triples had been 'ye study of ye most ingenious men of this age who delight in ye art of variations, but all their projections have proved errors until it was undertook by John Garlthorn, who, with long study and practice, have perfectly discovered those intricate methods which were hidden from the eyes of all the ringers in England.'

On August 27th, 1814, a peal of 12,320 Treble Bob was rung in 7 hrs. 15 mins. at Otley, Yorks.

Benjamin Annable conducted a peal of Bob Major St. George at St. George's Church, Southwark, one hundred and eighty years ago next Thursday.

THE MANCHESTER TOUR.

NOTES OF A RINGING WEEK WITH THE LANCASHIRE LADS.

BY W. H. F.

Preliminary arrangements for the tour in Lancashire and Cheshire, the peal results of which were recorded in the last issue of 'The Ringing World,' were negotiated at the Central Council meeting in London last Whitsun by Messrs. W. H. Shuker, of Pendleton, and Mr. F. Bennett, of Brighton, but a misunderstanding about headquarters being centred at Stockport almost led to its downfall. What promised to be a very ordinary venture proved most successful with 16 peal attempts in three counties, 14 of which were well and truly brought home, whilst some 20 ringers took a rope in the various methods attempted.

The programme started on Saturday, August 2nd, at New Mills, the home of the Rev. A. T. Beeston, who has had unique personal experiences in the past of ringing tours. He kindly met us at the church and saw us off at the station with 'one up' after a lunch which left behind a large 'bone' of contention. Ashton-under-Lyne for Treble Twelve was to follow for the afternoon performance at 4 p.m. On the way, the 'managing director' allowed his party to be divided, some sticking to the programme, others taking a short cut on local advice, and as late as five o'clock several of the band were missing, owing to the Manchester holiday congestion of all means of transport.

A disappointing wait by those in the belfry for nearly one and a half hours was beguiled with touches on ten, and then the Bradford men, Albert and Edward, had to leave—grumbling in Welsh, I believe—or stay and be stranded for the night. On the arrival of the absentees another team with local help was raised for Stedman Cinques that ended in 90 minutes' ringing. St. Michael's tower (illustrated in this journal a year ago) has a splendid ringing room, and it was a revelation to the strangers to see its fittings and appointments; the peal tabletson the walls, worthy records of the past—Thorpe 1869-1874, Woods 1911-1914, and the present world's record, Pye, 1929. It was, perhaps, just as well the tourists had an hour or two to spare in such a room with all its history, to 'see and hear' of the fame of this fine campanile.

For over a century the citizens of Ashton have ever shown the greatest interest in its bells, and have gloried in the prowess of the hands who have made such mighty efforts. The recent little 'touch' of Maximus of nearly twelve hours was a trifle compared to the ringing of four days' duration in 1819, of which more anon.

AN INTERESTING RINGERS' PARLOUR.

Near the church stands the Church House. A fully licensed inn, it has been the scene of many noted ringers' gatherings, and perhaps a few bickerings ever since the 'House of Ashton' possessed a peal of bells. In the ringers' parlour are pictures of the band who rang the 16,000 Treble Bob in 1883; an excellent engraving of Wrexham Church (considered to be one of the seven wonders of Wales), the old print of the Royal rung at Manchester a hundred years ago; and the Painswick long peal of Kent Royal.

Here the steward brought out the loving cup, holding a quart of liquor, engraved: 'Ashton ringers' tankard, 1786,' the peal book of the society, the first entry being the Major of 1683, and their set of handbells, 'presented to this company in 1886.' A valuable relic is a solitary handbell (tenor size 20, by H. Symondson, London), the only remnant of a set of twelve of former days, which is engraved: 'This peal was won at Liverpool by the College Youths of Ashton-under-Lyne, June 4th, 1814.'

I should like to see this bell refitted and silver plated, mounted on an ebony stand to be used by the Master of Ceremonies on all fitting occasions hereafter.

At supper, certain members of the company preferred Cheshire cheese to the Lancashire brand, and some chose a bottle of 'W.W.W.' in preference to one of 'Gabriel,' just in the same way that some ringers prefer Grandsire to Stedman Caters on handbells. Mr. Sam Wood, now slightly indisposed, came to spend an hour with us, and I am indebted to him for the loan of an interesting document which the Editor may issue as a supplement to this effusion.

Headquarters during our stay was in the Moss-side district of Manchester, a short tramway ride from the heart of the city, known as Piccadilly, where one could easily reach the various towers we had to visit. To Mr. R. and Mrs. Bertha Davies, the tourists owe many thanks, freely given to them personally, for their help in turning No. 55, Hartington Street, into an 'inquiry office.' The dozen men assembled during the week were housed in several private quarters in this street, and if Bert was out Bertha was in to render all assistance. There was little variation in the following routine: Rise 7.30 a.m., breakfast 8, tram corner 8.30, and Piccadilly 9.30. To this I may add that on only one evening did the wanderers present themselves to their respective landladies before 10 p.m., because they found a 'ringers' den' at the Mitre Hotel, M.C.R., as close to the Cathedral as it is possible to be. The evening in question, Wednesday, was spent in the 'inquiry office' with the Davies family—all musical—and the only son a pianoforte artist of some promise, who, though scarcely out of his teens, has gained two noted distinctions by examinations. Mr. Dennis, of Cambridge, also gave the party a song and accompaniment, whilst gazing earnestly at Mr. 'Rugby' George, which runs thus: 'Why was he born so beautiful?'

In the course of our journeyings, we were destined to hear more of this chant, and the writer feels jealous; it does not harmonise with his favourite hymn peal lines, 'All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small.'

Service ringing at West Didsbury on Sunday morning for 10.30 matins was the order. This is Mr. R. Davies' tower, from which he is seldom absent on Sundays. Here he called the first peal on the bells with the local band, and has put in 66 peals for the Lancashire Association altogether. The verger kindly presented the visitors with a small brass bell engraved as a souvenir of this fine octave by Taylor and Co., which were very kindly placed at our disposal during the week if required in emergency. After lunch, we went on to the other side of the city, Newchurch being successfully visited, and peal No. 2 finished in time for evensong. There is no patron saint named for this church, which celebrated its silver jubilee last October. It was erected in place of the old building of 400 years ago, and then known as Newchurch, which was destroyed by fire on Sunday, April 19th, 1903. The tower contains an excellent lightweight ring of bells by Taylor and Co., a cosy belfry, comfortably furnished, which the Newchurch company make good use of, with no nearby houses to lead to grumbings at their practice. Methods up to Double Norwich are rung, and the Leatherbarrow family are in force, Mr. Joseph having scored over 63 peals for the association.

We were fortunate enough to find in such a rural district a place where the whole party could sit down to a meal in peace and plenty



ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, STOCKPORT.
One of the finest churches in the country.

without previous notice to the caterer of the Harrow. At the same time 'wireless' in the next room was repeating the divine service taking place at St. Cuthbert's Church, Edinburgh, so near and yet so far.

THE TWO TENS.

A double event was brought off on Monday in the town of Stockport, the 'first' at St. Mary's Parish Church with its massive square tower and a circular belfry in stone, erected in 1817. Owing to excessive vibration the old tower was demolished, with part of the church, in 1810-13. Stockport will always be associated with the name of Wm. Gordon—of handbell music fame—who died on June 15th, 1915. He did much to advance handbell tune playing from music, and was a valuable help to the many teams competing at the Belle Vue Gardens, Manchester, competitions, which are now no longer held there. Why cannot these meetings be revived? A peal board in the ringing room gives a short history of the bells, beginning with four in 1584. Additions were made in 1683 and 1731, and this peal of six was taken to Marple Church in 1815, where they remain to-day. In 1817, John Rudhall, of Gloucester, provided the tower with a new octave, the tenor afterwards being cracked. Taylor and Co. were called in in 1897 to recast the tenor (24 cwt.) and supply two trebles, the latter at the expense of the Rector, Rev. W. Symonds, M.A., and Col. George Leah.

On the 4th bell appears the name of 'J. Rixon' (when Rudhalls hung the eight in 1817). He was a famous bellringer in his day. He died at Romilly, aged 95 years, and was buried at Stockport, De-

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ember 14th, 1851. The 'Stockport Advertiser' of July 25th last has an excellent account of the old clock and bells, with portraits of the late Mr. Wm. Gordon and the present band of ringers, and copies can be obtained from the Editor of that journal. Our party was indebted to the towerkeeper, Mr. Wm. Gordon, eldest son of the late Mr. Wm. Gordon, for his attention to our needs and fixing up lunch. He has been in charge since 1915, succeeding his father, who filled the office for about 60 years previously. At the present time six members of the family are ringers at this church. A gravestone at the entrance to the church records the death of George Smith, a ringer here for 50 years, who died suddenly whilst ringing for service on January 10th, 1836.

St. George's Church, Stockport (our second string), occupies a bold position on high ground. It is a modern church, considered to be the finest building, not being a cathedral, in England, with a wonderful tower and spire in the centre of a cruciform plan 180ft. long by 75ft. wide, and holds 2,000 people. It was erected in 1896-7, and consecrated by the Lord Bishop of Chester. The back eight bells were made to match the octave of that cathedral. Here a good peal of Kent Royal was rung with the 'faithful couple' at each end instead of pairing off on the tenors. This manning of the ropes was done to allow our 'young 77' to prove whether the 9th bell would knock him up or not. Another veteran, Hampshire 'George,' stood out and refused a job as 'strapper' to the 'Terror' of the Crews. On going to bed at Moss-side that night, there were sundry murmurings and twitterings, like birds when going to roost, which seemed to say, 'We've had a good day to-day,' without a pat on the back.

IN CHESHIRE.

Another 'double' followed on Tuesday at the parish churches of St. Elizabeth, Reddish, and St. George, Hyde. The former very much resembles Boyne Hill Church, Maidenhead, with its clerestory nave and lean-to side aisles, a partly detached tower and spire built of brick, with numerous horizontal bands of stone and coloured brick in relief. Here Mr. A. Barnes, who has '70 up' for the association, could not meet us, but sent a good deputy to wait on us. It is a very small belfry for eight men to ring in, with scanty stern room, a light ring of eight, the treble having the reputation of losing the hand a peal if not handled carefully. On these tours a 'seasoned hand' is accustomed to take the rough with the smooth, and when you use the 'ring' it is for 'better or worse.' It all depends, too, upon how you handle them.

Hyde Church is a repetition of Windsor Parish Church, a square building, under a one-span roof, with square tower at the west end, surmounted with four corner pinnacles. It has a new ring of eight, highly tuned, and go 'too well' with the hall bearings on which they are hung. After this peal, No. 6, the local band, with Mr. Tom Wilde, entertained the visitors to supper, brought out their handbells, and made us all at home with a hearty welcome and congratulations. Only last May the first Double Norwich here was rung by the local band, and our party were glad to have an hour with them and to compliment Mr. James Shaw on his 55 years' service as a ringer at Hyde Church, and Mr. Tom Wilde, their conductor.

At St. Bartholomew's Church, Radcliffe, we had a simple failure for Cambridge Major. It rested between the Oxford and Cambridge men, and needed the presence of the late Bert Prewett to give the culprits a 'lecture.' Only half the week gone, and two losses! It was getting serious, but no one knew then of the string of luck, or was it 'concentration,' that was to follow in all the other attempts. Radcliffe is another fine ringing tower, similar to Hyde, and everything that a 'method' band can wish for—tenor 15 cwt. The head ringer, Mr. Emerson, left all in order with open doors, and we carefully followed his instructions and those in the 'Annual Report' before leaving.

A former incumbent was Rector for 55 years, and was buried in the church, aged 85 years. The Sunday Schools have a recorded history of going back 150 years, and one of the early treasurers had to fork up 6d. owing to the short weight of gold in a sovereign amongst the subscriptions. Alas! Sunday Schools are rapidly falling into disuse. Moving on to the second tower for Wednesday, 'Cambridge' was successful at Norbury, a name association with Hazel Grove and spliced method ringing. These bells are a repetition of the sweet octaves at Northam, Devon, and Llanfagan, in Brecon. At this church a double team of ringers are doing Sunday duty, the family of Fernleys conspicuous in the peals they have scored for the Chester Diocesan Guild. A crowd awaited the band on leaving the church, including Rev. A. T. Beeston, and a 'family' conclave was enjoyed for an hour before the parting at the course end. This is the tower where the 'Fiddler' called the tune and the ringers danced to it, but I have yet to learn who pays the piper. The church authorities in the southern counties may take a lesson from the Lancashire people and the Scots by providing men's conveniences in most of their churchyards, such as we found at the parishes visited during the week. On the way to 'Piccadilly' we broke the orders to follow a short cut for Moss-side; result, an hour's wait for buses. Some fourteen passed us, all full up, and then we went on according to programme. It was the Belle Vue crowd going home after the dog racing and fireworks which our guide had forgotten.

(To be continued.)

A NEW PEAL FOR AMERICA.

CHANGE RINGING TO BE TAUGHT AT KENT SCHOOL.

A peal of ten bells hung for ringing is to be installed at Kent School, Connecticut, U.S.A. The bells, which are to have a tenor of 25 cwt., are to be cast at the Whitechapel Foundry, and, all being well, will be opened on June 1st next.

When they have been erected change ringing is to be taught and be an institution at the school.

The scheme originated, we understand, through the donor, who wished to present some bells to the school in the event of the proposed chapel tower being built. When on a visit to England, he heard some bells being 'rung,' and was very much impressed by their effect.

He also heard about the Oxford and Cambridge University Guilds, and decided that if he did give the bells 'change ringing' should, if possible, be made an institution at the school.

Just about this time, his son, who is a student at the school, was one of those saved from an accident at sea, and the donor thereupon decided to give the bells as a thankoffering.

This gift and the circumstances under which the bells are to be installed will, we hope, lead to a revival of the art of ringing in America.

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. A FALSE QUARTER.

Mr. C. F. Winney writes: One of the quarter-peals from the Holt's Original (the 1,259 brought round at hand) published in 'The Ringing World' last week is false. My friend, Mr. H. G. Miles, by natural intuition, saw it. Please accept my apology to you and the Exercise. This concoction has not been attempted. The 'Tottenham' quarter-peal can be cut short by bringing it round at 461, or a 447 from 423567.

The first quarter of the peal can be brought round as follows from:—

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| 234637 |
| 652743 5 |
| 436275 2 |
| 234567 5 |

'ROUND THE CIRCLE.'

Mr. R. Pickering, of Wolverhampton, has completed the circle in the calling of Holt's Original, and has also taken part in the peal non-conducted. When the circle was completed on February 23rd, 1926, his son, whose tragic death—from a cycle accident we recorded last week, rang his first peal, which was on the treble.

MR. ADAM DEAS' 100 PEALS.

The following is the list of the 100 peals rung by Mr. Adam Deas, of Gosforth, Northumberland:—

Doubles, in three methods, 1; Minor, in one method 2, in two methods 2, in three methods 3 (conducted 1), in four methods 4, in five methods 4, in seven methods 6; Plain Bob Triples, 1; Grandsire Triples, 2, on handbells 1; Stedman Triples, 6; Plain Bob Major 9, on handbells 4 (conducted 1); Double Bob Major, 1; Double Oxford Bob Major, 2; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 6; Mixed Bob Major, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 7; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 3; Spliced Kent and Oxford Major, 1; Spliced five Plain Methods, Major, 1; Cambridge Surprise Major, 2; New Cambridge Surprise Major, 1; Bristol Surprise Major, 1; London Surprise Major, 6; Grandsire Caters 2, on handbells 3; Stedman Caters, 10; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 4; Cambridge Surprise Royal, 1; Stedman Cinques, 2; Kent Treble Bob Maximus (Granta), 1; total on tower bells 92, on handbells 8, conducted 2.

HOUNSLOW.—On Sunday, August 17th, for morning service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 44 mins.: H. Gash 1, F. G. Goddard 2, W. Ellingham 3, W. Neville 4, F. E. Hawthorne 5, J. P. Kent 6, C. J. Tricker (conductor) 7, E. Lubbock 8.

ESSEX, HERTS AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS. JOINT MEETING AT EDMONTON.

'Very fortunate with the weather,' was the general opinion of the visitors to Edmonton, numbering nearly sixty, on Saturday last, when adjoining districts of the Essex, Herts and Middlesex Associations met in a sociable and friendly gathering and, incidentally, to do a little ringing together.

Ringing started early at Enfield (St. Andrew's) and Edmonton, and all met at the latter church at 4.30, where a short and beautiful service was held. The Rural Dean of Enfield (Rev. E. Forbes) officiated (in the absence of the Vicar on holidays), and he was assisted by the Revs. Charlewood and Hardy. The sermon preached by the Rural Dean was calculated to cause his hearers to think deeply of the seriousness of their calling. A feature of the service was an excellently rendered solo, 'I know that my Redeemer liveth,' which was sung by Miss Dawson, daughter of Mr. George Dawson, of the Leytonstone band.

At tea, the Rural Dean presided, and he was supported by the other clergy, the organist (Mr. Chatfield), Mr. J. Parker, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, Mr. W. Lawrence (Herts), Mr. E. J. Butler (Essex), Mr. A. W. Coles (Middlesex), Mr. C. T. Coles (Middlesex), Mr. A. Prior (Essex), and many other well-known ringers. At this stage an exceedingly well-struck course of Stedman Caters was rung on handbells by Messrs. A. H. Ward (Derby), G. W. Fletcher, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, Messrs. G. R. Pye and J. Thomas.

There was no business meeting, but on behalf of the Middlesex ringers Mr. C. T. Coles welcomed the visitors, expressing great pleasure at the presence of Enfield's new Rural Dean and the other clergy.

Mr. W. Lawrence replied on behalf of Herts ringers, and Mr. E. J. Butler for Essex ringers. Mr. Butler also proposed a vote of thanks to the clergy present for their interest in them, and to Miss Dawson for the very fine treat she had given them at the service.

Mr. Coles seconded this, and included the Vicars of Enfield and Edmonton, and the Rector of Tottenham, who had so kindly allowed the use of their bells. Thanks were also given to the organist for his able assistance, and to Mr. J. Parker and Mr. W. J. Bowden for their help in making the meeting an enjoyable one.

The Rev. C. Forbes replied on behalf of his brother clergymen and himself, and expressed great pleasure at being present to meet so many ringers. They had especially enjoyed the beautiful handbell ringing they had just listened to.

Mr. J. Parker responded on behalf of Edmonton ringers, and promised all present another cordial welcome on their next visit. Three peals of eight were available for ringing during the afternoon and evening, and whilst the main body met at Edmonton quite a number visited St. Andrew's, Enfield, and All Hallows', Tottenham. The ringing all round was good, and included a great variety of methods. Spliced Surprise Major was very popular, and included some 'first attempts,' whilst many others did well in their first courses in Surprise or other methods. In short, all tastes were satisfied.

WEDDING BELLS AT BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.

'In wedlock bands, all ye who join with hands,
Your hearts unite.

So shall our tuneful tongues combine,
To laud the nuptial rite.'

Thus runs the inscription on many an ancient bell, and tuneful tongues combined with gusto at Belgrave, Leicester, when the genial towerkeeper and leader of St. Peter's ringers (Mr. Rowland Barrow) was joined in wedlock bands to Miss Elsie Ferneyhough, a well-known churchworker. Immediately the happy couple left the church, the local company gave some 'harmonious' changes, and, later, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 43 mins. by H. L. Martin 1, F. W. Sharman 2, E. Morris 3, A. Disney 4, G. Tillson 5, R. F. Elkington 6, W. A. Skinner (conductor) 7, F. A. Graham 8.

Later, a peal of 5,056 Cambridge Surprise Major was rung, conducted by Ernest Morris, details of which will be found in our peal columns.

Needless to say, everyone joins in wishing both bride and bridegroom every happiness and prosperity.

SERVICE FORM FOR PEAL TABLET DEDICATION.

A new, brief form of service for the dedication of a peal tablet has been printed by the Salisbury Diocesan Guild and authorised for use in the Diocese of Salisbury. It should meet a want in this particular direction, and copies may be obtained from W. H. Bush and Co., High Street, Devizes.

The service has the following introduction: 'Brethren, we are met together in God's House this day to dedicate a tablet recording a peal of . . . rung on the bells of this Parish Church, and at the same time to ask God's blessing upon all our service for His Church as ringers. We pray that He will accept our efforts, and that such service, freely offered, may be at all times for the honour and glory of His Name. We pray also, that God will accept this record of an achievement requiring patience, skill, and endurance, and the further dedication of our lives, which we here offer and present unto Him. Amen.'

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. PEAK DISTRICT.

A very successful meeting of the Peak District was held at Castleton on Saturday last, about 25 ringers and friends being present from Bakewell, Castleton, Chesterfield, Dore, Ecclesfield, Hathersage, Manchester, Norton, Sheffield, and Tideswell, and some good ringing was accomplished in Oxford and Plain Bob Major and Grandsire and Stedman Triples, learners not being forgotten in rounds and five and six bell methods.

A substantial tea was partaken of at the home of Mr. Payne, the sexton, close to the entrance to the famous Peak Cavern. A short business meeting followed, presided over by Mr. A. G. Wallace, of Bakewell, in the absence of the Rev. W. P. Wright. It was learned with regret that Mr. Wright had not been too well recently, and the secretary was asked to write him and convey the good wishes of those present and their regret at his absence.

One new life member, Mr. W. J. Moss, of Stretford, Manchester, was elected, and given a hearty welcome.

A cordial invitation to hold the next meeting at Tideswell on Saturday, September 27th, had been received from the Vicar of Tideswell, and it was unanimously decided to accept, Mr. Giles Chapman, the Tideswell representative, being asked to convey the acceptance and thanks to the Vicar.

A hearty vote of thanks to the local ringers was replied to by Mr. Payne, and concluded the proceedings, some going back for further ringing, others to enjoy the scenery and other attractions of this famous Peakland village.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. EASTERN DISTRICT'S SUCCESSFUL MEETING.

A very successful meeting of the Eastern District of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held on Saturday at Sunderland. Ringing was indulged in at Bishopwearmouth Church during the afternoon, and then the ringers wended their way to St. Ignatius' Institute, where a substantial tea awaited them.

A short meeting was afterwards held, Mr. R. Pattison being voted to the chair in the absence of the vice-president. Letters of apology were read from Mr. E. E. Ferry and Mr. J. W. Parker. Mr. Pattison welcomed Mr. Miller, of Leytonstone, and Mr. 'Tom' Metcalfe, of Middlesbrough, the popular secretary of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, to the meeting on behalf of the association.

Mr. Ditchburn moved a vote of thanks to the respective Vicars for the use of the bells, and Mr. Metcalfe proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies for such a splendid tea. Both proposals were carried with acclamation.

This being the last meeting before the annual meeting in September, the following officials were proposed for the coming year, subject to the approval of the annual meeting: Mr. R. Pattison, vice-president, and Mr. F. Robson, secretary of the Eastern District.

Mr. Pattison, in thanking the members for their vote of confidence in him, said that he would do his very best for the Eastern District. He was very pleased to be back at the meetings again, after having been away from them of late, but it was good to know he had so many friends. He would try and make the Eastern District the best in the association.—Mr. F. Robson also thanked the members, and said he would help the vice-president in anything appertaining to bellringing.

The meeting finished, the ringers went to St. Ignatius' Church, and the bells were kept going until 8.30 p.m. 'Kept going' are the right words for it, because no sooner was one touch finished than more ringers were ready for the next. The methods rung were Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Double Norwich. Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise, and all the ringers had full enjoyment from the bells.

Ringers were present from Whitley Bay, Newcastle, Durham, Jarrow, Sunderland, Hartlepool and Middlesbrough, and all were agreed that it was a most enthusiastic gathering and a really good meeting. And what can one want more than that?

MOTTOES AND MUTTERINGS.

BY 'A FLAT.'

A bad Striker in the belfry is better than the Critic who stays at home.

Some well-known ringers are always right 'at the course ends.' Novices get found out before.

What is the difference between ringing societies and church authorities? One likes to preserve a balance, the other likes to present a debt.

Some writers want to know what happens between the rows. I know; that's where I usually get lost.

According to the Central Council, figures may be faked, but not fashions.

Why refer to bells as pre-Reformation? Isn't pre-Simpson bad enough?

It's a poor hunter who can't be taught to dodge.

Some conductors look for trouble, and, while looking, make it.

All ringers should learn methods, and then practise them; not vice versa.

SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR. A NEW PEAL IN FOURTEEN METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. W. Pye and his band are to be congratulated on adding another wonderful performance to their records by ringing such a peal as the Surprise Major peal in eleven methods.

The following composition will be of interest, as showing what may be done in splicing Surprise methods. From this peal can be rung in from any number of methods from six to fourteen as desired. I also append leads in the new methods which Mr. C. T. Coles has kindly sent me.—Yours faithfully,

A. J. PITMAN.

5,408 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR.

2345678 London.

- 6423857 Bristol.
- 2643857 Yorkshire or Cambridge.
- 6357284 Bristol.
- 5637284 London.
- *— 2356478 New Gloucester or Lindoff's No. 29.
- 5236478

Repeat four times, but omit the bob marked * in fifth part for 4235678.

4235678 London or Lindoff's No. 10.

- 6342857 Superlative.
- a 2537684 Norfolk.
- 4632857 Pudsey or Cambridge.
- b 2567483 Rutland or Lindoff's No. 30.
- 4625378 Rutland or Lindoff's No. 30.
- 3246857 Superlative.
- 6527384 Norfolk.
- 4326857 Cambridge.
- 6537482 Rutland.
- 4365278 New Gloucester.
- 6435278 Rutland.
- 2364857 Yorkshire or Cambridge.
- 4537286 Norfolk.
- 6234857 Pudsey or Cambridge.
- 4527683 Norfolk.
- 3624857 Cambridge.
- 4567382 London.
- 3645278 London.
- 2436857 Pudsey or Cambridge.
- 6547283 London.
- 2465378 New Gloucester.
- 6245378 London.
- 3462857 Lincolnshire or Cambridge.
- 4257386 Rutland or Craven's No. 10 Reverse.
- 5432678 Rutland or Craven's No. 10 Reverse.
- 6354827 Lincolnshire or Cambridge.
- 4237685 London or Lindoff's No. 10.
- 6342578

Repeat four times, as from 4235678, but omit last bob of all.

Cambridge can be rung for Superlative, providing Craven's No. 10 Reverse is not rung.

For a peal in six methods, ring London, Bristol, Cambridge, New Gloucester, Norfolk and Rutland. Thus peals can be rung in from 6 to 14 methods, with not less than 10 leads of each method, with the exception of Lindoff's No. 29.

For 5,088, add bob at a and continue as from b, bringing part-ends up in different order.

For 5,120 call Norfolk at 6537482 for Rutland to produce — 2436857 in one part.

Lindoff's No. 29.

Lindoff's No. 10.

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| 12345678 | 12345678 |
| 21436587 | 21354768 |
| 12346857 | 12537486 |
| 21436675 | 21357846 |
| 24136857 | 23175864 |
| 42318675 | 32718546 |
| 42136857 | 32175864 |
| 24318675 | 23718546 |
| 42381657 | 32781564 |
| 24836175 | 23875146 |
| 28431657 | 28371564 |
| 82346175 | 82735146 |
| 28436715 | 28763416 |
| 24837651 | 82574361 |
| 42386715 | 85273416 |
| 43287651 | 58724361 |
| 34278561 | 85742631 |

8th's place treble lead. 2nd's place treble lead.

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'OLD BILL' REVISITS SURFLEET.

THE CHRONICLE OF AN ADVENTUROUS WEEK.

It required a train with two powerful engines to convey a travel-worn trunk (12½ x 21 x 2½) and its well-known owner ('Old Bill') to Spalding Station, en route for Surfleet, for the start of the 'Ringing Week' on Friday, August 1st. Saturday afternoon saw the arrival of the remainder of the party, who assembled for a happy reunion under the hospitable roof of Glyn Garth, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Richardson. A peal attempt after tea came to a sudden end about half-way, but as two of the band had attended a wedding earlier in the day, there was foundation for a good excuse for not being able to ring. There were also rumours of a 'proposal' in the air, but it is expected that the gentleman concerned will be late, as usual.

The ringing for Sunday morning service at the Parish Church was two well-struck touches of Stedman Caters, with 'Old Bill' calling the 'bobs,' no 'conducting' being required. Sunday afternoon is not usually a good time for peal ringing, but the men folk managed to bring round a peal of Bob Major, while the ladies continued their 'little chat,' although how they (the ladies) managed to do this with two of them acting as 'umpires' cannot be explained by a mere male. Two of them either did not talk—really talk—or else they did not 'umpire'—really umpire—for even ladies cannot do both these things—really do them—at one and the same time. But perhaps this is neither here nor there—as the poet once said.

Two peals were scored on Monday, and a game of bowls in the evening, with supper after, brought the entertainment of the day to an end; at least, everybody thought so, but it was not to be. Whether it was the strain of ringing, the 'proposal,' or the brilliant(?) play at bowls that upset the single member of the party will, perhaps, never be known, but the result was that the member in question was walking the corridor about midnight, clad in a carpet sweeper and a pair of socks, calling for his 'how-de-do's' and 'what is its.' It was certainly not the wine.

Tuesday was another full day, two peals being added to the list, but the bowls match proved that Rupert's partner was still 'off colour,' or else required a lot of practice. Had it not been for the wall and shrubbery surrounding the lawn, it would have provided at least one of the band with a good deal of walking.

Work will sometimes interfere with pleasure, but as the visitors were at Glyn Garth for 'a change,' a morning's work was looked upon as a novelty. Another peal was afterwards brought round, and the rest of the day passed off peacefully. Even at night there was only one feeble inquiry for 'what-do-you-call-ems' and a mumble about making use of the roller blind!

ATTACKS ON THE SEA AND RIVER.

Thursday was set apart for a day at the seaside. Skegness was chosen because it happened to be nearest (and cheapest), so one half set off by train and the remainder travelled by car. Soon after arrival it rained, so three of the party decided that the best place was in the bathing pool. Rupert and Walter, being more or less on the sick list, were excused immersion, and Old Bill's 'annual' was not due for another 24½ days, so they kindly acted as official towel bearers. The remainder of the day was spent in sightseeing and dodging, not 5-6 up and 7-8 down, but the rain. The thanks of the party are due to one of their number who very kindly ordered dinner and left someone else to pay.

An armed attack was made on the river on Friday morning, and, contrary to the angler's usual tale, the catch was nothing to speak about. Two of the band wanted one peal each, 'just to make their number up,' so a peal of Bob Royal was rung for the occasion.

Troubles never arrive singly. They all arrived on Saturday! An

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METHODS FOR SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR.

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Lindoff's No. 30.

A. Craven's No. 10 Reverse.

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| 12345678 | 12345678 |
| 21436587 | 21436587 |
| 12346857 | 12463857 |
| 21438675 | 21648375 |
| 24183657 | 26143857 |
| 42816375 | 62418375 |
| 42183657 | 26148357 |
| 24816375 | 62413875 |
| 42861357 | 64231857 |
| 24683175 | 46328175 |
| 26481357 | 64321857 |
| 62843175 | 46238175 |
| 26834715 | 64328715 |
| 62387451 | 46237851 |
| 63278415 | 42638715 |
| 36724851 | 24367851 |
| 63742581 | 42637581 |

2nd's place treble lead. 2nd's place treble lead.

Fourth's place bob is made in each method.

BROADCASTING EFFECTS.*To the Editor.*

Sir,—It may interest Mr. H. Walker to know that the comparison he refers to has already been made. St. Paul's Cathedral bells were broadcast Sunday afternoon, July 27th, and, although I discussed this with two well-known ringers who got very indifferent results, I had the pleasure of listening to the finest 12-bell broadcast I have yet heard, far superior to any of the Simpson-tuned bells (St. Paul's are Lord Grimthorpe's design, I believe). The reception was perfect; the sixes could be heard quite distinctly. Doncaster are very hard, I know, having rung one peal on them, and that quite enough. If possible, I will let Mr. Walker know the result of the Doncaster broadcast.—Yours truly,

W. KEEBLE.

Feering.

RINGERS' WELCOME TO NEW CLERGY.

A peal rung at Yorktown, Surrey, on Saturday, was specially arranged as a welcome to the new Rector and curate. The Rector (Rev. F. W. T. Waithman) was instituted by the Bishop of Guildford on Sunday. The curate (the Rev. H. J. Percival Smith) has been in the parish only a few weeks. During that time, however, he has taken special interest in the ringers, and has begun to learn to ring. As there is not a local peal ringing band at Yorktown, the company on Saturday was made up by five visitors, and after the peal they were entertained to tea by the Rev. H. J. and Mrs. Percival Smith at their residence. The Rector and Mrs. Waithman were also present to greet the ringers, and at the close thanks were given to the hosts and the hope expressed that there would be a long and happy association between the ringers and the clergy of the church.

COMPTON MARTIN RINGERS' OUTING.

The ringers of Compton Martin, with a few friends, including Mr. Thomas Whytt, had a most enjoyable outing on Saturday, August 9th. They first called at Abbots Leigh, where short touches were rung to give all a chance of a pull. Then *Easton-in-Gordano, Portbury, and Clapton-in-Gordano* were visited. Tea was had at Clapton, and afterwards the tower of Nailsea was reached, and there the ringing was concluded. During the outing, touches of Stedman, Grandsire, Bob Doubles and Minor were brought into rounds. The ringers wish to thank the respective Vicars for allowing the use of the bells, and their heartiest thanks are extended to Mr. Thomas Whytt and friends for their arrangements.

THE ADVENTURES OF THE SURFLEET WEEK.

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attempt for Stedman Catens in the morning came to a stop in the turning course after some good 'tapping.' Another attempt in the afternoon took the same road. Reluctantly, the band had to say farewell to their '1-2 man,' that lady having to return home rather earlier than expected. It was more unfortunate still from the ladies' point of view, as they had not quite finished the 'quiet chat' that commenced the previous Saturday! A number of chicken had to be caught after supper, and it was during this operation that the host met with a mishap which might have had more serious results. Whilst climbing down from a tree, where he had just caught three chicken, Rupert slipped and caught his foot in a forked branch, causing him to swing down with his foot held fast and his leg twisted. Fortunately, the other men were at hand and managed to push him back to the top of the bough, and thus release his foot. After examination, nothing more serious was discovered than a twisted leg, which, nevertheless, was rather painful next day.

Sunday morning service ringing was not up to the standard of the previous Sunday's. The 'bob caller' was there, but the 'conductor' was hardly awake. A later attempt for Kent Treble Bob joined the 'great majority' after about an hour.

Another attempt at Kent Treble Bob on Monday proved too much, but whether for the conductor or the band, it is not quite certain, so poor old Plain Bob had to be called upon again. Afterwards, bowls were in use again, but please don't mention the subject in public! Departure time arrived, and, despite the fact that the luggage grid had been made larger and strengthened with a few odd lengths of girder, it was found impossible to get everything and everybody in the car, so a public hire bus was called into service. Why cannot everybody travel with a trunk measuring 12½ x 21 x 2½? But that was before it left Surfleet. When it did leave it had probably been stretched a bit in several directions.

You cannot stay at Glyn Garth without having a thoroughly jolly time, hence the party's hearty thanks to Rupert and his very good lady for a most enjoyable week, and what proved to be a happy reunion after three years of ups and downs for all. The band have one regret—that more interest in handbell ringing is not taken by ringers in general. When a band only meet once a year, without much practice between, it is not so easy as it seems to ring several methods.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 28th and St. Andrew's, Holborn, on 21st; both at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Oxted, on Saturday, August 23rd. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The annual branch meeting and social will be held at Church Kirk on Saturday, August 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d. each, at 5 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. Business: Election of officers. Social commences at 7.30 p.m.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. Helen's Church, Garstang, on Saturday, August 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. — Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely Archdeaconry.—A ringing meeting will be held at Bourn (8) on Saturday, August 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., in the Vicarage. No service. Methods: Double Norwich, Cambridge and Superlative. Plain Bob for any others if required.—F. Warrington, Ashcroft, Mill Road, Over, Cambs.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division. — A meeting will be held at Malden on Saturday, August 23rd. Bells available: All Saints' (8) and St. Mary's (6) at 2.30. Service at All Saints' at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock.—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch. —The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at Marbury on Saturday, August 23rd. Six bells.—Richard D. Langford, Branch Hon. Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The Bolton Borough Police have placed their bowling green at the disposal of ringers, wives and friends on Saturday, August 23rd. — Peter Crook, 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Chesterfield District will be held at Ashover on Saturday, Aug. 23rd. Will members who have not paid their annual subscription please note that they are due? A good attendance is earnestly requested, and all ringers will be welcome. No arrangement is made for tea, as there are places where tea may be obtained. East Midland buses leave Markham Road, Chesterfield, for Kelstedge, which is close to Ashover, every hour.—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Harpenden on Saturday, August 23rd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Arrangements for tea will be made. All are welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Hatfield Broad Oak on Saturday, August 23rd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m.—C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Selston on Saturday, August 23rd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., at 1s. each.—J. W. England, Sec., South Normanton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing meeting has been arranged at Marlow on Saturday, August 23rd. Bells available 6.30 to 9 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treasurer, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Peterborough (6) on Saturday, August 23rd. Usual arrangements.—S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Kennington on Saturday, August 23rd. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Bishop of Truro proposes (p.v.) to dedicate the recast peal of eight bells at St. Mary's, Penzance, on Monday, August 25th, at 4 p.m. Ringing from 10.30 a.m. All ringing friends welcomed.—John Symons, Ringing Master, Buriton House, Penzance.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held at Wombourn (Staffs) on Saturday, August 30th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, August 30th. Usual arrangements made. Cheap tickets on Southern Railway.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Horwich Parish Church on Sat., August 30th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting at 7.—P. Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Rd., Bolton.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival at Brecon on Saturday, August 30th. Towers of St. Mary's and St. David's Churches open for ringing from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Service in St. Lawrence Chapel of Cathedral at 3 p.m. Tea at Ely Tower (by kind invitation of Lord Bishop) at 4 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Please let Hon. Treasurer (Mr. Charles Powell, 3, North Road, Brecon) know numbers expected for tea by August 23rd.—W. R. Howells, Hon. Sec., N. P. Bank Chambers, Neath.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Rothwell on August 30th. Usual arrangements.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wisborough Green on Saturday, August 30th. All those intending being present kindly advise me early.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hanley Castle on Saturday, August 30th. Lady Lechmere has kindly offered to provide tea for all those who notify Mr. E. Gibbs, Hanley Swan, by August 27th.—J. Rowlatt, Branch Sec., Old Street, Upton-on-Severn.

SURREY AND LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS.—A district joint meeting will be held at Beddington on Saturday, August 30th. Bells (10) at 3 p.m. Service 5, tea following. Ringing after till 9 p.m. Those requiring tea please advise Mr. C. H. Kippen, 18, Guy Road, Beddington, by August 27th.—D. Cooper and J. Herbert, Hon. Secs.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A meeting will be held at Great Brington on Saturday, August 30th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Will all who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, August 26th?—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Staverton (5) on Saturday, August 30th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me as early as possible?—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Doncaster on Saturday, August 30th. As this is an evening meeting bells will be ready at 5.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—Percy Gledstone, Hon. Sec., 34, Silverwood View, Conisborough.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bere Regis on Saturday, August 30th. Bells (also Puddletown and Wool) available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Permission has been given to visit the gardens, etc. Motor leaves Weymouth at 1.45.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD AND SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A combined meeting will be held at Church Stretton on Saturday, August 30th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at Buck's Head Hotel, 1/4. Those wishing tea please notify Mr. W. J. Beniams, 8, New Road, Ludlow.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Saintnry on Saturday, August 30th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea provided by the Rev. H. W. Waugh. Please let me know who is coming by the Tuesday previous.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, August 30th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. Election of branch secretary and other business. Will members who have not yet paid their subscriptions kindly come forward with same and oblige?—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Sketty on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., with tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis.

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Clyst St. George on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Service 4.15. Tea (1s. each) 4.45. Bells available. All ringers welcome.—E. Lomas, Hon. Sec., Whimpe, Devon.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Timberland (6) Saturday, Sept. 6th. Tower open 2 p.m. Notification for tea to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln. Buses: Atlas bus leaves St. Mary's Street 12.30 and 3 p.m. Atlas bus leaves Timberland 5.56 and 8.41 p.m.

HOYLANDSWAINE CHURCH.—Change Ringing Contest. Six bells, to be held on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Rules will be sent to any band wishing to join on receipt of stamped addressed envelope. Teas only guaranteed to those who apply. Closing date August 30th. — E. Brookes, Hall Lane, Hoylandswaine, Sheffield.

HOLBECK, LEEDS.—The recast ring of eight (by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, Ltd.) at St. Matthew's Church will be rededicated on Saturday, September 20th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. and after tea. Service 3.15, followed by tea in School at 4.15. Notification for tea (1s. per head) to be sent to Mr. G. H. Spink, 33, Willoughby View, Holbeck, Leeds, beforehand.

DEATH.

EVANS.—Clara, beloved wife of L. J. Evans, Coverland, Clifton Grove, Rhyl, passed away August 15th, after a long illness, patiently borne.

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DENHAM, BUCKS.—On Sunday, August 17th, at St. Mary's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 49 mins.: E. Hancox 1, G. H. Gutteridge 2, C. Nicholls 3, R. Warnett 4, J. H. Lucas 5, E. G. Swift 6, F. Corke (conductor) 7, W. C. Childs (first quarter-peal) 8. Believed to be the first quarter-peal on this grand old ring for nearly thirty years.

SEVENOAKS.—At the Church of St. Nicholas, on Sunday, August 17th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 47 mins.: Dr. E. L. Taylor (conductor) 1, S. Comber 2, W. Turley 3, P. Turley 4, H. V. Baker 5, E. J. Beer 6, F. Paige 7, H. Green 8.

NOTTINGHAM.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday afternoon, August 17th, with the bells half-muffled, for a memorial service for the late Sir Horace Smith Dorrien, 545 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): G. H. Parfremont 1, L. Clay 2, A. Coppock, D.L.I., 3, A. Lambert (Old Robin Hood) 4, A. Goodwin 5, P. Price, D.L.I., 6, F. Blood, Notts and Derby (conductor) 7, F. Lee 8. The service was attended by the Lord Mayor, sheriff, chief constable, Robins Hoods and British Legion.

SOUTHWELL.—At the Cathedral, for parish evensong, on Sunday, August 17th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 48 mins.: E. H. Chulow 1, G. E. Foster 2, F. G. Hooper (first quarter) 3, J. F. Mihner (conductor) 4, A. J. Chamberlain 5, E. Foster 6, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Caversham) 7, W. D. Shorthose 8. Rung in honour of Mr. E. H. Lewis' election to the presidential chair of the Central Council. Also several touches of the same method for morning service, conducted by ringer of 7th.

WORCESTER.—On Sunday, August 17th, for evening service, at St. John-the-Baptist's, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 46 mins.: J. Woodgate 1, C. G. Bowket 2, T. Lewis 3, D. Morris 4, W. Lewis 5, E. Watkins 6, J. J. Jefferies 7, W. Page (conductor) 8.

DARLINGTON.—At Holy Trinity Church, for evensong, on Sunday, August 17th, an attempt was made for 720 York Surprise Minor, which was lost after ringing 600 changes, owing to the 2nd bell casting her rope, and 240 Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung. The following took part: W. H. Barber (Newcastle Cathedral), Wm. Miller (Leytonstone), D. Vincent (St. Ignatius', Sunderland), together with G. W., W. N., and R. Park, of the local band. This ringing was specially arranged for the three visiting gentlemen.

TEWKESBURY.—On Sunday, August 17th, for evening service, at the Abbey, after meeting one short for Stedman Caters, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: E. E. Davis 1, J. H. Swinfield 2, M. Swinfield 3, J. Austin (conductor) 4, J. Gillett 5, G. Hastings 6, T. Newman 7, Rev. E. G. Benson 8, G. Condict 9, Police Inspector George Hasting 10. J. H. and Maurice Swinfield from Burton-on-Trent, and Thomas Newman from London.

MILNROW, LANCS.—For evening service, on Sunday, August 10th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: John Fitton 1, Harold Hamar 2, Walter Staff 3, George Staff (conductor) 4, Sidney W. Dunn 5, John H. C. Massey 6, Albert Buckley 7, Andrew Sidebottom 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

SUNDERLAND.—On Sunday, August 3rd, at the Church of St. Ignatius, for evening service, 1,120 Double Norwich Major: W. Armour 1, F. Ainsley 2, T. Stephenson 3, M. Harrison 4, H. Ditchburn 5, J. W. Parker 6, D. Vincent (longest as conductor) 7, R. L. Patterson 8. —On Sunday, August 10th, for morning service, 560 Double Norwich: W. Armour 1, T. Stephenson 2, W. Oxley 3, M. Harrison 4, H. Ditchburn 5, W. Miller (Leytonstone) 6, D. Vincent (conductor) 7, R. L. Patterson 8. Also for evening service, 672 Superlative: T. Stephenson 1, G. Taylor 2, W. Oxley 3, M. Harrison 4, W. Miller 5, D. Vincent 6, H. Ditchburn 7, R. L. Patterson (conductor) 8.

BROMSGROVE, WORCS.—At St. John the Baptist's Church, on Sunday, August 3rd, for morning service, in 26 mins., 720 Bob Minor: R. Lewis 1, F. J. Whitworth 2, A. O. Lewis 3, A. J. Martin 4, H. Price 5, H. F. Martin (conductor) 6, F. Crump (covering) 8.

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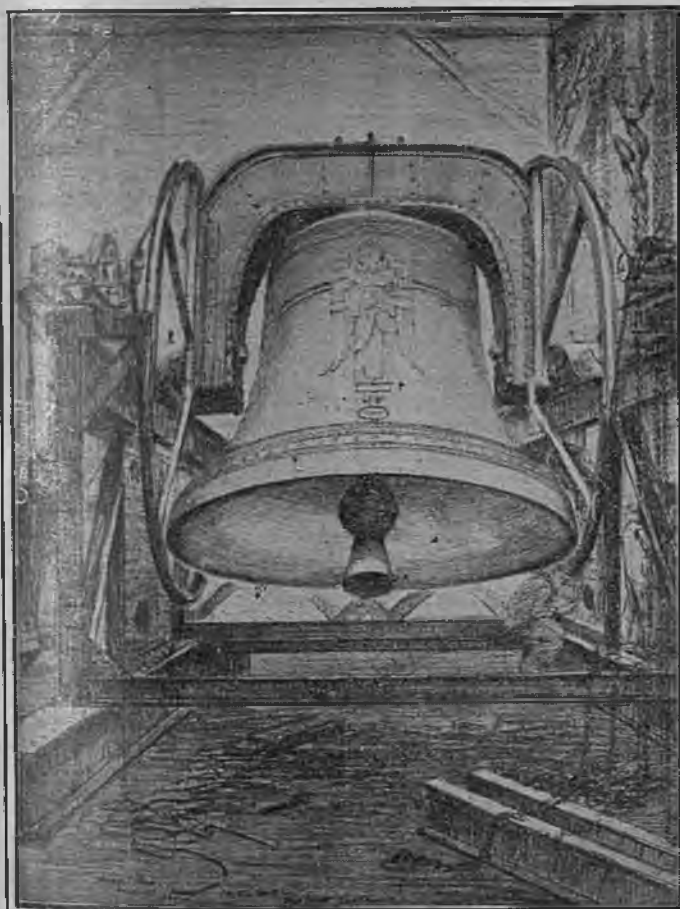
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Mr. Walters speaks of the 'fallacious notions' of ringers that bells are more easily rung in a metal frame than in a wooden one; and the 'modern mania' for enlarging rings of bells without regard to the number which the tower was originally erected to hold. He asserts that 'the reasons given for substituting metal frames for old wooden ones are often inadequate,' and that 'it is quite unreasonable—as has been too frequently done of late years—to recast older rings of bells (ante 1700) wholesale,' in order to have a peal tuned on harmonic lines. These and other similar assertions are sweeping statements which have gone forth to the world at large. They may be good propaganda for the antiquarian, but both directly and by inference they are calculated to create the impression that modern methods of bell hanging, based as they are upon sound engineering practice, are 'fallacious' and only used on ill-advised advocacy of the ringers. The 'modern mania' for enlarging rings of bells has lasted as long as bells themselves. From the very first days when bells were put into church towers, men have constantly planned to add to their number, and Mr. Walters probably knows this as well as, if not better than, anyone else. He probably also knows quite well, if he thinks about it, that rings of bells of an older date than 1700 have not of late years been recast wholesale, in order to introduce Simpson-tuned peals. There have, perhaps, been a few isolated instances of seventeenth century bells being broken up, but to say there has

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been anything like 'wholesale' recasting of bells of this date for the sake of Simpson tuned rings is very wide of the mark.

We have dealt elsewhere with other points in which we think Mr. Walters has done less than justice to the advances which have been made in regard to bells scientifically and mechanically, and cannot do more than add here that we think it is regrettable in an article which obtained the publicity which Mr. Walters secured, that modern ringers and bell founders were represented as ignorant people serving their own interests without a thought for those bells, frames, or towers which are the veneration of antiquarians. As we have pointed out before, bells are not hung in church towers merely to be or to become objects of interest to archæologists. They are there primarily for use, and if they are past the stage of usefulness they must make way for something more efficient. If an old bell cannot be tuned and there is not sufficient money to replace it with new metal, what is to happen? Is it to remain a discordant blot in an otherwise perfectly harmonious musical instrument? Or, if a frame has reached the rickety stage when it is beyond efficient repair and renders the bells unringable, is it to remain merely because of its age? And if it did, who among the hundreds of antiquarians would ever make a pilgrimage to look at it? Let us have common sense before sentiment.

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| R. WORTHY 3 | ROBERT LANCASTER 7 |
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| RICHARD C. BELTON Treble | CHARLES DRAPER 5 |
| JOHN H. SWINFELD 2 | EPHRAIM W. RANDE 6 |
| JOSEPH BAILEY 3 | JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 7 |
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| GEORGE S. TAYLOR 3 | DAVID VINCENT 7 |
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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| GEORGE PINCOTT Treble | CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON 5 |
| *FRED F. RIGBY 2 | WILLIAM HORAN 6 |
| JOHN POTTER 3 | ERNEST CUTSFORTH 7 |
| TITUS BARLOW 4 | THOMAS B. WORSLEY Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by T. E. WORSLEY.

* First peal in the method. The composition is now rung for the first time.

LINTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 20, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

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| CHARLES H. SONE Treble | NOLAN GOLDEN 5 |
| MRS. H. BAKER 2 | *HARRY BAKER 6 |
| WILLIAM E. PITMAN 3 | WILLIAM WENBAN 7 |
| THOMAS E. SONE 4 | ALBERT RELFE Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* 150th peal. Arranged for Mr. Nolan Golden, of Northrepps, Norwich, who was on holiday in the district. This composition, an irregular two-part, is now rung for the first time.

DERBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 20, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. PARKER'S ODD AND EVEN BOB AND SINGLE TEN-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

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| JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble | CHARLES DRAPER 5 |
| MAURICE SWINFELD 2 | W. RICHARDSON DRAGE 6 |
| JOSEPH BAILEY 3 | JAMES GEORGE 7 |
| RICHARD C. BELTON 4 | HARRY K. WATERFIELD Tenor |

Conducted by MAURICE SWINFELD.

This composition has 240 bobs and 142 singles. The one hundredth peal as conductor for M.C.A., each one of which has been a different composition.

SCUNTHORPE, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, August 21, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

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| *WILLIAM GARTERY Treble | †GEORGE W. MOODY 5 |
| MRS. J. BRAY 2 | BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. 6 |
| CHARLES H. BIRD 3 | FRANK LORD 7 |
| †GEORGE L. HALL 4 | JACK BRAY Tenor |

Composed by W. HUDSON.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

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

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 21, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

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| TOM CHAMBERS Treble | JAMES HARRISON 5 |
| MISS M. CLAYTON 2 | JOHN SANDERSON 6 |
| FRED HINDLE 3 | WILLIAM E. WILSON 7 |
| THOMAS CALDERBANK 4 | ARTHUR TOMLINSON Tenor |

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. William Miller, one of the local ringers, and Miss H. Loynds, which took place during the afternoon at the above church.

MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, August 21, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

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| WILLIAM ELLERINGTON ... Treble | THOMAS METCALFE ... 5 |
| WILLIAM JONES ... 2 | J. CYRIL POLLARD ... 6 |
| MISS LANCASTER ... 3 | THOMAS LANCASTER ... 7 |
| R. WORTHY ... 4 | *WILLIAM WATSON ... Tenor |

Conducted by THOMAS LANCASTER.

* First peal. Rung as a compliment to the conductor on the occasion of his silver wedding.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 21, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

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| *ALBERT WIFFEN ... Treble | *GRAHAM LINDRIDGE ... 5 |
| EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 2 | *HERBERT C. REASON ... 6 |
| WILLIAM KERBLE ... 3 | LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 7 |
| GEORGE WIFFEN ... 4 | *SAMUEL WARNE ... Tenor |

Conducted by E. P. DUFFIELD.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

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| HERBERT DEVENISH ... Treble | THOMAS LINCOLN ... 5 |
| GEORGE GREEN ... 2 | JOHN WOOD ... 6 |
| PERCY GREEN ... 3 | WILLIAM LINCOLN ... 7 |
| REV. HIRZEL F. DE LISLE ... 4 | ARTHUR HEAD ... Tenor |

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN.

Specially arranged for the Rev. H. F. de Lisle, who is on a visit from Cape Town, and rang peals with the conductor 41 years ago. It was also a birthday peal for the conductor.

HANDBRIDGE, CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 23, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

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| *ARTHUR L. MINNS ... Treble | WILLIAM SCONCE ... 5 |
| *HARRY LEWIS ... 2 | GILBERT GERRARD ... 6 |
| MARTIN HARRIS ... 3 | SAM JONES, JUN. ... 7 |
| JAMES SWINDLEY ... 4 | PERCY SWINDLEY ... Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the birth of a princess at Glamis. At the conclusion of the peal the bells fired a 'royal salute.' This peal was also a birthday compliment to Miss Madge Swindley, daughter of the ringer of the 4th, and sister to the conductor. First peal in the method as conductor.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 23, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute,

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.

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| JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. ... Treble | HERBERT DAVENPORT ... 5 |
| WILLIAM FERNLEY ... 2 | WILLIAM HORAN ... 6 |
| WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 3 | ERNEST BENNETT ... 7 |
| WALTER STAFF ... 4 | *JOHN WORTH ... Tenor |

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by ERNEST BENNETT.

* First attempt for a peal of Double Norwich. Mr. Walter Staff was elected a member of the Chester Guild prior to the peal attempt. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to T.R.H. the Duke and Duchess of York.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 23, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE LATIMER CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S FOUR-PART.

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| *ALBERT E. WRIGHT ... Treble | WILLIAM H. CLARKE ... 5 |
| HARRY DEXTER ... 2 | ALFRED BALLARD ... 6 |
| JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... 3 | REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 7 |
| HARRY L. SMITH ... 4 | *S. WALTER SIBSON ... Tenor |

Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.

* First peal and first attempt. Ringers of 1, 2 and tenor belong to the local band.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, August 23, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

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| WILLIAM J. MEERS ... Treble | GEORGE F. SWANN ... 5 |
| *HENRY H. FEARN ... 2 | WILLIAM C. RHODES ... 6 |
| *GEORGE E. FEARN ... 3 | BERTRAM G. LEEDHAM ... 7 |
| FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH ... 4 | JOHN E. PYWELL ... Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Rhodes and Pywell.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 23, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

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| WILLIAM E. TAYLOR ... Treble | ROLAND BIGGS ... 5 |
| MISS MARIE R. CROSS ... 2 | RALPH H. BIGGS ... 6 |
| WILLIAM HENLEY ... 3 | THOMAS S. GOODCHILD ... 7 |
| FREDERICK BIGGS ... 4 | GEORGE GILBERT ... Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor. Specially arranged and rung for the christening of Hilda Margaret, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Taylor.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 23, 1930, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

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| HARRY WINGROVE ... Treble | ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 5 |
| ALBERT H. WARD ... 2 | WILLIAM R. DRAGE ... 6 |
| HENRY J. TUCKER ... 3 | FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7 |
| GEORGE W. FAULKNER ... 4 | KEITH HART ... Tenor |

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

Rung as a 72nd birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, August 23, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| *EDWARD COUGH ... Treble | PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM ... 5 |
| *GEORGE DUDLEY ... 2 | ERNEST RIVETT ... 6 |
| GEORGE THOMPSON ... 3 | FRED COTTON ... 7 |
| CHARLES R. BELTON ... 4 | *GABRIEL S. COMPTON ... Tenor |

Conducted by F. COTTON.

* First peal of Triples. Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Dudley. First peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells.

WESTERHAM, KENT.—On Saturday, August 16th, for a wedding at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 49 mins.: F. Webb 1, A. Nicholas 2, J. Weller 3, C. Taylor 4, F. Nicholas 5, A. J. Lewis 6, H. Selby (conductor) 7, W. Cosgrove 8. First quarter-peal by the ringers of the treble, second, fifth and tenor.

STOKE-IN-COVENTRY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, August 23, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

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| *CHARLES A. PARKER Treble | FRANK BRASSINGTON 5 |
| WILLIAM SMITH 2 | EDWARD H. JOHNSON 6 |
| FRANK E. PERVIN 3 | WILLIAM T. COX 7 |
| *DOUGLAS ELLENDER 4 | *FREDERICK WATTS Tenor |

Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.

* First peal on eight bells. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to the ringers of the tenor.

The following peals were rung during a holiday in Somerset, arranged by Mr. J. T. Dyke:—

BARROW GURNEY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN, KING EDWARD
THE MARTYR, AND THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... Treble | WILLIAM A. CAVE 5 |
| ALFRED E. REEVES 2 | JOSEPH T. DYKE 6 |
| GEORGE WILLIAMS 3 | CHARLES F. ANDREWS 7 |
| MRS. G. W. FLETCHER 4 | GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... Tenor |

Non-Conducted.

Umpire: CANON G. F. COLBRIDGE.

CONGRESBURY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 19, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 35 cwt.

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| ALBERT A. HUGHES ... Treble | CHARLES R. LILLEY 5 |
| ERNEST BISHOP 2 | ALFRED E. REEVES 6 |
| *EDWARD G. L. COWARD ... 3 | WILLIAM A. CAVE 7 |
| D. CECIL WILLIAMS 4 | CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... Tenor |

Composed by W. A. CAVE.

Conducted by C. F. ANDREWS.

* First peal in the method. 325th tower in which C. R. Lilley has rung a peal.

CASTLE CARY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 15 cwt.

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| MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... Treble | CHARLES F. ANDREWS 5 |
| *EDWARD G. L. COWARD ... 2 | FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 6 |
| GEORGE WILLIAMS 3 | JOSEPH T. DYKE 7 |
| MRS. G. W. FLETCHER 4 | WILLIAM A. CAVE Tenor |

Conducted by MRS. G. W. FLETCHER.

* First touch of Surprise Major. First peal on the bells.

LONG ASTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

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

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

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| NORMAN V. ANDREWS ... Treble | FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 5 |
| D. CECIL WILLIAMS 2 | GEORGE W. FLETCHER 6 |
| *ALFRED E. REEVES 3 | CHARLES F. ANDREWS 7 |
| STEPHEN H. WOOD 4 | JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor |

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* 350th peal.

THE NEW PRINCESS.

At the Parish Church, Bromsgrove, on Friday, August 22nd, in 43 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Hughes 1, R. Lewis 2, T. Albott 3, H. Price 4, A. J. Martin 5, W. H. Raxter 6, H. E. Martin (conductor) 7, P. Crump 8. Longest length by ringer of treble. Rung, after meeting short for a peal attempt, in honour of the birth of the second daughter of T.R.H. the Duke and Duchess of York.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WEST LYDFORD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 16, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| ARTHUR H. S. RAINEY ... Treble | WILFRED P. LAMBERT 4 |
| *FRANK CULLING 2 | PERCY N. G. RAINEY 5 |
| SELWYN F. WADMAN 3 | FRANK PRICE Tenor |

Conducted by PERCY N. G. RAINEY.

* First peal 'inside.'

BATHEASTON, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 16, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 42 six-scores, ten different callings.

Tenor 18 cwt.

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| *HUBERT C. HALLETT ... Treble | HORACE D. TAYLOR 4 |
| †FREDERICK GREEN 2 | JESSE HALLETT 5 |
| †JOSEPH MOORE 3 | *JOHN POOLE Tenor |

Conducted by H. D. TAYLOR.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. Hubert C. Hallett was elected a member of the association before starting for the peal.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCOS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 17, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

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| *EDWARD BILSBOROUGH ... Treble | *LEONARD SCHOLES 4 |
| *ARNOLD BRUNTON 2 | RICHARD BALDERSTONE ... 5 |
| JOHN CAVANNAGH 3 | LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor |

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

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

EARL STONHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, August 17, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 18 six-scores of Plain Bob with twelve different callings, and 24 six-scores of Grandsire with ten different callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

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| DAVID WHITING ... Treble | VICTOR C. LOCKWOOD 3 |
| ALPHAUS J. BERRY 2 | RUSSELL E. WARD 4 |

GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 3rd.

OLD WARDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE ELY AND BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Thursday, August 21, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| *CLIFFORD F. PAGE ... Treble | *HERBERT SHERMAN 4 |
| CHARLES ROBINSON 2 | *STANLEY H. WALLIS 5 |
| FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 3 | FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor |

Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

* First peal in the method. The last 720 in this peal was the conductor's 150th this year.

ALBRIGHTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, August 23, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, each called differently.

Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

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| *FREDERICK J. WARR ... Treble | ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 4 |
| ALBERT D. COLLINS 2 | HARRY BOSWELL 5 |
| HAROLD L. FLAVELL 3 | ALFRED FALLON Tenor |

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

* First peal. Rung in honour of the birth of a second princess to their Royal Highnesses, the Duke and Duchess of York.

BRAMPTON ASH, NORTHANTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire, ten different callings. Tenor 13½ cwt.

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| C. ARTHUR MANNING Treble | *PERCY AMOS 4 |
| ERIC J. SARGEANT 2 | RONALD RUSSELL 5 |
| J. GEOFFREY GEARY 3 | †SIDNEY WATTS Tenor |

Conducted by C. ARTHUR MANNING.

* First peal 'inside,' and first attempt. † First peal and first attempt. First peal of Doubles on the bells. The ringers of the second and tenor were elected members of the association previous to starting.

KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, August 23, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of York, Hull, Bourne, Annable's London, Nether-seale, Cambridge and Norwich. Tenor 11 cwt.

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| FREDERICK PARR Treble | GEORGE BURNHAM 4 |
| ALFRED PARR 2 | WILLIAM H. TURTON 5 |
| HARRY GREAVES 3 | CHARLES SEVERN Tenor |

Conducted by C. SEVERN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of the late Mr. A. Craven, who was interred at the Abbey Lane Cemetery on the above date.

WHEETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, August 23, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six 120's Canterbury, six 120's Plain Bob, thirty 120's Grandsire, with ten different callings. Tenor 8½ cwt.

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| JOHN H. BAILLESS Treble | CECIL E. CARR 4 |
| M. EDWARD WATSON 2 | WILLIAM A. WOOD 5 |
| *FRANK BAILLESS 3 | ALFRED E. WARWICK Tenor |

Conducted by M. EDWARD WATSON.

* First peal in three methods 'inside.'

KIMBOLTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 24, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 240 of New Year's Eve, 600 each of St. Dunstan's, Morning Star, Old Doubles, April Day, Original, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, and Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

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| WILLIAM E. JAINE Treble | *WILFRED E. BROOKES 4 |
| FREDERICK A. JAINE 2 | THOMAS G. COOKE 5 |
| JOHN GREEN 3 | REV. A. S. HUTCHINSON Tenor |

Conducted by F. A. JAINE.

* First peal of Doubles with a bob bell. Arranged for the Rev. A. S. Hutchinson, who is on holiday at Kimbolton. First peal in nine methods on the bells and by all the band.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 13, 1930, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT 16, DINHAM.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor size 14 in D.

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| *JOHN G. NASH 1-2 | WILLIAM R. NASH 3-4 |
| PERCIVAL R. NASH 5-6 | |

Conducted by WILLIAM R. NASH.

Witness: WILLIAM DAVIES.

* First peal 'in hand,' and believed to be the first 'family' handbell peal for the Guild.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SMALLER MEETINGS IN BLACKBURN BRANCH.

On Saturday, August 23rd, the annual meeting and social of the Blackburn Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at Church, near Accrington, where there is an historic church. The bells, a handy ring of eight, tenor 14 cwt., which were recently augmented and recast, were kept busy in the standard methods from 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. An adjournment was then made to the schools, where a bountiful tea was partaken of by upwards of fifty ringers and friends. After tea, the curate (the Rev. J. Owen Holt), who occupied the chair, extended to the ringers a hearty Church Kirk welcome to the parish, which, he said, he knew from his own experience during the twelve months he had been amongst them was a very real thing indeed.

The secretary (Mr. F. Hindle) presented his report and balance sheet. During the year meetings had been held at Blackburn (Holy Trinity and St. Michael's), Burnley (St. Peter's), Padiham, Church, Huddlesden, Nelson, Oswaldtwistle, Rishton and Whalley, but he was sorry to say the attendance on the average had not been good. Ten peals had been rung by the branch as follows: Grandsire Triples 1, Bob Major 3, Kent Treble Bob Major 4, Oxford Treble Bob Major 1, Minor in two methods 1. The conductors were L. J. Williams (5), W. H. Hunter (2), and H. Entwistle (1), whilst T. Chambers and W. Aaron conducted their first peals. With the exception of Mytton and Waddington, all the rings in the branch were now in first-class order, and it was hoped that before long something might be done to these two almost unringable peals of six. The membership at present consisted of 24 life members and 115 ringing members, against 25 life and 125 ringing members last year—a loss of eleven on the year. There were still a few subscriptions owing, which the secretary hoped would be forthcoming, 11 life members and 95 ringing members having already paid.

Arising out of a discussion on the decreased attendance at branch meetings, Mr. L. J. Williams, of Church, proposed that in future branch meetings be held every second month instead of every month as at present. He thought that members who at present were either unable or unwilling to attend a meeting one Saturday in four might be able to do so once every two months. It was also thought that the deplorable state of the cotton trade was responsible for some of the members being unable to afford the journeys to the opposite end of the branch to that in which they resided.

The proposal was opposed by the secretary on the ground that if they failed to get round to the towers somewhere near once each year the subscriptions would fail also.

Mr. A. Tomlinson (Blackburn) also opposed the motion, remarking that he could not see how six meetings a year, which would mean a visit to each tower only once every two and a half years, was going to improve matters. He thought the whole secret of a successful meeting rested with the ringers of the tower in which it was being held. If all these local men would make it a point of honour to attend when meetings were being held at their own tower, then it would be next to impossible for it to be a failure.

A number of members also spoke on the question, and on the chairman putting Mr. Williams' proposal to the vote, the motion was defeated.

Mr. Wilson (Blackburn) and Mr. Williams expressed the regret which the branch felt at the loss of Mr. R. Hartley, of Burnley (who had taken a business at Fleetwood), and extended to him and his wife the best wishes for their future success. Mr. Hartley has been a ringer at Holy Trinity, Burnley, for thirty-four years, was a past-Ringing Master of the branch, and served on the committee of the Lancashire Association.

Mr. F. Hindle, Blackburn, was reappointed hon. secretary, and Mr. W. H. Hunter, Burnley, elected to serve on the committee of the association. The following were elected ringing members: Messrs. T. Bailey and B. Sharples, of Clitheroe, and F. Cockshott, of Church.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Whalley, in August, 1931, and the next branch meeting at Clitheroe on Saturday, October 4th, 1930.

The usual vote of thanks terminated the meeting, after which the evening was spent in music and dancing.

VISIT TO SOMERSET TOWERS.

On Saturday, August 23rd, the ringers of East Brent and friends took their annual outing in lovely weather. Leaving East Brent about 9.30 a.m., with eleven aboard a very comfortable bus, a nice run was made to Meare, the first stopping place, then on to Ballonsborough, Somerton and Langport, where lunch was taken. Continuing the journey, Middlezoy, Chedzoy, and Puriton were visited. The methods rung during the day were Stedman and Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob Minor. The ride through the beautiful scenery of Somerset and the ringing was enjoyed by all. Refreshments were taken at Huntspill on the return journey, where unfortunately no ringing could be done, as no arrangements had been made. East Brent was reached about 8.15 p.m., where short touches of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were rung to finish up a very successful day. Thanks are due to the incumbents of the churches visited for the use of the bells, also to those who had everything in readiness at each tower.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**NORTH-WESTERN DIVISION.**

A meeting was held at Hatfield Broad Oak on Saturday last. This tower had not been visited by the association for a number of years, and owing to the village being very much out of the way, and also to the very inclement weather conditions, not a very big muster resulted. However, the eight bells were rung during the afternoon, and a service conducted by the Vicar (Rev. E. H. Hearn) was held in the church. Tea followed at the near-by Cock Hotel.

A brief business meeting ensued. Epping Upland was decided upon for the next meeting place, and the following were elected ringing members: W. Negus, G. Pratt, A. Whitmore, C. Drury, W. Miller, R. Chambers, all from Chrishall.

It was announced that a mid-week meeting would be held at Hoddesdon on the first Wednesday in October.

Mr. G. Dent thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells and for the service in church.—The Rev. Hearn, replying, said it was his pleasure to welcome the association to his tower, and hoped it would not be long before they visited him again.—Further ringing was continued in the evening.

SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION AT MALDON.

A very pleasant meeting of the South-Eastern Division was held at Maldon on Saturday, twenty-six members being present from Braintree, Great Baddow, Galleywood, Chelmsford, Feering, Burnham-on-Crouch, Maldon, Rittendon, Romford, Prittlewell, Goldhanger, Springfield and Fulham. After ringing from 2.30 until 4.30, the members attended service conducted by the Rev. A. G. Munsen (in the absence of the Vicar). The lesson was read by Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the association.

Tea was presided over by Mr. Howard, and at the business meeting which followed one non-resident member was elected. It was arranged to hold the next meeting at Terling on October 18th.

Mr. C. H. Howard proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar (Rev. J. L. Seymore) for the use for the bells, to the Rev. A. G. Munsen for his address, to the organist, and to Mr. Ellenger for accompanying the organ on the tubular bells.—The Vicar said it gave him great pleasure to welcome the ringers to Maldon. Ringing continued until 9 p.m., both at All Saints' and St. Mary's churches.

OVER, CAMBS.—At the Church of St. Mary, for matins, on Sunday, August 24th, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: G. Whybrow 1, M. Ginn 2, D. Adams 3, R. Thoday 4, H. Robinson 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT SELSTON.**

A well attended meeting of the above association was held at Selston, Notts, on Saturday.

Selston Church is a Norman building, in which the stonework is wonderfully preserved. The tower is a typically Norman structure, and contains a ring of six bells (tenor 12 cwt. approx.), which 'go' very nicely, but it cannot be said that they are particularly tuneful. The treble, second and fourth were added to an existing three in 1905 by James Barwell, while, of the three older bells the tenor (1704) is the only one which bears a date. The third and fifth are apparently older than this, and are rather long in shape, with very little lettering.

The bells were raised about three o'clock, and rung until the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. P. A. Sharp), who gave an interesting address. After service, the company adjourned to the schools for tea (rain having prevented tea on the Vicarage lawn as arranged), and 35 persons had an excellent repast.

A brief meeting was held after tea, and sympathetic reference to the death of Mr. J. W. Scott, of Libshelf, was made by the president, supported by the Rev. J. H. Lewis, South Normanton, and the secretary. A vote of condolence with the relatives was passed by the members reverently standing in silence.

Nine new ringing members were elected, and one hon member, the Rev. P. A. Sharp, who gave the association a hearty welcome to his parish, which is also the residence of Mr. W. Dobb, president of the association.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar, organist and ladies for catering was proposed by Mr. T. Stimpson and carried in a hearty manner.—The Vicar and Mr. J. Rawson, churchwarden, responded.

The visitors then returned to the tower, and ringing took place until 8.30, when the breaking of a rope put an end to an enjoyable day. The methods rung ranged from Grandsire Doubles to London Surprise, and learners were not forgotten.

Members were present from Alfreton, Blackwell, Heanor, Mansfield, Mansfield Woodhouse, South Normanton, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Swanwick, Ripley and the local band, while visitors were welcomed from Eastwood, Sandiacre and Breaston.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Sunday, August 10th, before evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. W. Cox 1, J. S. Napper (Coventry) 2, W. E. Napper (Coventry) 3, J. Dearlove (Brighton) 4, T. East (conductor) 5, J. Sawyer 6, R. G. Rice (Harwell) 7, W. Lambell 8.

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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.

By the death of Mr. Arthur Craven, of Sheffield, which took place last week, the Exercise loses a well-known composer and the author of many methods.

The bells of St. Ives Parish Church, Hunts, are being recast at the Whitechapel Foundry and reduced in weight. They are to be hung with new fittings and frame work. The spire at this church fell in 1918 through an airplane crashing into it.

Maurice Swinfield, the brilliant young conductor, of Burton-on-Trent, has achieved a remarkable record for the Midland Counties Association. He has called one hundred peals for the association, and no two of the compositions have been the same.

The longest handbell peal on record, 19,738 Stedman Caters, was rung at Guildford on August 31st, 1912. It was conducted by Mr. Alfred Pulling, the other ringers being Messrs. A. and W. Shepherd, J. Hunt and F. Blondell.

The first ten-bell peal in Scotland was rung at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, on August 31st, 1886, conducted by F. E. Dawe.

The first peal rung upon the bells of St. Michael's Church, Bishop's Stortford, was a peal of Grandsire Caters, 5,039, by the Junior Society of College Youths, on September 2nd, 1820, conducted by Henry Symondson, sen.

The name of the conductor and ringer of tenor in the peal of Minor at Willesborough on August 16th was E. S. Ruck.

The number of changes in the peal of Superlative at Dunmow on August 9th was 5,056, not 5,120, as printed.

The bells of St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral, Birmingham, are to be broadcast on Sunday evening at 7.50. These bells are a ring which come through well when broadcast. They are hung four over four, and every bell swings by the windows.

A BIRMINGHAM WEDDING.

A young lady, well known to many ringing visitors to Birmingham, is to be married at St. Martin's Parish Church to-morrow. She is Miss Winifred Edith Walker, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Walker, of 81, Baker Street, Sparkhill, Birmingham, the bridegroom being Mr. Leslie Arthur Reynolds, also of Birmingham. The bride's father is the popular Deputy Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, and naturally the bells at the famous church will ring out in honour of the event. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Walker and their daughter will join in wishing the young couple 'health, happiness and long life.'

DONCASTER BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I note Mr. Keeble's remarks, but it must not be forgotten that, although Lord Grimthorpe designed St. Paul's bells, the founder (Taylor) deviated somewhat from the specification in regard to thickness. The Doncaster peal was cast true to specification by Warner and Co. I may add the back four are 'maidens.'—Yours faithfully,

HAROLD WALKER.

DEBENHAM TOWER UNSAFE.

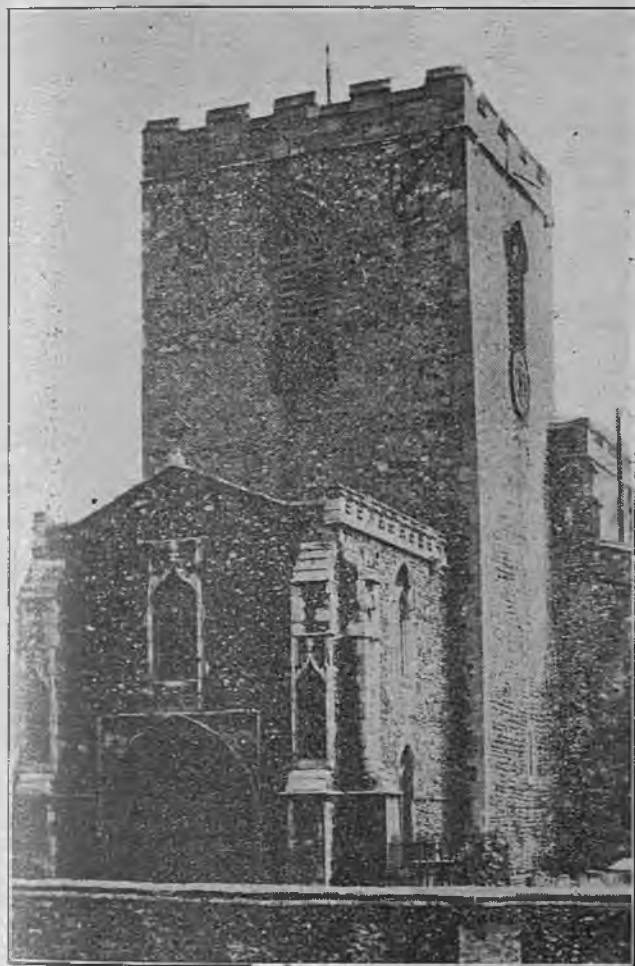
CRACK IN WALLS THREE FEET THICK.

The famous tower of St. Mary's, Debenham, is in a dangerous condition, and the Church Council have a scheme on hand for its restoration and also for the restoration of the roof of the church, which has got into a state of considerable disrepair.

Debenham Church has long been a favourite tower among ringers, and many fine performances have been achieved there, the most notable, of course, being the 16,608 Oxford Treble Bob Major, rung in 10 hrs. 32 mins. on June 6th, 1892. The bells were cast in 1761 by Lester and Pack, the treble being recast in 1891. The tenor, in addition to bearing the name of the Vicar and curate of those days, is also inscribed:—

'In Wedlock's bands all ye who join,
Your hands with hearts unite.
So shall our tuneful tongues combine
To laud the nuptial rite.'

The tower and roof of the nave have been carefully inspected by a well-known Ipswich architect, and his report on the former will interest the many ringers who know this interesting church. He says, with regard to the tower: 'This is a very interesting structure, and of rather unusual character, being entirely without buttresses, and 23ft. square, though only 56ft. high. The lower part of the tower exhibits long and short work, and may be pre-Conquest, and the upper part is probably early 15th century.'



The Tower and West Entrance of Debenham Church.

This tower contains a celebrated peal of eight bells, hung in an old wooden frame of extraordinary construction, which allowed a large amount of lateral movement. To overcome this movement, wedges were placed between the frame and the walls, and probably this has been the cause of the failure in the belfry walls. The same trouble has occurred before, and two iron ties were placed in the walls of the belfry, both in the direction of east to west. The bells are not now rung, but it seems a pity that this celebrated peal of

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SURREY ASSOCIATION.

INTERESTING BELL INSCRIPTIONS AT OXTED.

A meeting of the Southern District of the Surrey Association was held at St. Mary's, Oxted, on Saturday last, about thirty ringers and friends being present from Redhill, Reigate, Horley, Godstone, Limpsfield and Limpsfield Chart, Mitcham, St. Peter's Croydon, London, Crawley, Turner's Hill and Sevenoaks. The ringing during the afternoon ranged from rounds to London Surprise Minor. Service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. W. E. Gibbons), who afterwards took the ringers to the Burnham Tea Rooms, where twenty-three sat down to tea. This was followed by a business meeting held in the vestry, the Rector presiding.

Mr. H. Jordan, of Reigate, was re-elected a member of the association, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Buckland in October.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for his address at the service, for the use of the bells, and for presiding at the meeting, was passed, and thanks were also accorded to Mr. A. Newnham, the local secretary, for his assistance in making the arrangements. This concluded the meeting, and the ringers returned to the tower, where they put in some further good practice, the bells being lowered in peal at 8.45 p.m.

In the inventory of church goods made in the reign of Edward VI. it is recorded that there were 'iiij belles in the steple.' In the fourth year of Edward VI.'s reign there were 'sold unto one Thomas Tafford, founder, one sauns bell poz xl lb, ij procession bells poz xvj lb, with as much other latten as weied in all together elxxxij lb for the sume of liiij. ix d.' In 1729, Richard Phelps placed a peal of five in the tower, and two of these had interesting inscriptions.

On the 4th was: 'Ricardus Phelps me fecit 1729. Ab omni fulgure defenda nos Domine.' This inscription referred to a bad storm in July, 1719, when the church was struck by lightning and the bells destroyed.

The tenor has this unusual inscription: 'Good Folks with one Accord we Call to hear God's Word we Honour to the King and foy to Brides do Sing We Triumphs Loudly Tell & Ring your Last Farewell. R.P. Ft. 1729.'

In 1923 a fund was raised for the restoration of the bells, something like £600 being received. The third and fourth were recast by Mears and Stainbank, and a new treble added, all the bells being hung on iron headstocks. The church contains an interesting list of Rectors from 1294 to the present day.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry was held at Bourn on Saturday last, a few ringers being present, including the late general secretary (Rev. R. Copeman), Mr. A. G. Rivers, Mr. T. Chenery, Mr. J. W. Ward, Mr. F. G. Gleaves, Miss Willers, Miss Shorter, Mr. F. Hurry and others. Although the ringing was not all 22 carat, the following methods were practised: Cambridge Surprise, Double Norwich, Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tea was partaken of at the Vicarage, by kind invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. J. Duffin, to whom thanks must be given for his splendid welcome at all times.

For the benefit of one or two local ringers, a peal is to be attempted in the near future.

Although the weather was none too kind, a much bigger gathering might have made the meeting more successful.

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18th century bells should not be rung, and I hope it will be possible to redesign the frame and make it safe for them to be used again.

A crack has now developed in the eastern wall of the tower, at the south-east corner, of a very serious character. This crack is wide and loose, extending the whole height of the belfry storey and clean through the wall, which is here 3ft. thick. This crack should be immediately dealt with, and I recommend cutting out so far as is necessary to effectively deal with it, bonding across with large stones at the back of the facing, and building up and grouting the whole in cement, and making good the crack on the outside face with masonry to match the present. In addition, I would recommend two iron ties, similar to those existing and just below them, extending from south to north.

The other serious defect in the tower is the condition of the parapet. This is of dressed stone about 9in. thick, and rendered on the inner side in cement. Apparently there is no bed left to the majority of these stones, and the whole parapet is therefore loose, and some of the stones are bulging out, in one case as much as 1 1/2 in. I am afraid that nothing will avail but taking down the parapet, numbering the stones and rebuilding exactly as before, bedding all in cement and pointing in cement and stone dust. When this is done, the opportunity should be taken to insert a sound new apron flashing, as the present roof cannot last a great many more years without attention, and it would be a pity to disturb the rebuilt parapet when this time comes. The probable cost of the above work would be £350.

Including the repairs to the roof, a sum of £600 has got to be raised, of which only about £200 has been received or promised in subscriptions and expected grants. An appeal is made to members of the Exercise to help in the restoration scheme, and donations can be sent to Mr. W. C. Rumsey, Debenham, Stowmarket, Suffolk.

ANCIENT BELLS AND FRAMES.

CRITICISM OF AN ANTIQUARIAN VIEW.

An article on church bells which appeared a short time ago in 'The Times' newspaper from the pen of Mr. H. B. Walters, the celebrated antiquarian, who is perhaps the greatest living authority on the historical side of church bells, was received with mixed feelings in ringing circles, because, while much of what Mr. Walters said, such as the eminent desirability of preserving mediæval bells and his condemnation of the practice of 'clocking,' was a welcome restatement of the case, some of his other points were, to say the least, highly debatable. Mr. Walters' article occupied a conspicuous place in the Church and Empire Number of 'The Times' and was consequently widely read. The impression which it made was, doubtless, correspondingly important. We are quite sure that Mr. Walters had no intention of misleading his readers, but in one or two respects he, shall we say, 'misinterprets' the attitude of ringers in the modern developments of bell hanging.

Mr. Walters is, for instance, out to prevent the removal of the old wood frames or the laying of violent hands upon any bell of venerable age. He attributes, at any rate by inference, the change from timber to metal frames to ringers who appear to hold the 'fallacious notion that bells are more easily rung in a metal frame than in a wooden one,' whereas the change is merely the evolution of mechanical efficiency. A bell when it is rung is a piece of moving machinery, and we imagine that no modern engineer would, for preference, place moving machinery in a wooden frame. Hence, ringers advocate metal frames where possible. What antiquarians do not seem to realise is that a metal frame is better than a wood one from the point of view of the stability of the tower. Without constant and careful attention, a wooden frame is likely to develop into a battering ram upon the tower walls and do serious damage to the fabric, while in the event of fire its presence is, of course, disastrous. 'Frames of good seasoned wood,' said Mr. Walters, 'should last for at least two hundred years and many of those in our church towers that date as far back show no signs of decay.' With regard to some old bell frames Mr. Walters is perfectly right, but where can wood seasoned sufficiently to last a couple of centuries be found in these days? When big bell restoration schemes are undertaken good, sound old wood frames are not wantonly sacrificed, but where a frame has got to come out, it is cheaper, safer and far more efficient to put in a metal one.

Then Mr. Walters talks of 'the modern mania' for enlarging rings of bells 'without regard to the number which the tower was originally erected to hold.' 'Few bell founders, for instance, seem to have realised,' he adds, 'that the magnificent towers of Somerset were intended to hold not more than five or six heavy bells and that great risks have been run by topping these with two or three lighter ones, an addition which the tower could not reasonably be expected to bear.' This is a reflection on our modern bell founders which is quite unjustified. To begin with, the enlarging of rings of bells is not a 'modern mania.' The enlarging of rings of bells has been going on for centuries, and while it may be true that it has proceeded faster in the last fifty or sixty years than it had done before, there has been no period when

the safety of the fabric has been more carefully or skilfully considered than in the last quarter of a century. Thanks to metal frames and modern methods of bell hanging, many towers have, indeed, been made actually safer with an additional number of bells than they were before the extra ones were put in.

Mr. Walters condemns the practice of applying Simpson tuning to old bells or recasting old rings because they lack this quality. 'English bells,' he says, 'have always been tuned on a different system and cannot be adapted to the Simpson method, though it may be quite suitable for new bells.' There are obvious reasons, of course, why old bells cannot be adapted to the Simpson method of tuning. The tone of a bell depends upon its shape and the old bells are, for the most part, of the wrong contours to retune on the Simpson principle. But the old 'system' was not a system at all in the sense that Simpson tuning is a system. All that the old English founders really troubled about was to get the strike note correct. The harmonics did not concern them, or, if they did, they knew very little indeed about correcting them. If they obtained a bell with its harmonics approximately correct—and there are a few such old bells about—it was by a large measure of luck. Mr. Walters' article makes it appear that the Simpson principle is just an alternative to the tuning of these old bells—we do not, of course, refer to the more modern bells scientifically tuned on what has been called the 'old style'—whereas these ancient bells which he, and almost everyone else we imagine, is anxious to preserve, are just individual notes, approximating to the diatonic scale, but with little or no relationship in their harmonics.

Mr. Walters' article would have been more convincing to people with an intimate knowledge of bells had he been less anxious to condemn some of the modern ideas and practices in regard to bells and bell hanging. In the archaeological realm Mr. Walters speaks with authority, but he views modern methods and progress with the bias of the antiquarian. The difficulty in contesting any of the statements arising from an article such as that by Mr. Walters is that it is almost impossible to obtain the same conspicuous publicity or even to reach the same body of readers. Last week a letter appeared in 'The Times' traversing briefly some of the points, but the original article, with all its inferences, is the one which will leave the most lasting impressions, and the letter which appeared in the correspondence columns is unlikely to be seen by a tithe of the public who read the original article.

GUILDFORD RINGERS' TRIP INTO KENT.

The ringers of S. Nicolas Church, Guildford, had a very enjoyable outing, the seventh of a series, which has on every occasion been favoured by fine weather. The party travelled by motor coach through Dorking and Reigate to Godstone, a halt being there made to ring at the Parish Church. Later, the journey was continued over the Surrey border to Westerham, Kent. Here they were fortunate in getting a chance to ring, as the bells were still in the hands of the bell hangers, the men kindly leaving their work for a short time, and the glorious peal of eight were soon going. Westerham was at once voted the 'til-bit' of the trip. While ringing was in progress, preparations were made at Stokes House for tea, which, to the joy of everyone, was served in a lovely secluded garden, making it a great wrench later when the time arrived for the journey to be resumed to Edenbridge. There Mr. J. W. Steddy was waiting for the party, and the bells were soon going in the standard methods. Again the party were very reluctant to leave a beautiful and perfectly going peal of bells, but time is an inexorable master, and departure could no longer be delayed. Guildford was reached at about 10 p.m., everyone voicing their thanks to all who had contributed to the success and pleasure of the trip.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

ARISTOCRATIC PATRONS OF THE EXERCISE— DOUBTFUL TRADITIONS.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

During the seventeenth and early part of the eighteenth centuries ringing was a fashionable sport. It was practised at Oxford and Cambridge, and it attracted a good many of what are sometimes called 'superior class' people. Then it was forsaken by its aristocratic patrons. The social status of ringers declined and during the latter part of the eighteenth and a large part of the nineteenth centuries it was very low indeed. Those few ringers who had superior education and a larger income seem to have been rather ashamed of the company they found themselves in. Thus Squire Powell, of Quex Park, was very careful to say that the broadsheet of Stedman Triples issued by him was by an 'amateur of that art' and many lesser men when their names appeared in records of peals and such like things would clap 'Esq.' to the end of them, to show that they were not like other and common ringers—a bit of snobbery which survived till less than forty years ago.

As for the common ringers, though they knew they were nobodies and of low esteem, yet they liked to look back to the days when a ringer might have been somebody. It pleased them to cherish a connection, however shadowy and remote, with people of social standing, and they fostered a tradition of the past social greatness of the Exercise.

Old men would tell with pride how in their young days, or mayhap in the days of their fathers, it was no unusual thing to see My Lord This or Sir Something That in the belfry. You will find a hint of this spirit in the history which the College Youths print (or did print) in their book of rules. They give a list of 'names of eminence' from its 'time honoured roll of members.' Eminent as what? Who were Sir Richard Everard, Sir Henry Tulse, Sir John Bollis and the others? I profess I cannot tell. Secular history knows not their names, and they have made no mark on the annals of ringing. But they were people of title and at a time when titles were less common and more esteemed than they are now.

There is a tale which has been printed many times during these last hundred and fifty years which tells how, once upon a time, when St. Bride's bells were ringing, all the gentry and fashion of the town would ride up and down Fleet Street in their carriages to listen. And, after one peal was rung at that tower, the band dispersed to their own homes each in his own carriage. The tale does not ring quite true. It has all the signs of being the result of a lively imagination working up and embellishing some vague tradition. Unless my notion of the old ringers is sadly at fault, they certainly did not disperse to their own homes after the peal, even with all the pomp and circumstance of carriage and horses.

Peals were not common things in those days, and the first peal of Bob Maximus was no mean achievement. You may be sure they went, all of them, round to some coffee house hard by and had some refreshment. There they talked the peal over, and told each other what fine fellows they were, and generally enjoyed the only reward that a peal ringer ever gets—the satisfaction of having done something that takes some doing. And, anyhow, why carriages? London was a comparatively small place then. All the ringers would have lived within walking

distance of the tower. People in those days did not use carriages to get about town. They went on their feet, or, if they were opulent and fastidious, they hired a sedan chair.

When Ben Annable, who called the peal, took a band down to Oxford for a week's ringing, it was not in carriages they went. They walked on their feet, all of them, except one, and he rode a horse. I should like to be able to give an account of Annable, what he was, and where he lived, and so on, but I have not the material. He was a great man, one of the greatest the Exercise has produced, by far the greatest that ever belonged to the College Youths, and they owe to him more than to any other the position they hold in the Exercise.

Of one of his band, one of those who rang in the Bob Maximus at St. Bride's, I can give some account. He is in the College Youths' list of 'names of eminence'—'John Hardham, a celebrated ringer and an extensive tobacconist in Fleet Street, the inventor of the snuff still called Hardham's 37,' a sound solid tradesman, but most certainly not of Society and the carriage folk. Here is an account of him taken from a book by Leigh Hunt, called 'The Town,' which is a description of London during the eighteenth century. There is no reference to Hardham's ringing, and I imagine that belonged to his early days, before he achieved either money or fame.

'On the same side of the way as Shoe Lane, but nearer to Fleet Market, was Hardham's, a celebrated snuff shop, the founder of which deserves notice for a very delicate generosity. He was numberer at Drury Lane Theatre, that is to say, the person who counted the number of people in the house from a hole over the top of the stage—a practice now discontinued. Whether this employment led him to number snuffs as well as men, we cannot say, but he was the first that gave them their distinctions that way. Lovers of "the pungent grains of titillating dust" are indebted to him for the famous compound entitled "37." Being passionately fond of theatrical entertainments, he was seldom without embryo Richards and Hotspurs strutting and bellowing in his dining-room or in the parlour behind his shop. The latter of these apartments was adorned with heads of most of the persons celebrated for dramatic excellence, and to these he frequently referred in the course of his instructions. There is one circumstance in his private character which deserves a most honourable rescue from oblivion. His charity was excessive to an uncommon degree, and was conveyed to many of its objects in the most delicate manner. On account of his known integrity (for he once failed in business more creditably than he could have made a fortune by it) he was often entrusted with the care of paying little annual stipends to unfortunate women and others who were in equal want of relief; and he has been known with a generosity almost unexampled to continue those annuities long after the sources of them had been stopped by the deaths or caprices of the person who at first supplied them. At the same time he persuaded the receivers that their money was remitted to them as usual through its former channel. Indeed, his purse was never shut, even to those who were casually recommended by his common acquaintance. This admirable man died in 1772; and by his will bequeathed the interest of £20,000 to a female acquaintance, and at her decease the principle, etc., to the poor of his native city, Chichester.'

Part of the above was a quotation by Hunt from a book published in 1782 called 'Baker's Biographia Dramatica,' Reed's edition, Vol. 1. This book apparently contains a biography of Hardham. It would be interesting, if one could come across a copy of it, to see if there are any references to ringing and the ringers of the eighteenth century.

OVER, CAMBS, TO HAVE EIGHT BELLS.

FUND OPENED.

At a meeting of the Parochial Church Council held at Over, Cambs. on Thursday week, it was decided to open a fund for the augmentation of the bells to a peal of eight. The scheme has already found support. Anyone interested and desiring to help the fund should forward subscriptions either to the Vicar (Rev. F. G. Weston), the wardens (Mr. H. Edwards and Mr. Harry Asplin), or Mr. William I. Ginn, hon. secretary of local company, Chain Road, Over, Cambs. Any sum, small or great, would be gladly welcomed. Over £2,000 has been spent on the church in recent years, which makes the appeal for outside help all the stronger.

Over is a very strong centre of change ringing in the Ely Diocese.

THE MANCHESTER TOUR.

(Continued from page 542.)

'Come fill up the can and fill up the glasses,
Here's health to the Lancashire lads and the lassics.'

BOLTON BLESSED WITH BELLS.

Bolton, the home of the president of the Lancashire Association, the Rev. Canon Elsec, M.A., is a town blessed with bells and toffee. There are eight octaves, but we contented ourselves with two only. The first tower, St. Peter's, is very finely proportioned. There are over one hundred steps in all to the ringing room (91 from the floor of the church). A local reporter came to inquire what the bells were ringing for. As the writer was on door duty, the inquirer was duly informed, and a column of matter appeared in the 'Bolton Journal' with a portrait of the ringers grouped in the belfry as they completed their peal.

Fortune favoured us in the search for lunch, and the oldest licensed house in Lancashire was inspected. It dates from A.D. 1254, and is named 'The Man and Scythe.' A number of relics are to be seen, including a chair in which the seventh Earl of Derby sat just before his execution on October 15th, 1651. Townspeople call it the oldest licensed house in England. I have personally visited three others within two years, viz., at Finedon, Swansea and Chiddingfold. All these claims seem to confirm the belief that it is a good thing to be an antiquarian, especially if he is fond of the 'old.'

The 'double' came round in the afternoon at Holy Trinity Church. Here is an excellent peal of eight, cast by Mears and Stainbank in 1920, tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in E (a replica of Slough), which replaced a peal of theirs destroyed by fire. The original ring of bells was opened on Easter Sunday, 1877, and in the porch hangs a photograph of the band who rang the first peal on them. In this belfry the late H. W. Jackson put in a life's work (65 years), joining the Lancashire Association on July 1st, 1876, when he had already rung several peals with friendly teams. With our thanks to the tower-keeper, we took seats in a stately saloon car that carried us back to Piccadilly and Moss-side.

With reference to the above two performances, all agreed that a certain member of the team was well tuned on the Simpson principle, judged by his true striking—in other words, he was a 'sound bean.'

In our travels it was regrettable to hear of the urgent need of employment in the textile trades throughout Lancashire, one of the two counties in England with the largest list of 'unemployed.' We found a number of ringers affected by the present trade conditions.

The two towers for Friday were Bolton Deane, once a suburb of Bolton, and now included within its boundary; and Westhoughton, further afield. The facile motor coach again carried the party safely to and from the city of Manchester. The tenors at each of these towers are much the same weight, viz., 14 cwt., and both peals form useful octaves for Major practice. Messrs. Barlow, Rigby and Worsley (183 up) have here each carried on good work for the Lancashire Association in the past.

Dean Church tower, at the west end, is open to the nave, and has a ringers' gallery, reached by a step ladder, with trap door. It was some time before the band settled down to the quick running and irregular clapping of this octave.

Footpaths in this churchyard, like most of the old parishes in this part of England, have been paved with ancient headstones bearing the names of many old Lancashire families. Here is the verse copied from one to the memory of Mary Boardman, 1806:—

'A dropsy more than seven years I bore,
Twenty times I tapped was;
By which sad means to ease my pains
Above eighty gallons were took, alas.'

Mr. Barlow well fed us at the Stag, which has a fine bowling green, and it was difficult to get certain men away to try their hands elsewhere with ball bearings. Our double-barrelled gun fired well to-day—a kill right and left, but I noticed the sportsman showed signs of want of sleep before reaching Moss-side and the bedside later than usual.

A DAY IN MANCHESTER.

Manchester was the centre planned for the last day of the tour on Saturday, with Prestwich in the morning and the Cathedral in the evening for the finale. St. Mary's, Prestwich, was found to be a beautiful stone building, richly furnished, with its architectural elevations in excellent repair. The bells are a really fine-toned ring of eight, running easily, and the Stedman rung here gave the team a welcome change after so much Major ringing. The head ringer kindly met us, and after falling in peal, to allow Mr. Shepherd to ring, locked up, wishing us a happy ending to our tour.

For the afternoon, a 'touch or two' on the famous ring of ten (tenor 52 cwt.) at the Town Hall was very kindly arranged by Mr. F. Page, a privilege which everyone appreciated, although only half the party accepted for 'blistering' reasons. At this tower there are two ringing brothers, counterpart of the Pyes of Essex, without being related. I believe both George and William have had to explain to friends that they were not in the Ashton long length. I have been asked if the famous ringing brothers had any connection with the Pye Radio Corporation of Chelmsford, Messrs. W. G. Pye and Co., whose last reports of their manufactures show a profit of

158 per cent. on their ordinary shares. I think my readers will be quite safe in backing up both firms.

Meeting at the Cathedral at five o'clock, several of the well-known Manchester men received the visitors in the belfry, and wished them every success. After the peal of Stedman Caters, as recorded in the peal columns, a convivial gathering was held at the Mitre, where we were reminded of the ancient history of this handsome building by a paragraph in the local evening papers as follows: 'Originally the Parish Church of Manchester, the Cathedral is dedicated in honour of St. Mary, St. George, and St. Denys. It was in its earliest years the church of a Rectory, but was collegiate in the reign of Henry V. by royal charter. This foundation was dissolved by Edward VI. and its property impropriated, the buildings being leased to the third Earl of Derby. Queen Mary reinstated most of the officers and granted the church a fresh charter, and her successor, Queen Elizabeth, granted still another. In 1635 the foundation was reconstituted by Charles I. as the King's College of Christ in Manchester.'

As to the bells, installed by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, they are a most musical peal, go well, and are quite worthy of the handsome tower in which they are installed. We all felt highly honoured by the permission to attempt a peal upon them. The honours of the Lancashire Association so far scored in this belfry have included all the first peals of Royal in Grandsire, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise, as well as Grandsire and Stedman Caters—no mean list of achievements.

Of the eighteen towers at which the party rang during their tour, only three possessed the additional feature of a spire. It would seem that the fashion set by the Cathedral of a plain battlemented square tower with corner pinnacles has been followed in the surrounding country. In the course of our convivial, it was ascertained that Washbrook's grave was neglected, and there was no headstone to mark his resting place at Pendleton; that death in the belfry has occurred in Lancs several times, among them the following instances: Massey, in 1911, at Manchester, just as rounds came up in a peal he had conducted, dropped dead; and Schofield, in Oldham belfry, died whilst ringing for Sunday service. In referring to these sad facts, I may quote the brief text which is to be seen on the tomb of the late George Fordham, a noted jockey, at Slough: 'Tis the pace that kills.'

THE KEY TO SUCCESS.

The hour of good-night and good-bye arrived too soon for most of the company; it was good to be with the veterans who have helped on the association to its jubilee. During the evening an opportunity was made to thank Mr. Shuker and the 'lads' of Lancashire for their willing help to enable the 'way of the ringer' to be pursued with success. Not a bad-going bell, not a single rope stranded, nor a belfry key missing. No wonder the men of the North are keen on change ringing, and, just let us add on behalf of the clergy, not a tower refused.

The final peal at Whittle-le-Woods on Sunday, August 10th, was an unexpected favour granted at short notice. Certain of the band were available, and a wish was expressed to hear the finest ring of eight in Lancashire. Our Shepherd was appointed missionary and sent out on Saturday morning to ask leave of the church authorities. Thanks to the wardens and Mr. Alfred Blogg, head ringer, we enjoyed a quiet, comfortable day in the parish, rang a good peal of Double Norwich and were well served with meals at the Bay Horse. The home company here are energetic, and ring up to Double Norwich Major, but they naturally feel the sad loss of one of their number in a recent motor-cycle accident. His was one of the last interments in the parish churchyard. One of the first persons buried here was a parishioner who was killed 300 years ago by the capsizing of the old stage coach at a dangerous part of the turnpike road. The church is a modern stone building, erected on the site of a smaller and much older one, by the Coes family, lords of the manor.

Returning to Moss-side for the last time, only four men were left to bid adieu to the land of 'cotton' on the following morning, thus closing the strenuous Lancs 'week.' For the first time, I believe, a group of ringers has been photographed when four of its number have each achieved upwards of a thousand peals. There are five all told now on the 'millennium list,' and I begin to wonder if their numbers will increase or decrease during the next few years.

W. H. F.

WEDDING BELLS.

On Thursday, August 14th, at the Church of St. Michael, Brent Knoll, Somerset, in honour of the marriage of Mr. L. Scott and Miss A. Yandle, which took place on the same day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): A. Evans 1, C. Usher (first quarter-peal and rung at the first attempt) 2, C. Weare (conductor) 3, W. E. Wiseman 4, A. E. Ham 5, A. Hunt 6.

On Saturday, August 23rd, at Chelmsford Cathedral, the wedding took place of Mr. J. L. Clark (steeplekeeper and conductor at the Cathedral) and Miss Margery Clark, of Chelmsford. As the bridal party left the church, 504 Grandsire Triples was rung on the back eight bells: A. Saltmarsh 1, P. Green 2, H. Edwards 3, H. Devenish 4, H. Allen 5, W. Lincoln (conductor) 6, J. Wood 7, G. Cooper 8.

'BELLHANGER' WANTED AT KENNINGTON, KENT.**ROMNEY MARSH GUILD DISCUSS THE STATE OF THE BELLS.**

The August monthly meeting of the Guild was held at Kennington on Saturday. Ringing commenced at 2.30, and a short service was held in the church at 4.30, the address being given by the Rev. J. A. Wood (Vicar), whose subject was the Guild's first rule, 'Unity and good fellowship.' Tea followed in the Church Room, dispensed by a committee of ladies. The Vicar welcomed the company to Kennington, and was unanimously elected to preside at the business meeting which followed. Two hon. members and three ringing members were elected, and Rye, on the chairman's casting vote, was chosen for the next meeting.

Then ensued a very animated discussion on bells and bellhanging, particularly in regard to Kennington bells. It transpired that about £60 had been paid for putting the bells 'in order,' and it was the unanimous opinion of the ringers that all the bells now want is a 'bell hanger' to take them in hand. The tenor, dated 1602, weighs 12 cwt., but wants a 40 cwt. pull. The fifth (9 cwt.) is in the same proportion. The fourth is dated 1704. It is 7½ cwt., and the 'best bad goer' in the tower. Third 6½ cwt., 1602, second 1804, treble 1883, which was apparently the last date on which a 'real bell hanger' did anything at this tower.

Mr. Percy Page, captain, and his band of young ringers, were highly commended for their efforts to carry on in face of such difficulties.

The Guild Master, Mr. C. W. Everett, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding, said how pleased the Guild was to have Vicars and their wardens at their meetings. It showed that they were really taking an interest in their ringers.

The Vicar, in reply, showed that he and his Church Council were really a live body, and all felt that, in time, Kennington bells will be in going order.

A return was then made to the tower, and Oxford, Stedman, and Grandsire methods, with rounds for beginners, were rung until 8 p.m., when the bells were lowered in peal. The towers represented were Ashford, Willesborough, Tenfenden, Rolvenden, Stone, Canterbury, Wye, Charing and Kennington.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

AYSGARTH, YORKS.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday, August 24th, for evening service, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: T. Percival 1, T. Latimer 2, W. Alderson 3, H. Homer 4, W. Percival 5, J. Thompson 6. Although these bells were hung in 1829, this is believed to be the first peal in a Treble Bob method ever rung by a local band.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Sunday, August 24th, at Christ Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,275 changes) in 50 mins.: R. G. Townsend 1, E. Bishop 2, R. W. Hyner 3, W. W. T. Daniels 4, L. A. Wilson 5, E. J. Berry 6, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 7, S. Palmer 8, W. B. Kynaston 9, A. E. W. Smith 10. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. B. Kynaston.

BUSHEY HEATH.—On Sunday, August 24th, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples for evensong: W. J. Simons (conductor) 1, R. Darlow 2, G. Marlborough (first quarter-peal on an 'inside' bell) 3, C. N. Leman 4, C. Cook 5, J. E. Rootes 6, A. Deamer 7, T. Norris 8.

WATFORD, HERTS.—At the Parish Church for evening service on Sunday, August 24th, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes) in 51 mins.: E. P. Palmer 1, R. W. R. Pictou 2, S. H. Hoare 3, H. L. Long 4, S. E. Edwards 5, H. G. Cashmore (conductor) 6, F. H. Crook 7, R. G. Bell 8. First quarter in the method by ringers of 1, 2, 4, 5 and 8, also first quarter in the method on the bells. All are regular Sunday service ringers.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, August 24th, for morning service, 1,476 Bob Minor: A. H. Stebbings 1, T. C. Ringrose 2, S. W. Bigmore 3, W. G. Gridley 4, H. S. Barker 5, H. Stebbings (conductor) 6.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, August 17th, at the Church of St. Edmund, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 44 mins.: G. Clark 1, E. Sargeant 2, O. Mutton 3, H. Patrick 4, B. P. Morris (conductor) 5. Rung entirely by the local band.

5,088 TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

BY T. B. WORSLEY.

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In this composition the 2nd and tenor only come together behind once in each part.

First rung at Deane, Bolton, on August 18th, 1930, conducted by the composer.

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DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held at Wombourn (Staffs) on Saturday, August 30th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, August 30th. Usual arrangements made. Cheap tickets on Southern Railway.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Horwich Parish Church on Sat., August 30th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting at 7.—P. Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Rd., Bolton.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival at Brecon on Saturday, August 30th. Towers of St. Mary's and St. David's Churches open for ringing from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Service in St. Lawrence Chapel of Cathedral at 3 p.m. Tea at Ely Tower (by kind invitation of Lord Bishop) at 4 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—W. R. Howells, Hon. Sec., N. P. Bank Chambers, Neath.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Rothwell on August 30th. Usual arrangements.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wisborough Green on Saturday, August 30th. All those intending being present kindly advise me early.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

SURREY AND LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS.—A district joint meeting will be held at Beddington on Saturday, August 30th. Bells (10) at 3 p.m. Service 5, tea following. Ringing after till 9 p.m.—D. Cooper and J. Herbert, Hon. Secs.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A meeting will be held at Great Brington on Saturday, August 30th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Staverton (5) on Saturday, August 30th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me as early as possible?—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bere Regis on Saturday, August 30th. Bells (also Puddletown and Wool) available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Permission has been given to visit the gardens, etc. Motor leaves Weymouth at 1.45.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Doncaster on Saturday, August 30th. As this is an evening meeting bells will be ready at 5.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—Percy Gledstone, Hon. Sec., 34, Silverwood View, Conisborough.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD AND SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A combined meeting will be held at Church Stretton on Saturday, August 30th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at Buck's Head Hotel, 114. Those wishing tea please notify Mr. W. J. Beniams, 8, New Road, Ludlow.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Saintbury on Saturday, August 30th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea provided by the Rev. H. W. Waugh.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, August 30th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. Election of branch secretary and other business. Will members who have not yet paid their subscriptions kindly come forward with same and oblige?—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on September 2nd and 30th, Southwark Cathedral on the 4th, St. Magnus' on the 11th and 25th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 16th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 18th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Afternoon Guild. — A meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Gateshead, on Wednesday, Sept. 3rd. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. If you cannot get there in the afternoon, come in the evening.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Sketty on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., with tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec.

DEVON GUILD. — Exeter Branch. — The autumn meeting will be held at Clyst St. George on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Service 4.15. Tea (1s. each) 4.45. Bells available. All ringers welcome.—E. Lomas, Hon. Sec., Whimble, Devon.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Timberland (6) Saturday, Sept. 6th. Tower open 2 p.m. Notification for tea to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln. Buses: Atlas bus leaves St. Mary's Street 12.30 and 3 p.m. Atlas bus leaves Timberland 5.56 and 8.41 p.m.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at East Garston on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify Mr. G. Woodley, East Garston, Lambourn, Berks, not later than Thursday, Sept. 4th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Chard on Saturday, September 6th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5. Meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Hon. Local Sec., North Street, Martock.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held on Saturday, Sept. 6th, at Coalpit Heath. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Vicarage. Business meeting to follow. Bus 131 from tram centre passes church. Times: 2.35 p.m. and every 30 minutes. All ringers welcome. A postcard for tea, please, by the 2nd.—Harry Bennett, Branch Hon. Sec., Highfield, Runswick Road, Brislington.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Burford (8 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 6th.—J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury, Oxon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Maids-Moreton (6 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Service 3.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please send along in good time. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Upavon on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome. — F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Southill on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good attendance is requested.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The third quarterly meeting will be held at Foxton on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Black Horse Hotel at 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. Will those requiring tea please advise me by Wednesday, Sept. 3rd? A good attendance is much hoped for. — Alban Disney, Local Hon. Sec., 3, Highgate, Aylestone Lane, Leicester.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Next meeting will be held at Bolsterstone on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells (8) available early. Important: Will members requiring tea please notify Mr. J. R. Brearley, Woodbine Villas, Deepcar, by Thursday, Sept. 4th? — H. Thorpe, Hon. Sec., 104, Petre Street, Sheffield.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hughenden, Bucks. —A peal board will be unveiled on Saturday, Sept. 6th, at 5 p.m. All ringing friends will be cordially welcomed.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Holy Trinity, Shaftesbury (6 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 (6d. for members). Meeting to follow. Please inform me how many will attend by Sept. 5th at the latest. Towers available: Shaftesbury Holy Trinity and St. Peter's (6), Shaftesbury St. James' (6) (alternately), Motcombe (6), Fontmell Magna (6), Compton Abbas (5).—A. E. Nedham, Hon. Sec., Compton Abbas Rectory, Shaftesbury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By the kind permission of Rev. A. Clark a bye-meeting will be held at Hernehill, near Faversham, on Saturday, Sept. 13th. So that arrangements may be made for tea, will those intending to be present kindly notify me before Thursday, Sept. 11th? — Percy W. Smith, Hon. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Bocking. — Re-opening of the bells of St. Mary's Church, Saturday, Sept. 13th. Service 3 p.m. Preacher: The Lord Bishop of Chelmsford. Tea will be provided at a small charge to those who send their names to Mr. F. S. Wiffen, Bridge End, Bocking, Braintree, not later than Thursday, Sept. 11th. All ringers will be welcome.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen Street, Earls Colne, Essex.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Eccleston on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells available from 2.30. Will those intending being present kindly notify Mr. R. Rigby, Bridge Foot, Eccleston, as early as possible, and not later than Sept. 8th?—Fred Rigby, Hon. Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Hendon, Sept. 13th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, usual terms, at 5.30. Please advise me. All ringers welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4

BUSHEY HEATH, Saturday, Sept. 13th. Ringing from 3.30. Tea 5.30. Cheap tickets by rail or road. Train to Bushey. Buses stop at church. Number for tea by 9th.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

HOYLANDSWAINE CHURCH.—Change Ringing Contest. Six bells. To be held on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Rules will be sent to any band wishing to join on receipt of stamped addressed envelope. Teas only guaranteed to those who apply. Closing date August 30th. — E. Brookes, Hall Lane, Hoylandswaine, Sheffield.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Dunsfold on September 13th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Please let me have numbers for tea by September 8th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, nr. Guildford.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (West Division), GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Leatherhead District).—A joint meeting will be held at Horsham on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30 and tea after. Please send numbers for tea to A. H. Smith, 26, Church Street, Leatherhead.—A. W. Groves and A. H. Smith, Hon. Secs.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at St. Matthew's, Holbeck, on Saturday, Sept. 20th, on the occasion of the dedication of the recast ring of 8 (by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston). Service at 3.15 p.m. Address by Vicar of Leeds. Tea will be provided free, through the generosity of a friend, for all ringers who send in their names to Mr. G. H. Spink, 33, Willoughby View, Holbeck, Leeds, by Thursday, Sept. 18th. To all whose names are received after that date a charge of 1s. per head will be made. The bells available after service until 9 p.m.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

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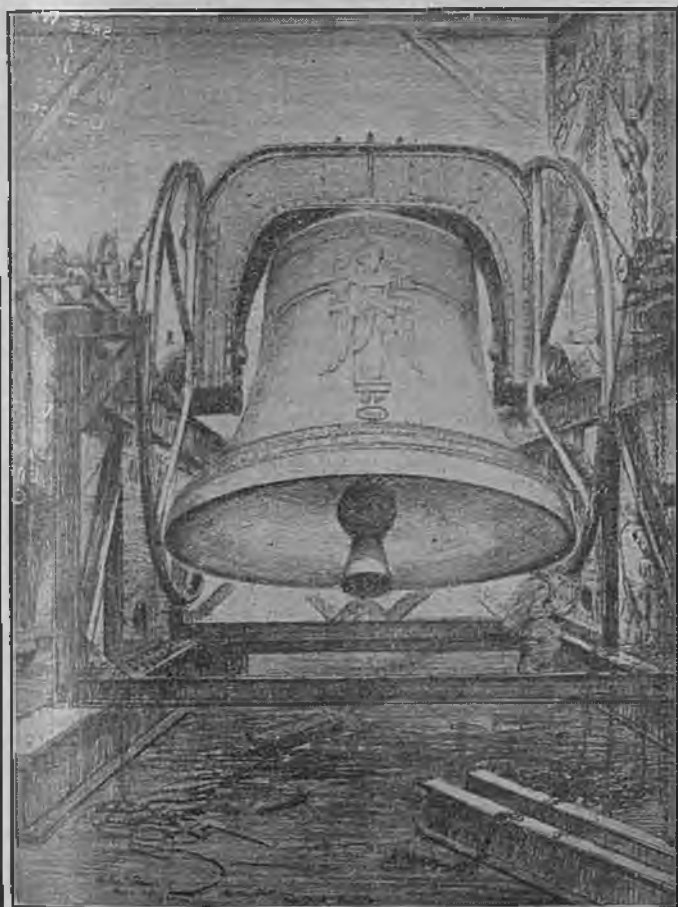
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THE SUCCESS OF DISTRICT MEETINGS

The business of maintaining the attendance at district meetings is as difficult a matter in some parts of the country as the getting and keeping of new ringers, and the experience of the Blackburn Branch of the Lancashire Association, reported last week, is by no means exceptional. In some areas district meetings are always highly successful; in others, so far as numbers are concerned, they cannot by any means be thus described. The causes are various. In counties like Lancashire, doubtless the industrial depression is having a serious effect on ringing meetings. Men who are unemployed cannot be expected to travel away from home for the purpose. There are, however, districts in which there is little unemployment among ringers, but where ringing meetings are poorly attended, and in these cases it must be attributed to lack of interest.

On the other hand, a small attendance does not necessarily mean a useless meeting. A great deal of good in instruction can be done at gatherings where the numbers are limited, provided the right material is there. Indeed, while success is often, and for some reasons rightly, judged by the size of a gathering, more actual progress is frequently made where there is only a moderate attendance, if it includes ringers in both elementary and more advanced stages. There is much truth in the contention that more good is done by getting beginners through their first touches than by any number of courses in Surprise methods rung by experts, although no one, we think, will deny the experts the pleasure of a course or two in advanced methods if they take their share also in helping the novices in the simpler things.

Another standard by which success may be judged, is by the attraction which the meetings have for a varied circle of members. Unless, periodically, all the members of a district are drawn to the meetings, no plan of campaign can be said to be entirely successful. Officials know only too well that the backbone of their meetings is a certain nucleus of enthusiasts, who can be relied upon to be present. With them comes a varying fringe of occasional visitors, but unless at least the majority of members of a district can be brought into this 'fringe' with something like regularity it cannot be said that the work of the associations in this direction is being accomplished with complete success. The remedy is, indeed, hard to find, and for the most part it must rest largely with the ringers themselves. One speaker at the Blackburn meeting, however, seems to us to have put his finger on the pulse of the matter when he suggested that the secret of a successful meeting was that the local band

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TEN BELL PEAL.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 28, 1930, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPS, 5013 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

| | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| HENRY J. TUCKER Treble | ALFRED E. PITSTOW 6 |
| *FREDERICK BIRD 2 | GEORGE JORDAN 7 |
| WALTER AYRE 3 | LEONARD PITSTOW 8 |
| WILLIAM T. PRIOR 4 | FREDERICK DENCH 9 |
| JOHN W. WARD 5 | WALTER PARISH Tenor |

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* First peal on ten bells. This is the first peal on the ten bells since they were retuned and rehung in 1928 by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 23, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

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| WILLIAM SHORT Treble | SIDNEY T. HOLT 5 |
| ARTHUR J. MARTIN 2 | HAROLD F. MARTIN 6 |
| FRANK LAWRENCE 3 | CHARLES CAMM 7 |
| ROBERT G. KNOWLES 4 | CYRIL TANSELL Tenor |

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

First peal of Major on the bells.

LONGWOOD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 23, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| *MATTHEW DENNIS Treble | JACK BANKS 5 |
| *WILLIAM H. SENIOR 2 | *HARRY MARSDEN 6 |
| *ALBERT TOWNEND 3 | FRED HODGSON 7 |
| *ARNOLD ROTHERY 4 | *HENRY SMITH Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by F. HODGSON.

* First peal in method. † First peal of Major.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| THOMAS B. WORSLEY Treble | JOHN BOOTH 5 |
| JAMES W. GROUNDS 2 | JOHN POTTER 6 |
| FRED F. RIGBY 3 | ERNEST CUTSFORTH 7 |
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AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

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| PETER CROOK, JUN. | Treble | *WILFRED J. MOSS | 5 |
| THOMAS B. WORSLEY | 2 | ERNEST CUTSPORTH | 6 |
| CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON | 3 | JOHN POTTER | 7 |
| *JOSEPH SLATER | 4 | PETER CROOK, SEN. | Tenor |

Composed by GEORGE CROSS. Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

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

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 27, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

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| GEORGE ELLIS | Treble | ROBERT SWIFT | 5 |
| KEITH HART | 2 | REGINALD V. JOHNSON | 6 |
| KENNETH SNELLING | 3 | NELSON ELLIOTT | 7 |
| GEORGE OLLIVER | 4 | OLIVER SIPPETTS | Tenor |

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

FRITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 28, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

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| *CYRIL CRONE | Treble | LIONEL J. CULLUM | 5 |
| ALFRED G. HILL | 2 | WILFRED WILLIAMS | 6 |
| FREDERICK A. COLEY | 3 | FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. | 7 |
| BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE | 4 | P.C. CHARLES DAVIES | Tenor |

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

* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of the late Engineer-Capt. W. T. Allen, R.N., for many years churchwarden at the above church, also of Mr. William R. Bond, ringer of Crayford, who was interred on the above date.

PENKRIDGE, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, August 28, 1930, in Three Hours,

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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

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| HERBERT KNIGHT | Treble | ROBERT PICKERING | 5 |
| RICHARD J. WARRILOW | 2 | EDWARD F. MITCHELL | 6 |
| W. HAROLD JONES | 3 | JOHN PERRY | 7 |
| FREDERICK BIRKS | 4 | CHARLES J. BASTONE | Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN PERRY.

Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect for the late Rt. Hon. Lord Hatherton, C.M.G., of Teddesley Hall, who was laid to rest in the family vault at the above church on that date.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, August 28, 1930, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

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|----------------------------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| *MISS OLIVE TARLTON | Treble | WILLIAM T. PALMER | 5 |
| JOHN P. TARLTON | 2 | *FRED W. KNOWLES | 6 |
| WILLIAM H. WAIN | 3 | *WILLIAM SWAIN | 7 |
| ARTHUR KNIGHTS | 4 | *BERT WHEELER | Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

* First peal of Oxford. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a tribute to the memory of the late Mr. A. Craven, the above peal being the last he composed—on August 16th.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 30, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINES,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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|----------------------------|--------|---------------------------------|-------|
| EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. | Treble | THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. | 5 |
| HARRY HOVERD | 2 | CHARLES W. FRANKLIN | 6 |
| JOHN H. CHEESMAN | 3 | STAFFORD H. GREEN | 7 |
| ISAAC EMERY | 4 | HARRY PARKES | Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

This was E. Barnett, sen.'s, 200th peal on these bells, and was rung on the 40th anniversary of I. Emery's first peal, the conductor having called that also. The bells were rung half-muffled as a token of respect to W. R. Bond, who was buried the previous day. He had been a regular ringer at this church for 35 years.

BROWNEIDGE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 30, 1930, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE R.C. CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

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| BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS | Treble | FRED RIGBY | 5 |
| JACK CHARNOCK | 2 | ARTHUR HARTLEY | 6 |
| HERMON NELSON | 3 | E. ROGER MARTIN | 7 |
| JOHN RICHARD TAYLOR | 4 | WILLIAM TAYLOR | Tenor |

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

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Rev. Father Denis Frith, interred at Browneidge on the 26th inst., also to the late Arthur Craven, of Sheffield. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 30, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

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| LESTER L. GRAY | Treble | EDWARD V. RODENHURST | 5 |
| THOMAS HAMMOND | 2 | JOHN COOKE | 6 |
| *FRANCIS BROTHERTON | 3 | *RALPH G. EDWARDS | 7 |
| GEORGE R. NEWTON | 4 | G. RONALD EDWARDS | Tenor |

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

* First peal in the method. The tenor ringer has now rung each bell in this tower through a peal.

REDHILL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 30, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

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|------------------------|--------|----------------------------|-------|
| ALFRED GEAR | Treble | *HARRY HOOPER | 5 |
| *FRANK JEAL | 2 | *ARTHUR WILLETT | 6 |
| HARRY E. WILLS | 3 | P.C. WALTER CLAYDON | 7 |
| LEONARD A. TIDY | 4 | ALEC CHEASLEY | Tenor |

Conducted by P.C. WALTER CLAYDON.

* First peal in the method.

HEADCORN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 30, 1930, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

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| *JOHN J. BASSETT | Treble | THOMAS E. SONE | 5 |
| TOM SAUNDERS | 2 | ALBERT RELFE | 6 |
| CHARLES H. SONE | 3 | NOLAN GOLDEN | 7 |
| SAMUEL E. TAYLOR | 4 | PHILIP HODGKIN | Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* Special credit is due to Jack Bassett (age 15), of Lamberhurst, this being his first 'touch' on eight bells.

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 30, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BANKES' SIX-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb.

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| JOSEPH HALL Treble | JOSEPH SLATER 5 |
| MISS ALICE BRIERLEY ... 2 | FRANK STONELEY 6 |
| RICHARD LONGDEN 3 | *WILFRED J. MOSS 7 |
| HAROLD HOLLINGWORTH ... 4 | JOHN W. WRIGHT Tenor |

Conducted by F. STONELEY.

* Fiftieth peal. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. A. Saul and Miss Elsie Simpson, members of the local band.

WORTLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 30, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5312 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

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| ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble | TOM O'HARA 5 |
| JOHN HENRY BOWER 2 | JOHN THORPE 6 |
| WILLIAM A. WOOLER 3 | SIDNEY F. PALMER 7 |
| *HEZEKIAH THORPE 4 | WILLIAM BIGGIN Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

* First peal in the method. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a tribute to the memory of the composer.

CLEVEDON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 30, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| *NORMAN COOMBS Treble | WILLIAM KNIGHT 5 |
| *HERBERT KNIGHT 2 | HENRY PRING 6 |
| EDGAR GUISE 3 | ALFRED E. REEVES 7 |
| WILLIAM H. THOMAS 4 | JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor |

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal of Major.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 30, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

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| RICHARD SMITH Treble | JOHN H. CRAMPION 5 |
| WILLIAM H. HEWETT 2 | WILFRED WILLIAMS 6 |
| JAMES E. DAVIS 3 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7 |
| HERBERT A. HOLDEN 4 | HORACE BELCHER Tenor |

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

This peal was arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. E. Hadlow and E. J. Beer. Mr. Hadlow, who is 71, was unable to stand in the peal, through an accident, and Mr. R. Smith very kindly took his place.

SPELDHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 30, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| ERNEST W. EDWARDS ... Treble | JOSEPH WREN 5 |
| ERNEST J. LADD 2 | ALBERT E. EDWARDS 6 |
| JOHN R. DENTON 3 | FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 7 |
| *JOHN OSBORNE WELLER ... 4 | GEORGE PONT Tenor |

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

* First peal. Messrs. E. W. Edwards and G. Pont were elected members previous to starting the peal. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. H. D. Whyte (a respected member of the East Grinstead band) to Miss M. Lambert, sister of the hon. secretary of the East Grinstead Guild. Also as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble and tenor.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 30, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

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| *JAMES HOWES Treble | †CHARLES F. SAYER 5 |
| GEORGE MAYERS 2 | GEORGE BAILEY 6 |
| WILLIAM E. BASON 3 | †JAMES SPALDING 7 |
| CHARLES E. LOVETT 4 | EDWIN R. GOATE Tenor |

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

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

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 31, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

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| WILLIAM H. EVANS Treble | ALBERT J. PITMAN 5 |
| DAVID R. JAMES 2 | ALFRED W. WRIGHT 6 |
| CHARLES H. PERRY 3 | ERNEST STITCH 7 |
| JOHN T. WILLIAMS 4 | EDWIN SMITH Tenor |

Conducted by ERNEST STITCH.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

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| WILLIAM ROSEWELL Treble | WILLIAM CROCKER 5 |
| THOMAS F. KING 2 | HARRY PROUT 6 |
| NORAH G. WILLIAMS 3 | *WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT 7 |
| JOSEPH T. DYKE 4 | GILBERT H. HARDING Tenor |

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* 100th peal for the association.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

KEMPSTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 2, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Woodbine, London Surprise, two of Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob and one of Kent. Tenor 19 cwt.

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| SIDNEY FOSKETT Treble | PERCY C. BONNETT 4 |
| FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 2 | FRANK WARRINGTON 5 |
| MISS KITTY WILLERS 3 | PEARL INSKIP Tenor |

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.

LYONSHALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 23, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 12 cwt.

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| JOHN J. PRICE Treble | WILLIAM J. BENIAMS 4 |
| *TREVOR JONES 2 | *HARRY T. CHANDLER 5 |
| WILLIAM EVANS 3 | FRANCIS EVANS Tenor |

Conducted by FRANCIS EVANS.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells.

RICKINGHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 23, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of one 720 of Double Court and two different 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

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| ALBERT G. HARRISON ... Treble | PERCY L. JOHNSON 4 |
| ALPHEDS J. BERRY 2 | *DAVID WHITING 5 |
| *KEITH WHITTLE 3 | GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL Tenor |

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

* First peal in four methods.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, August 24, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of one 720 of Double Court, and two different 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.
ALBERT G. HARRISON Treble | PERCY L. JOHNSON 4
ALPHRUS J. BERRY 2 | DAVID WHITING 5
KEITH WHITTLE 3 | GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

CHILCOMPTON.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 25, 1930, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eight six-scores each of Stedman, St. Simon's, Old and Plain Bob, and ten of Grandsire. Tenor 20 cwt.

MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE Treble | FREDERICK TARGETT 4
ERIC C. WADMAN 2 | JOSEPH T. DYKE 5
JOHN TARGETT 3 | *GEORGE SUGG Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal.

MUCH HADHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 28, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

A. WREN Treble | W. T. COOK 4
A. REDINGTON 2 | S. CARTER 5
J. SOCKLING 3 | J. WELCH Tenor

Conducted by S. CARTER.

The first peal on the bells. Ringers of treble and 3 are from Widdford, 2 and 4 from Hunsdon, 5 from Little Munden, and 6 from Benington.

COOKHAM, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 30, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, four 720's of Kent Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

*RONALD C. FOWLER Treble | GEORGE MARTIN 4
MISS BERTHA M. MILLS 2 | THOMAS J. FOWLER 5
WILLIAM E. TAYLOR 3 | WILLIAM HENLEY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the second, and as a wedding compliment to the treble ringer.

EYDON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 30, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six methods, consisting of 720 Stedman, 480 Canterbury Pleasure, 480 Old, 480 Plain Bob, 960 St. Dunstan's, all different callings, and 1,920 Grandsire with ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

MISS MARY COFFLIN Treble | ERNEST MORRIS 3
RONALD RUSSELL 2 | REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 4

ALBAN DISNEY Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal on these bells. The ringers desire, through this medium, to thank the Rector (father of the tenor ringer) for making this long-standing invitation visit a happy one, and for kind entertainment before and after the peal.

CLAINES, WORCS.—On Saturday, August 23rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): J. J. Jeffries 1, W. Lewis 2, D. Morris 3, T. Lewis 4, W. C. Jones 5, A. Hill (conductor) 6, G. Checketts 7, E. Crump 8. Rung, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Severn, vergor at the above church. The band wish to thank Mr. E. P. Thomas for kindly entertaining them to tea.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD.)

On Thursday, August 28, 1930, in Two Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

At 1, SALTER'S ROAD, GOSFORTH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN ANDERSON 1-2 | WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 5-6
WILLIAM H. BARBER 3-4 | ROBERT S. ANDERSON 7-8
Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

First peal in the method 'in hand' by all except the conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Anderson and Mr. J. E. B. Keen, Deputy Ringing Master of this Guild.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 31, 1930, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At 3, BELL STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

LEWIS W. WIFFEN 1-2 | WILLIAM KEEBLE 5-6
GEORGE WIFFEN 3-4 | GEORGE GREEN 7-8

Composed by JOHN HOWES. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Witness: PERCY GREEN.

A SOMERSET RING RESTORED.

The village of West Monkton, which lies four miles north-east of Taunton, boasts a fine tower and a good peal of six bells (tenor 20 cwt.). It has, however, been a laborious task for the past twenty years to ring these bells, but they have now been restored by a lady, Miss Rose, who has generously defrayed the whole cost of re-hanging the bells in ball bearings, strengthening the beams, tie bolts, etc., the contract having been carried out in a workmanlike manner by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. A party of ringers from Taunton, at the request of the Rector, tested the bells and found everything in good going order. Several six-scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Cambridge Surprise Minor were brought round. The refreshments afterwards were very acceptable at the close of one of the hottest days of the year.

OXFORD AND WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILDS.

NEWBURY AND ANDOVER BRANCHES FRATERNISE.

A joint meeting of the above Guilds was held at St. Mary's Church, Thatcham, on Saturday, August 16th, when forty ringers were present from Reading, East Isley, Oxford, Overton, Bramley, Mortimer, Woolton St. Lawrence, Croydon, Newbury, Brightwalton, Woolton Bassett, Swindon, Shaw, Bucklebury, Beenham, Highclere, Beedon, Winchester, and the local band. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. C. Moore), who gave a very interesting address. Mr. J. G. Fyfield presided at the organ. Tea was served by Mrs. Adams, and Mr. H. W. Curtis proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. R. C. Moore for his address and welcome to the ringers, which was seconded by Mr. W. Andrews, of Winchester, and carried with applause.

The tower was again visited, and the bells kept going till nine o'clock, the following methods being rung: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Cambridge Major. It was worthy of note to see so many visitors from so far away.

UXBRIDGE RINGERS' OUTING.

St. Andrew's ringers, Uxbridge, had their annual half-day outing on Saturday, August 23rd, accompanied by friends from St. John's, Hillingdon. A start was made just after two o'clock, the route taken being via Beaconsfield, Boyne End and Marlow to Henley-on-Thames, which was reached half an hour in front of schedule. In this spare time some visited the town while others had a trip on the river. The interior of the church was visited, where the old Chancery Room was of interest. It dates back to the 14th century. Mr. White, the steeple-keeper, met the visitors, and touches of Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob were rung on the fine peal of bells. Proceeding via Shiplake to Sonning, an excellent tea awaited the party at the Bull Hotel, and afterwards ringing was indulged in at the church on a good ring of bells. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Oxford Bob Triples, and Plain Bob were rung. Leaving this beautiful little spot, the journey was resumed to Hurst, where a quarterly meeting of the Sonning Deanery Branch was being held, and a cordial welcome was received. Several excellent touches were rung with the members of the branch. The homeward journey was made through Maidenhead and Slough, Uxbridge being reached shortly after ten o'clock, after a very enjoyable afternoon. The band wish to take this opportunity of thanking the incumbents and towerkeepers of the towers mentioned for the use of the bells and the trouble taken to make the visits a success.

HOLIDAY THOUGHTS.

NOT INTENDED FOR SERIOUS READERS.

BY O.P.Q.

Bellringing is a serious art; you have only to try it once to learn that. Try to be funny at the same time that you try to catch the flying sailly, and your lesson will more than likely be a peremptory one. Of course, when you are learning to handle a rope you can be funny, and look funny, too, without trying. And so can your instructor, if you happen to let go the rope and the end of it gets entangled with the gas bracket, or the clock pendulum, if that happens to swing in the ringing chamber. But what I mean is, when you are really ringing—peals and things—you have to be seriously serious. Try and tell the conductor in the middle of a peal of Superlative that last funny story you heard, and see what happens! Ten to one something will. Suppose, for instance, Mr. Tom Coles had said to Mr. William Pye in the middle of the eleven-method Spliced Surprise peal: 'I say, Bill, have you heard that one about —?' Would Bill smile and say, 'No, what is it?' Not a bit; at any rate, not just like that.

No, you have got to be desperately in earnest when you are change ringing, and that is why I don't believe in going for peal ringing holidays. Fancy having to be dead serious for half your waking hours while on your holidays, and spending the other half in one mad rush to snap up your meals and in getting from one tower to another! Of course, some people like this kind of thing—that may be because it is the only time they really work—and, of those who do like it, it seems to me that the older they get the more they like it, if you understand what I mean. If you don't, look down the names, in a recent issue of 'The Ringing World,' of those who took part in that tour in Lancashire and Cheshire. Some of them were ringing before most of us were born. Of course, I won't mention names, because the question of age with some folk is a tender point, but it won't be many years before two or three of them reach the octogenarian stage! And then, I suppose, it will be three peals a day for a fortnight, instead of two a day for a week.

But can't we do something to enliven the proceedings when we are peal ringing? I know there is entertainment to be got sometimes from watching other people's faces, but then, you can get tired of other people's faces if you have to look at them for three hours. And I know that some conductors entertain the band by doing a 'horn pipe' when things look like going up the pole towards the hither—or should it be the sweet—end. Also I am aware that ringers occasionally put up syncopated music with the bells, which, of course, is really bad form. But these things cannot always be relied upon to relieve the tedium of this monotonous concentration. Why not introduce clock golf, or table tennis, or even billiards? I'd give anything to see Mr. James Shepherd ringing a tenor with one hand and playing ping pong with the other, or Mr. Ted Jenkins calling a peal of London and trying to 'put' at the same time. Or why not occasionally try a little community singing? Some of the old songs could quite well be adapted to the purpose. For instance:—

Pull, brothers, pull; the bells run fast,
A course end is near, and the single's past.

Or:—

D'ye ken Jim George with his coat so gay,
D'ye ken Jim George at the close of the day,
D'ye ken Jim George at the end of the fray,
With a peal for his book in the morning?

The sound of the bells kept me from my bed,
The striking was grand, it went to my head,
But we cannot repeat what the neighbours said—
For the ringing hadn't stopped since morning.

Or, for those who are on a peal-ringing tour:—

The dusky night rides down the sky and ushers in the morn;
The ringers join in glorious cry, and tender hands they scorn.
Then peal-hunting they will go,
Peal-hunting they will go.

I am one of those who are not good judges of bells. I never was and never shall be. But I am a patriot; a 'parochial patriot,' if there is such a thing, and I like the bells of the church where I first learned to ring. Some people call them only 'a middling old lot,' but their music is ever sweet to me. I know that if one is to be in tune, as it were, with modern thought, one has got to be a Simpsonite; but I am not much gone on the harmonics and the hum, which (I say it with bated breath) often obliterates the sound of the individual bells when they have been elaborately tuned. While rambling on my holidays recently I stumbled upon the ancient village of Trapps—Trapps is not its proper name, but it will do for my present purpose. It was practice night for the ringers, and I strolled into the tower. It was only rounds and call changes they were ringing, but even to my admittedly indifferent ear these bells weren't much of a collection. 'Old pots' most people would have called

them, and they wouldn't have been far wrong. Later on, over a mug of beer at the Cornstalk, the local foreman waxed almost eloquent about his bells. He was a 'parochial patriot,' his bells were ever sweet to him, and he had not much use for Simpson tuning, either. This is what he told me, although he did not put it quite in this form, and you have got to allow a little poetical, and other, license:—

I've rung at Little Puddleton; I've pulled the bells at Rudd;
I've tried 'em up at Applecombe, and at Slopston-in-the-Mud;
In fact I've rung in lots of towers; more'n any of our chaps,
But of all the bells I've ever 'eard give me the bells of Trapps.
Now Trapps is down where I was born and where I learned to ring;
There ain't no bells for many a mile, to touch 'em when they swing.

Though they be old, they lovely be, when we chaps strike 'em round,

And when we ring for weddings, they make a merry sound.

They rouses all the jackdaws that nest up in the tower,
And Susan—that's Squire's dairymaid—says they turns the milk all sour;

And Farmer Giles's bull goes mad when he hears the bells ring out,

And Parson, he just says a prayer, when he knows that we're about.

But that don't matter, not a bit; 'tis well that all should heed,
For on our tenor bell 'tis writ: 'Jesus bee oure goode speds.'
So we be fond of our sweet bells that swing in Trapps' old tower,
And every week we practises and rings 'em by the 'our.

They say the treble's out of tune with all the other five,
But does it matter if it don't hum like bees round a hive?
The second once was used, they say, upon a big sea boat,
And 'gainst the others it don't seem to be quite the right note.
The third's a topper, that it is, it's tone is real choice,
But since the clapper broke last year the bell has lost its voice.
The fourth is cracked from crown to tip, but still it rings out well.

The fifth, perhaps, ain't half as good, but 'tis a glorious bell.

The tenor's got a hole in her, just where the clapper hits—

I often wonder who it was walked off with all the bits.

But that was many a year ago, before my father rung;

The tenor'll last a long time yet; the hole's filled with a bung.

So now you see why down at Trapps we're proud like of our bells;
There's none, I say, can beat 'em 'twixt London town and Wells;
And if ever you are passing through our village by the stream,
Just stop and try our bells, my friend; they're grand; they're just a dream.

A celebrated cricketer interviewed with regard to the dropping of Chapman from the last test match team described him as an 'If-or,' and went on to explain that he was a batsman who might knock up a lot of runs 'if'. I don't know whether the said celebrated cricketer is right or not, because I don't know anything much about first-class cricket, except what they tell us in the newspapers, and you can't always rely on that, but I do know there are a great many 'If-ers' of another sort in the ringing Exercise. There's the man, for instance, who will come to practice only if it suits him, and the man who turns up for service only if he knows there is going to be a full company present. There is the man who will attend the district meeting if his favourite football team is not playing at home that day, and the man who will only stand in a peal if he is asked to call it. There is the 'if-or' who lets his bell flop about and spoil the striking, and the 'if-er' who keeps a whole band from progressing, because he is too lazy to look up a new method. Yes—there are lots of 'if-ers' in ringing—lots more than are mentioned here—and with most of them it is not a case, as it is with a great cricketer, or a great ringer, of occasionally striking an 'off day'—it's just a bad habit with him.

What shall we do with the 'If-ers,' when they won't come, up to scratch?

What shall we do with the 'If-ers' when they spoil the rest of the batch;

With the shirkers who mess up the workers, and those who come along late;

With the slackers who think nothing matters, if only seven meet 'stead of eight;

Who stay away when they're wanted, and frequently blight our hope,

Or spoil all the striking because they've no liking to pull at the end of the rope?

They ought to be tarred and feathered, or boiled in a vat of oil;
Or sent down for years to Dartmoor, where prisoners have to toil.

If I could, I would make it still stiffer, the sentence should fit the crime—

But, perhaps, 'tis as well 'If-ers' don't get a 'spell,' for I'm only an 'If-er' at rhyme.

CAMBRIDGE YOUTHS' SUMMER OUTING.

After a lapse of many years, the annual outing of the Cambridge Youths was revived recently. Favoured by fine weather, the party, ten strong, left Cambridge shortly before 2 p.m. for Ely, reaching the cathedral city half an hour later. Here the melodious peal at St. Mary's were soon set going to touches of Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Major. Littleport was next visited, and touches in various methods attempted. The tenor rope, however, could not stand the rough handling of one of the heavies, and parted before a touch of Bob Major could be brought home. After a stretch of 12½ miles through the fen country, and roads suggesting the 'rocky road to Dublin' in parts, Mildenhall was eventually reached at 5 p.m. Here the party were welcomed by Mr. P. Fordham, and an excellent tea partaken of at Messrs. Hagger's Restaurant. After tea, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Kent and a course of Cambridge Surprise were brought round on the fine-toned peal at St. Mary's Church. Leaving Mildenhall soon after 7 p.m., the party made for Newmarket, where they were met by Messrs. F. C. Turner and R. Sharpe, and ringing was indulged in on the exquisite six of St. Mary's until 8.30 p.m. Headquarters was reached at 9.30 p.m., everybody agreeing that a most enjoyable half-day had been spent. Thanks are due to all the incumbents for the use of the bells, and to all those who so kindly welcomed the visitors.

BY COMBE AND SEA.

St. Sidwell's, Exeter, ringers had their outing on August 16th, when they went by motor coach to Branton, Georgeham, and Combemartin, at all of which places they found rings of eight in excellent condition. Georgeham belfry is on the noisy side, and much improvement could be effected by a ceiling and layer of sawdust. The methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major, and some good striking was done. Apart from the bells, the visitors were much interested in the ancient features of Branton Church—remarkable bench ends, Armada chest, palimpsest brass, and emblems of St. Brannock, the patron saint; Georgeham's beautifully-kept churchyard and the Easter sepulchre in the church; and Combemartin's screen and tower. The inland and sea views between Branton and Combemartin were greatly enjoyed. At tea the Rector (the Rev. H. Lanyon Owen) expressed the pleasure he felt at being able to share in the trip after his recent illness. The arrangements were made by Mr. E. Shepherd, while assistance as pilot was rendered by Mr. A. H. Hayward, of Combemartin, who, with Mr. J. G. Sanders, of the same place, participated in the ringing.

5,088 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR.
KILLAMARSH VARIATION.
THREE PEALS BY C. SEVERN.

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| 23564 | — | 2 | — | — | 2 O | — | — | 1 O |

Twice repeated.

| 23456 | 1 | M | 3 | (2) 5 | W | 6 | 7 | 9 | H |
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| 54326 | — | 2 | — | — | 2 O | — | — | — | 2 O |
| 24365 | — | — | — | — | 1 O | — | — | — | — |
| 42563 | — | 2 O | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 O |
| 62534 | — | 2 | — | — | 2 O | — | — | — | 2 O |
| 53246 | — | — | — | — | 2 | — | — | — | 1 O |
| 23645 | — | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2 O |

Twice repeated.

| 23456 | 1 | M | 3 | (3) 5 | W | 7 | 9 | H |
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| 25463 | — | 2 O | — | — | 1 | — | — | — |
| 43265 | — | 2 O | — | — | 2 | — | — | 1 |
| 52634 | — | 2 | — | — | 2 | — | — | 2 O |
| 63425 | — | — | — | — | 2 O | — | — | 2 |
| 25346 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 23645 | — | 2 O | — | — | 1 O | — | — | 2 |

Twice repeated.

For Nos. 1 and 2, start Oxford.

Note: — denotes Oxford Plain, O denotes Oxford Bobs.

The figures 1, 3, 5, etc., denote lead-ends in course. Each peal contains all the 847's, 857's, 867's, 84's, 85's and 86's, with 4th, 5th and 6th three extents in 6th's.

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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.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have just recast the treble and tenor of the ring of six (tenor 25 cwt.) at Stogursey, Somerset. The other bells have been retuned and the whole rehung in an oak frame.

Few ringers can have rung two hundred peals in one tower, but Mr. Edwin Barnett, sen., scored his second century at Crayford last Saturday.

One hundred years ago next Sunday, the College Youths rang a peal of 6,144 Oxford Treble Bob Major at St. Peter's, Walworth.

John Holt called a peal of Bob Triples at St. George's, Southwark, on September 9th, 1750. It was one of a series of twenty-one peals which Holt rang with the Union Scholars over a period of about five years from 1747 to 1752. He was their leading conductor, for he took part in every one of the society's peals during that time and called them all but one.

On September 10th, 1741, the Crowfield Society of Ringers rang at Coddensham, Suffolk, a complaint peal of five thousand and forty of Gathrine's Triples, 'being the first true peal that ever was pricked with two Doubles only.' This peal, it is generally accepted, was John Garthorn's peal of Grandsire, first rung at Norwich in 1718.

A YOUNG CONDUCTOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Regarding a peal of Stedman Triples rung at Buckland, Berks, on Saturday, August 9th, and published in your issue of the 15th, I note the conductor is named Richard Post. His present age is 16½ years, and I wonder if any younger ringer has beaten that performance? The tenor is given as 17 cwt., and I see that he rang the 7th in the peal. Surely some feat for a stripling youth? Perhaps some of your readers may know of an equally young conductor. I would like to know, and I am sure that 'Tubby' himself would, too.—Yours, etc.,

S. W. G.

RINGING AT CASTLETON.

Ringling at Castleton, Derbyshire, where a peal attempt was made on Saturday in memory of the late Mr. Arthur Craven, is unfortunately at a low ebb now, only rounds and a few call changes being rung by the local band, but between 50 and 100 years ago there appears to have been a good band there, and it is believed that peals were rung. Mr. G. R. Payne, of Castleton, possesses some very interesting ringing books by Sottenstall, Shipway and others, with interesting newspaper cuttings relating to ringing performances at Sheffield Cathedral and elsewhere in the early nineteenth century, proving that there was keen interest in change ringing at that time. It is hoped that with the influence and help of the new Peak District of the M.C.A. this interest may in the near future be revived.

PENZANCE BELLS RESTORED.

RING OF EIGHT RECAST AND REHUNG.

After a silence of twenty-five years, the bells of St. Mary's Church, Penzance, have been restored, and thus has been consummated a scheme for which Dr. John Symons, Ringing Master of Truro Diocesan Guild, has laboured and waited so patiently. The work, which has consisted of recasting and rehung the whole peal, has been splendidly carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, the cost having been about £1,000, of which one hundred pounds has still to be raised.

The dedication of the bells took place on Monday week, the ceremony being performed, in the presence of a large congregation, by the Lord Bishop of Truro. The service was attended by the Mayor and members and officials of the Corporation, and opened with the National Anthem. After a prayer and lesson, the Bishop, with Canons T. F. Maddrell, Jennings and F. R. Carr (Vicar) proceeded to the tower, where the churchwardens handed the ropes to the Bishop and requested him to dedicate the bells. This his Lordship did in the following terms: 'Be pleased, O Heavenly Father, to ac-



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cept our offering of this work of our hands; bless and hallow these bells that they may continually call together the faithful people to praise and worship Thy Holy Name. In the faith of Jesus Christ we dedicate these bells.'

The Bishop then turned to the Vicar, and, placing the ropes in his hands, said: 'Receive these bells that have been solemnly set apart from all profane and unhallowed uses as a sacred trust committed unto Thee as the appointed minister of Christ in this Church, and take care that they be ever only used in God's service and for His glory.'

Then followed a prayer granting 'that whosoever shall be called by the sound of these bells may enter unto Thy gates with thanksgiving; that whosoever by reason of sickness or other necessity be hindered from coming into the house of the Lord may be reminded of the prayers of Thy Church and rejoice in the communion of saints; that those who in their daily calling shall hear the sound of these bells may draw nearer in spirit to Thee, the God of their salvation.'

HOLY INSTRUMENTS.

The address was given by Canon H. R. Jennings (Vicar of Madron), who based his remarks on Numbers x. 2: 'And the Lord spake unto Moses saying: Make thee two trumpets of silver, that

thou mayest use them for the calling of the assembly.' Having briefly traced the development of the bell to its present use in the church, Canon Jennings said: 'Bells are looked on as holy instruments with a holy message, and are solemnly blessed—as the bells have been blessed to-day—for God's service. But though you find bells everywhere in Christian lands, yet it is only in England that you find them properly rung. In many places bells are rung anyhow, jangled without system or method, just to make a noise. In other places bells are chimed by a machine from a keyboard; but in England the bells are rung to bring out all their music. And the music of the church bells of England as they peal out over hill and dale is one of the features of English life which most strikes a stranger as he comes to our shores; or some exile living far from his English motherland when he comes back. Of all the things which touch his heart and bring tears to his eyes, it is the music of the church bells which touches him most. You can hear them, over miles of country spreading their sweet music, and giving their message—their message to all within reach of the sound. English bellringers take a pride in this art. If it be only simple round ringing, they do it as well as possible. In that special art of change ringing the music comes even sweeter, with the thousands of variations you can get from a peal of eight, without repeating any single one. The system called by quaint English names—such as Grandsire Caters, Stedman and Surprise—displays the fullest beauty, the sweetest music, the highest skill in the use of the bells, requiring physical strength, concentration of thought, mental alertness and constant practice on the part of those who ring. Some 65 years ago,' continued the preacher, 'the people of Penzance determined to fit out the town with a peal of eight in place of the old bell which had served its purpose for so long, outdoing the old Mother Church with her peal of only five. A man from Madron (Mr. R. C. Trelawny) and Dr. Symons taught the St. Mary's ringers how to ring, and the ringers became famous throughout Cornwall. But for certain reasons the strain of the ringing of the bells became too great for the tower, and for 25 years the bells of St. Mary's have been silent. How we all missed the sweetness of their music on Armistice Day, on Peace Day as well as on Sundays and the festivals which recur! The last time I heard them ring was 30 years ago, when the sound of my own wedding bells floated on the harbour with the music of good wishes and hope. Now generous hearts have made it possible to recast and rehang the bells. And once again the bells of St. Mary's ring out. The very name has a lit and ring of music in it, and for many a long year may the bells of St. Mary's ring out their message. In times of rejoicing, and in times of sorrow, for festivals and national gala days the music is unearthly and so sweet.'

OLD SCANDALS GONE.

'Old writers loved to draw mystic teaching from the bells, bells which teach of constancy and perseverance, for bells are always in tune once they have been tuned: they never lower their pitch or lose their harmony once they are erected with proper care. The voice of the bells reaches beyond the compass of the preacher's voice. Sunday by Sunday and on feast days, too, will come from that tower the call to the unseen to which no ear can be deaf—even if hearts refuse to listen or respond. All Penzance can hear these bells, and everyone that hears knows what their calling means—a testimony to God and a call to His worship: the reality of things unseen: the passage of human life and thoughts of the hereafter. Through court, alley and street the call to worship will float. Those who cannot come can uplift their hearts and in spirit join in the worship as they hear the calling of the assembly. Even on practice nights the people will say: "There are the church bells; bells of the house of God, of the house of prayer, speaking of God, of things unseen, of heaven." But as we thank God for the bells of St. Mary's, I would turn your thoughts for a moment to those who ring them. Gone are the old scandals which used to disgrace our bellcotes, and there are few ringers now who do nothing for the glory of God, recognising that they are ministers of the church as much as the choir, and that this witness of music is as hallowed as the organ. Our Truro Guild of Ringers now numbers nearly 800 devoted men, who realise that they are servants of the Church, and who are trying to improve their skill in this difficult art. To ring bells as yours will be rung entails hours of patient practice, concentration and attention, for a single slip on the part of a ringer will spoil the peal. To manage a bell is one thing, to keep one's place in the change ringing is another, which demands the whole of a man's thought and attention while he rings. But the chief and main purpose of the bells and the ringers is the calling of the assembly to the throne of God. May God bless the bells of St. Mary's and the ringers, with the music and the message, and grant a gracious answer to the prayers we have offered for them to-day.'

The service concluded with a hymn, and then the bells rang out over the old Cornish town.

Between seventy and eighty ringers were present at the dedication. The ringing included several excellent touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples rung by the Gulval ringers, assisted by expert visiting brothers from London, Norwich, Swindon, Newport, Exeter, Plymouth and Truro, to the admiration and enjoyment of the assembled

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SUDDEN DEATH OF MR. ARTHUR CRAVEN.

AN OUTSTANDING COMPOSER.

It is with great regret that we have to record the death, briefly referred to in our last issue, of Mr. Arthur Craven, which took place suddenly at Sheffield early on Wednesday morning, August 20th. The deceased had suffered indifferent health for the past four years, supposed to have been caused by being knocked down by a motor-cycle, but a post-mortem examination proved that this was not so.

The funeral took place on Saturday, August 23rd, the body being taken into the Cathedral, where the first portion of the service was conducted by the Rev. B. F. Sheppard, M.A., Vicar of St. Michael's, Neepsend (formerly a curate and ringer at the Cathedral). The interment followed at Abbey Lane Cemetery, the deceased being borne to his last resting place by six of his brother ringers, Messrs. R. Harrison, sen., R. Harrison, jun., C. Harrison, J. E. L. Cockey, M. G. Wilson, and S. F. Palmer.

A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on the handbells over the grave at the close of the service.

The chief mourners were Mrs. Craven (widow), Mr. Albert Craven (brother), Miss Dorothy Craven (daughter), Mr. G. W. Aked (father-in-law), Mrs. E. Williams (sister), Rev. H. Thackeray, Vicar of Barnethy (nephew), Mrs. F. Drew, Stapleford, and Nurse Sylvester (sisters-in-law), etc. A large number of ringers and friends were also present, the former including representatives from Arksey, Doncaster, Ecclesfield, Eekington, Chesterfield, Bolsterstone, Norton, Wortley, Dore, Staveley, Rotherham, Ranmoor, All Saints', St. Marie's, and the Cathedral, Sheffield, whilst official representatives included Mr. Geo. Lewis (vice-president), Mr. F. Clarke (sec-



THE LATE MR. ARTHUR CRAVEN.

tary, Southern Division, Yorkshire Association), Mr. A. Knights and Mr. J. E. L. Cockey (Midland Counties Association), Mr. R. Harrison, sen. (president), Mr. H. Thorpe (secretary, Sheffield and District Society), Mr. G. Clarke (Doncaster and District Society), and Mr. Colin Harrison, Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

Included amongst the numerous and beautiful wreaths from the family and friends were tokens of their deepest sympathy from Messrs. Hey and Humphries (Leeds), Billy and Syd (Pudsey and Rotherham), Mr. and Mrs. George Lewis (Ecclesfield), Mrs. and M. E. Wilson and the Sheffield Cathedral company.

Mr. Arthur Craven commenced his ringing career at Birley, and was afterwards connected with Armley, St. Michael's and St. Chad's, Hendingley, St. Peter at Arches, and the Cathedral, Lincoln, Chesterfield, Melton Mowbray, Eekington, Staveley, All Saints' and the Cathedral, Sheffield.

In his younger days Mr. Craven did a fair amount of peal ringing, and as far as can be ascertained he rang approximately 150 peals in various methods, but it was as a composer that his gifts were most pronounced and his name made famous.

His ability in this branch of the Exercise was almost unlimited, and he was an outstanding figure in the realm of method construc-

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Wimbrough Green on Saturday, August 30th. A fair number of members and friends attended from Billingshurst, Heene, Kirdford, Itchingfield, Slinfold, Warnham, Hartfield, West Grinstead, with Mr. C. Tribe, of Tenterden, and some members of the local band. Good use of the bells was made during the afternoon. About 30 sat down to a very welcome cup of tea at the Three Crowns Inn, and owing to the temperature the business meeting was held on the lawn, with Mr. Walter Charman in the chair.

There was very little business to transact. No new members were proposed, but the election of the following non-residents was confirmed, viz.: Messrs. Peter Crook, of Bolton; George Clode, of Guildford; R. F. Overy, of Haslemere; Chas. Denyer, of Aldershot; and H. Wingrove, of Beaconsfield.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the bells and to the chairman. The latter, responding, said he hoped the members present and a good number of other ringers would not fail to attend the proposed combined gathering which is to take place at Horsham on Saturday, September 13th, between the Sussex Association and the Guildford Diocesan Guild. Another visit was then paid to the belfry for further practice.

RINGERS WEDDED AT MANCHESTER.

At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, Miles Platting, Manchester, on Saturday, the wedding took place of Mr. Arthur Saul and Miss Elsie Simpson. As both are members of the local band, the ringers assembled in full force for the occasion. They rang until the arrival of the bride at the west door of the church, where the cross bearer and choir were waiting. The hymn, 'The Voice that breathed o'er Eden,' was sung as the bridal procession moved to the chancel steps, where the ceremony was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Harold Sheen). The bride was given away by her father, and Mr. W. Birtwistle acted as best man. When the happy couple afterwards left the vestry, a band started for a peal, which was successful, and is recorded in the proper place.

The wedding reception took place in the schoolroom, where close on one hundred guests sat down to tea and all the many good things provided. This over, the company settled down to enjoy themselves with dancing and music, 'the health of the bride and bridegroom' being drunk with musical honours. The wedding presents were numerous, including a pair of pictures from the ringers. The bride and bridegroom have the best wishes of their belfry colleagues for their future health, wealth and happiness.

CHIPSTABLE RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday afternoon, August 23rd, the eight members of the Chipstable band visited Nyncehead, Rockwell Green, Burlescombe, Sampford Peverill, Halberton and Huntsham, and rang many 120's of Grandsire Doubles, also Pitman's Doubles. The ringers wish to convey, through 'The Ringing World,' many thanks to the respective incumbents for the use of the bells, and to the towerkeepers for having all ready. The party thoroughly enjoyed the tour.

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tion. During his latter years he composed upwards of fifty new Surprise methods, ranging from Major to Maximus, also numerous Triple and Major Plain methods, the greater portion of which have never yet been published or rung.

He is the only person that has ever produced the sixty course-ends of Treble Bob Major in all numbers of courses from 20 to 28 inclusive, embracing changes numbering from 6,496 to 8,228.

He has left behind a vast quantity of compositions, the extent of which cannot yet be ascertained, and in accordance with his wishes a small committee has already been formed to examine the whole collection, with a view to depositing the manuscript in a safe place for future preservation to the Exercise.

Mr. Craven had a personality all his own, and was ever ready to assist and expound his gifts to the rising generation of young composers.

His passing over to the Great Majority marks another irreparable loss to the Exercise.

Only a fortnight ago, a few days before his death, Mr. Craven rang his last touch at Castleton on the occasion of a meeting of the Peak District of the Midland Counties Association there, and last Saturday an attempt for a half-muffled peal of Bob Major in his memory was made by the following members of the M.C.A. on these weird but interesting bells: Miss Mary Benton (Dore) 1, Miss Noel Cawthorne (Handsworth) 2, F. Hector Bennett (Chesterfield) 3, J. G. Saunders (Bakewell) 4, Alfred G. Wallace (Bakewell) 5, Walter Bingham (Dore) 6, O. W. Payne (Castleton) 7, J. E. Lewis Cockey (Dore) (conductor) 8. The attempt unfortunately was not successful, and the bells were called round, after 1 hour 10 mins. very fine striking, owing to a shift course. It is believed that this is the first peal attempt and the first in which a Castleton ringer has taken part for about fifty years.

As recorded in our columns, muffled peals to the memory of Mr. Craven have been rung at several towers.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

RULES FOR THE NEXT COMPETITION.

Favoured with a delightfully fine day, a large number of ringers assembled at Brecon on Saturday to take part in the seventh annual festival of the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild. The Vicar of Brecon (Canon E. A. T. Roberts) and the Vicar of St. David's, Brecon (Rev. John Simon, R.D.), having been good enough to permit the bells of their church to be rung from 10 a.m. onwards, the ringers made full use of the opportunity. There were members present from as far afield as Tenby and Llanelly (Carmarthenshire), other towers being represented by members from Glasbury, Talgarth, Morriston, Llanelly (Breck), Cefn Cwd, Aberavon, Neath, and the local bands. There were also visitors present from Swindon and Southampton.

A service was held in the newly-restored St. Lawrence Chapel of the Cathedral Church of St. John, which was intoned by Canon E. A. T. Roberts (Sub-Dean). The lesson was read by the Rev. F. W. Lockyer, Glasbury, and Minor Canon H. Gomer Davies presided at the organ. Other clergy present were Canon H. J. Stewart (Sketty), Canon-in-Residence at the Cathedral, Rev. John Simon, R.D., and the Rev. F. J. Kingsbury, Llanelly (Carmarthenshire). The festival sermon was preached by the Lord Bishop of the diocese. A collection taken at the close of the service was towards the Cathedral Maintenance Fund.

Tea was afterwards provided, at the kind invitation of the Lord Bishop, in the beautiful grounds of his residence, Ely Tower, and the annual meeting was held afterwards, over which his lordship presided.

The Hon. Treasurer (Mr. Charles Powell) presented the accounts for the past year, and these were adopted on the proposition of Mr. James P. Hyett, seconded by Mr. David J. Lewis. The Treasurer then explained to the meeting that he had been unable to invest the sum suggested at the last meeting in Savings Certificates, inasmuch as the Guild was not regarded as a society which could properly do so, and the sum was therefore placed on deposit at one of the local banks.—The hon. treasurer was warmly thanked for his services.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The election of officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, and the president and vice-presidents were re-elected en bloc, with the addition of Dr. Gwyn Davies, Talgarth, as a vice-president.

Two names were put forward for the office of Master of the Guild, and Mr. A. J. Pitman, the present Master, was re-elected upon a vote being taken. The other name was that of Mr. S. T. Rackham, Gilwern (a former Master of the Guild).

Messrs. Charles Powell, 3, North Road, Brecon, and W. R. Howells, N.P. Bank Chambers, Neath, were re-elected hon. treasurer and hon. secretary respectively. The committee members were also re-elected, with the exception of Mr. George Lewis, Morriston, in whose place Mr. J. T. Williams, Morriston, was elected. Mr. Jack Coombe and Mr. L. T. Havard were asked to continue in office as hon. auditors.

Mr. C. H. Hawkins suggested that the next annual festival be held at Gorseinon, at a date suitable to the Lord Bishop, and the hon. secretary was requested to make the necessary enquiries and arrangements.

Mr. W. D. Griffith extended to the Guild a very hearty invitation to hold the next ringing competition at Talgarth in May next, he being requested to do so by Dr. Gwyn Davies, Vicar of Talgarth. The invitation was accepted amid applause.

The Master of the Guild then presented his report on his visit to the recent meeting of the Central Council, and he was warmly thanked therefor. Arising out of his report, and upon a letter from the Central Council's hon. secretary being read, the meeting resolved that the Guild should loyally abide by the rules and decisions of the Central Council.

Mr. James P. Hyett, Glasbury, enquired when the annual report could be issued, as it had been promised some time ago.—The Hon. Secretary stated the blame was entirely his, owing to his having been in ill-health, which necessitated his absence from duties for over three months, but the meeting was promised the report within the next few months.

PROPOSED NEW DISTRICT.

Mr. C. H. Hawkins, Llanelly, enquired whether it would not be possible for the Guild to extend its activities in order to form a new district to include the southern portion of the diocese of St. David's, and the meeting decided that, in the event of such a district being formed, it should be invited to join the Guild. The hon. secretary was asked to undertake the necessary enquiries for the formation of such a new district, and to offer any assistance in that direction to the towers concerned.

The result of the ringing competition for 1930 was reported as follows (maximum points 240): Cadoxton (holders) 233, Llanelly (Breck.) 232, Gorseinon 231, Cefn Cwd 228, Talgarth 226, St. Mary's, Brecon, 216, Neath 215, Llanelly (Carm.) 210 (including handicap of 9 points for being the home tower), and Morriston 210.

The meeting concluded with the usual votes of thanks.

At a committee meeting held immediately afterwards, convened to consider the rules of the ringing competition for 1931, it was decided that these should be as in former competitions with the exception that the

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INTERESTING PLACES VISITED BY SLOUGH RINGERS.

The band of Sunday service ringers of St. Mary's, Slough, visited Hertfordshire on their annual outing, and made good use of the fourteen seater kindly placed at their disposal by the church authorities. Meeting at the church at 8 a.m., they effected an early start via Denham and Rickmansworth to St. Albans, where the plain 'portable' lunch at noon became no longer visible. The famous Abbey was examined with interest. Here the 'silent bells' are waiting for restoration work in the tower to be completed before the 'death watch' beetle does further damage. The Saturday market proved interesting. The ancient clock tower was inspected, as was also the adjoining inn, the Fleur de Lys, where King John of France was detained for a while in 1356: 'A mediæval clock tower, almost unique in England. It contains a large Curfew Bell dating from 1335. The adjacent French Row was occupied by the Dauphin's Troops 1216.'

Incidentally, it may be here mentioned that Dr. Harwood, in his valuable history of Old Windsor, refers to this King's war in England. After being taken prisoner, he was placed in the dungeons of the Curfew Tower at Windsor Castle.

The party resumed their journey through Watford to Luton, thirty-five miles, where Brother Blackburn was on duty at the tower. Mr. King being engaged elsewhere. Here there was considerable flag wagging and public rejoicing going on to welcome H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. At the church there were more rejoicings, a considerable number of young couples hastening up to the altar with the wedding ring, so that the 'touches' rung on the bells would appear to have touched up everybody the right way for once.

The return journey to Slough was taken via Toddington, Wing and Stoke Mandeville, and at each tower some musical touches were rung to the satisfaction of all. Toddington bells are a mellow peal (tenor 22 cwt.), the Church of St. George standing in an old-world village which was left with regret. Passing through Leighton Buzzard, with its ten bells, the company little dreamed that another band from Finedon was there the same afternoon, or the two companies might have been 'spliced,' to their mutual happiness. Wing, with its heavy ring of six (tenor 29½ cwt., one of Warner's finest castings), was enjoyed, as was the scenery of North Bucks viewed from the parapet of the tower top. The county town of Aylesbury was passed through, before reaching Mandeville, where the Vicar kindly met the party and rang in several of the touches with his visitors. Tea was partaken of at the Bull before another 'good pull,' and then off towards home through Wendover, past the Coombe Hill, with its county war memorial standing up boldly against the fading light of evening. Approaching Slough, the handbells were packed away, after giving the youngsters a touch or two in which 'tittums' came up, on the spring seats, more often than the 'Queen's' change. Needless to say, a vote of thanks was acclaimed by the party for those who had afforded them a good day's holiday, with fine weather thrown in for nothing, except many thanks, 'to the clerks of the weather' and the towers they rang in.

W. H. F.

STAFFORDSHIRE RINGERS VISIT SPONDON.

On Saturday, August 23rd, a party of ringers from Milton, near Stoke-on-Trent, visited Spondon, and on arrival were joined by several members of the local band. The six bells were kept going in various methods until 6 p.m., when there was an interval of one hour for tea.

Included in the touches rung were two courses of London Surprise, 720 Cambridge (believed to be the first on the bells), 360 York, 720 Plain Bob and courses of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, all conducted by Mr. J. E. Wheeldon, of Milton. Other ringers taking part were Messrs. J. Walley, W. Corfield and C. S. Ryles, of Milton, and W. Slater, F. Coxon, J. Bailey, C. M. Coxon, J. Cope and W. Slater, jun., of the Spondon band. Some of the striking was quite good, and a very enjoyable meeting concluded about 8.30 p.m.

LONDON RINGERS' TRIP INTO ESSEX.

The annual outing of the St. Giles-in-the-Fields bellringers took place on Saturday, August 9th. The party, which included members of the Tottenham band, and one or two friends, left London at two o'clock, and arrived about an hour later at Harlow, where they were welcomed by the curate and his wife and children. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman were rung on the peal of eight. Tea was provided at the White Horse Inn, Harlow Common. During the evening, touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Bristol Surprise were rung on this very beautiful peal. Home was reached at 11.30. The party would like to thank the respective steeplekeepers and Vicars for the use of the bells, and all those who helped to make the outing such a pleasant one.

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benefit of earning 5 points for ringing Stedman or Minor be deleted. Bands may now ring any method they choose, and in the event of a tie, a 'ring-off' will take place. Subject to Whit Saturday, 1931, being convenient to Talgarth parish it was decided that the competition should take place on that day. The necessary arrangements for the attendance of adjudicator and all other details were left in the hands of the hon. secretary as on former occasions.

DEATH OF MR. T. HERVEY BEAMS.

PIONEER WORK IN DORSET.

We much regret to record the death of Mr. Thomas Hervey Beams, of Bradpole, Dorset, assistant hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, and one of its representatives on the Central Council, who passed away last week. Mr. Beams, who was a retired school-master, had been in failing health for some time.

Forty years ago Mr. Beams was at Scaford, Sussex, and filled the office of hon. secretary of the Eastern Division of the Sussex Association. For some years, under his guidance, the division flourished, and many enjoyable meetings in those distant days are still remembered. Afterwards Mr. Beams removed to Leytonstone, where he was associated with the six-bell band at St. John's Church, and about twenty-five years ago he went to Bradpole, where he had resided ever since. While there he introduced change ringing into many towers where it had not previously been practised, and was responsible for getting many rings of bells restored and others augmented.

The death of Mr. T. Hervey Beams, writes a correspondent, inflicts a serious loss on the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, for which he had done yeoman service during the past quarter of a century. On taking up his work as head teacher at Bradpole School, Mr. Beams at once set about the introduction of change ringing in West Dorset. Under his personal instruction one tower after another has adopted method ringing, while a large number of the parishes in the district have had their bells restored or augmented. He was always ready to put his experience and skilled advice at the disposal of Church authorities, and would travel to any part of the county to inspect belfries and make recommendations as to restoration.

For upwards of twenty years Mr. Beams acted as assistant secretary to the Guild, and in that capacity did excellent work. During two periods, when the present secretary had occasion to be abroad for some time, Mr. Beams took the secretarial duties entirely on his shoulders, and he was at all times willing to undertake any work that might be required. It was on his initiative that a Guild badge was designed and adopted, and until the last year of his life the sale and distribution of badges was entirely in his hands. The war memorial to ringers in the Cathedral was also organised by Mr. Beams, and he had the satisfaction of completing the required sum of £200 within four months of his lamented death. His forceful personality and energetic advocacy of any policy conceived in the interest of ringing were conspicuous features of every business meeting, and, as far as the present writer remembers, he never missed an attendance either at the Guild festivals or at the committee meetings.

At the funeral service in Bradpole Church on Thursday week, the general secretary of the Guild (Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards) officiated, the Vicar of Bradpole and the Rector of Bridport assisting. A large number of Freemasons were present, as well as many ringers, including the Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild and representatives of all the Dorset branches.

Addressing the large gathering, the Rev. F. L. Edwards referred to Mr. Beams' fine record in four spheres of activity—as a school-master, a churchman, a ringer and a Freemason. Dwelling especially on his services to the cause of ringing, he emphasised the fact that the restored and augmented peals of bells for many miles round would bear perpetual testimony to his skill and devotion, while the establishment of change ringing in West Dorset was entirely the result of his good work.

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listeners. Some very creditable examples of round ringing and call changes were also rung by the diocesan affiliated bands of Camborne, Helston and Phillack. The unanimous opinion of all the ringers was that the peal was of an extremely melodious tone and excellent 'go,' Mr. Denison Taylor being heartily congratulated on the unexcelled success of his firm's production.

The tenor of the recast peal is 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in E flat, and the bells bear the following inscriptions:—

- I.—'Peace and good neighbourhood. William Coulson, Tre-garthen.'
 - II.—'Prosperity to this borough. George Poole, Howell Mabbott, Aldermen and Members of the Committee. 1930.'
 - III.—'To the Glory of God. The gift of Philip Hedgeland, M.A., Vicar; James Aldridge Devenish, Assistant Curate; Walter Edmonds, jun., Churchwarden; Samuel York, Sidesman. A.D. 1865. Canon Frederick Carr, M.A., Vicar, 1930.'
 - IV.—'Prosperity to the Church of England. Walter Howard Frere, Bishop of Truro, 1930.'
 - V.—'The gift of Caroline and Elizabeth Catherine Thomas Carne, A.D. 1865.'
 - VI.—'Fear God, honour the King. John Symons, Ringing Master, Truro Diocesan Guild of Ringers, 1930.'
 - VII.—'The gift of the Corporation. Francis Boase, Mayor, 1865. William Gage Goodfellow, Mayor, 1930.'
 - VIII.—'God save the King. Bolitho, 1865. Richard Foster Bolitho, 1930. This octave recast in 1930.'
- On each bell: 'J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough.'

NEW BELLS AT NORTON, STAFFS.

RECAST RING DEDICATED.

Norton Parish Church bells, all six of which have been recast and rehung with modern fittings, were dedicated on Sunday, August 24th, by a former Rector of Norton, the Rev. E. Kenworthy-Browne, now Rector of Paulerspury (Northants). The presentation of the new bells to the parish was performed by Mr. John E. Wheeldon, leader of the ringers of Norton.

The Rector of Paulerspury was the preacher at the morning service, and before beginning his discourse he remarked that when he entered the church the previous night he thought he had never seen a more beautiful church than Norton possessed. He spoke of the message of bells. Bells, he said, were used in the earliest days mentioned in the Bible, in worship in the wilderness, for we read that little golden bells hung from Aaron's robe. Perhaps the most important message was the great message of faith, for bells proclaimed our faith and belief in God. A third important message, which would be best realised by the bellringer himself, was the message of co-operation, for one man might throw a whole peal wrong. There had been co-operation between the Rector and the parishioners of Norton to get the bells recast. Only co-operation between capital and labour, master and man, could bring prosperity to England. Bells were rung on many different occasions, but there was one bell which was rung for everyone—the passing bell. Its message might be one of the end of a life of faith, and like the bells on Aaron's robe it would proclaim the entry of another soul into the holy place.

A special service was also held in the evening, when the Rector (the Rev. J. G. Hamlet) was the preacher. Both services were preceded and followed by short touches.

The recasting and rehung work has been carried out by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, and a representative of the firm (Mr. J. P. Fidler) was present in the church during the service and also took part in a touch of London Surprise. The method chosen for the first full extent on the new bells was Milton Double Surprise: Owen Williams 1, Charles S. Ryles 2, John E. Wheeldon (conductor) 3, William Corfield 4, William C. Lawrence 5, James Walley 6.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

GREAT BADDOW.—On Sunday, August 31st, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1,280 changes): P. Felton (first quarter-peal of Surprise) 1, G. Green 2, W. Lincoln 3, L. W. Wiffen 4, G. Wiffen 5, W. Keeble 6, P. Green (composer, and first quarter-peal of Major as conductor) 7, A. Head 8.

SOUTH CROYDON.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, August 31st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters: Miss Violet E. Shorter 1, Miss Norah E. Shorter 2, H. Wills 3, E. Dean 4, F. Leeks 5, W. Bulpitt 6, A. W. Clark 7, H. Wooding 8, J. W. Ward (conductor) 9, E. O. Denhams 10. First quarter-peal of Stedman Caters for treble and 8th.

LEYTON, ESSEX.—On Sunday, August 31st, at St. Mary's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grand sire Triples in 45 mins.: H. Blaker 1, J. A. Waugh 2, J. C. Bird 3, F. Carney 4, E. D. Lilly-white (conductor) 5, C. A. Hughes 6, W. H. Seabrook 7, P. J. Daws 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of treble and tenor, who are members of the local band.

FULHAM.—At the Church of All Saints, on August 31st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: H. Page 1, J. W. Driver 2, R. Mackrill 3, H. F. Rivers 4, H. Cook 5, C. Hunt 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, P. Stratton 8. A birthday compliment for ringer of the 5th.

BLUNSDON, WILTS.—On Sunday, August 31st, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grand sire Doubles (1,260 changes): R. Ockwell 1, J. Vincent 2, A. Trueman 3, W. Trueman (conductor) 4, T. Portlock 5, A. Aubury 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of the late Mr. E. W. Robeson, son of the former Rector of the parish, who was interred on the previous day.

LONDON.—On Sunday, August 31st, at St. Botolph's Church, Bishopsgate, for evensong, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: W. H. Hewatt 1, A. H. Ward 2, J. E. Davis 3, J. H. Crampion 4, E. F. Pike 5, J. A. Waugh 6, W. Williams 7, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 8. Longest length in the method by the ringers of 2nd, 4th, 6th and 7th. Mr. A. H. Ward is from Derby.

NOTICE.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Woodhouse Eaves on Saturday, September 13th. Bells (6) available from 3.15 p.m. By special permission the bells of St. Mary's-in-the-Elms Church, Old Woodhouse, will also be open for a short time after tea. Both places are local beauty spots in the Charnwood Forest, and everyone is welcome. Tea can be obtained in Woodhouse Eaves.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on September 30th, St. Magnus' on the 11th and 25th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 16th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 18th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Sketty on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., with tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec.

DEVON GUILD. — Exeter Branch. — The autumn meeting will be held at Clyst St. George on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Service 4.15. Tea (1s. each) 4.45. Bells available. All ringers welcome.—E. Lomas, Hon. Sec., Whimble, Devon.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Timberland (6) Saturday, Sept. 6th. Tower open 2 p.m. Notification for tea to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln. Buses: Atlas bus leaves St. Mary's Street 12.30 and 3 p.m. Atlas bus leaves Timberland 5.56 and 8.41 p.m.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at East Garston on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Chard on Saturday, September 6th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5. Meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Hon. Local Sec., North Street, Martock.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held on Saturday, Sept. 6th, at Coalpit Heath. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Vicarage. Business meeting to follow. Bus 131 from tram centre passes church. Times: 2.35 p.m. and every 30 minutes. All ringers welcome. — Harry Bennett, Branch Hon. Sec., Highfield, Runswick Road, Brislington.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Upavon on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome. — F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Southill on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good attendance is requested.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Maids-Moreton (6 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Service 3.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please send along in good time. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Burford (8 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 6th.—J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury, Oxon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The third quarterly meeting will be held at Foxton on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Black Horse Hotel at 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting.—Alban Disney, Local Hon. Sec., 3, Highgate, Aylestone Lane, Leicester.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Next meeting will be held at Bolsterstone on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells (8) available early.—H. Thorpe, Hon. Sec., 104, Petre Street, Sheffield.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Farnham District.—A combined practice will be held at Frensham tomorrow (Saturday). Bells (6) available 6-9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hughenden, Bucks.—A peal board will be unveiled on Saturday, Sept. 6th, at 5 p.m. All ringing friends will be cordially welcomed.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Dorset Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Holy Trinity, Shaftesbury (6 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 (6d. for members). Meeting to follow. Towers available: Shaftesbury Holy Trinity and St. Peter's (6), Shaftesbury St. James' (6) alternately, Motcombe (6), Fontmell Magna (6), Compton Abbas (5).—A. E. Nedham, Hon. Sec., Compton Abbas Rectory, Shaftesbury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By the kind permission of Rev. A. Clark a bye-meeting will be held at Hernehill, near Faversham, on Saturday, Sept. 13th. So that arrangements may be made for tea, will those intending to be present kindly notify me before Thursday, Sept. 11th? — Percy W. Smith, Hon. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Bocking. — Re-opening of the bells of St. Mary's Church, Saturday, Sept. 13th. Service 3 p.m. Preacher: The Lord Bishop of Chelmsford. Tea will be provided at a small charge to those who send their names to Mr. F. S. Wiffen, Bridge End, Bocking, Braintree, not later than Thursday, Sept. 11th. All ringers will be welcome.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen Street, Earls Colne, Essex.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Eccleston on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells available from 2.30. Will those intending being present kindly notify Mr. R. Rigby, Bridge Foot, Eccleston, as early as possible, and not later than Sept. 8th?—Fred Rigby, Hon. Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at East Claydon on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells (5) ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at 1s. each and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Please send numbers for tea to E. F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 92, High Street, Winslow, Bucks.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Hendon, Sept. 13th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, usual terms, at 5.30. Please advise me. All ringers welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Dunsfold on September 13th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Please let me have numbers for tea by September 8th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, nr. Guildford.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (West Division), GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Leatherhead District).—A joint meeting will be held at Horsham on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. and tea after. Please send numbers for tea to A. H. Smith, 26, Church Street, Leatherhead.—A. W. Groves and A. H. Smith, Hon. Secs.

BUSHEY HEATH.—Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells open from 3.30. Tea 5.30. Nearest station: Bushey. Motor coaches and buses stop at church. Cheap tickets from London and all stations. Number for tea by 9th.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Halsall on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Will all those who require tea please notify Mr. Edward Blundell, Carr Cross Farm, Southport Road, Scarisbrick, near Southport, by Wednesday, Sept. 10th?—James Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 13th, at St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway. Bells from 3.30 p.m. Tea, meeting, etc., at 5 p.m. Visitors welcome.—J. A. Waugh, Dis. Sec., 8, Fullers Road, E.18.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Worth on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Will all those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Sept. 10th? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Long Eaton on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Sawley bells not available for this meeting. All ringers welcome. Will members who have not paid their subscriptions for 1930 kindly do so at this meeting?—E. C. Gobeys, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Notts, on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. (price 1s. each). Please notify Mr. G. H. Jolland, 14, Pinxton Road, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, by Thursday, Sept. 11th.—J. W. England, Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Andover, Sept. 13th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in the church 4.30. Tea at 5. Business meeting follows. Those requiring tea please notify by Sept. 10th.—Mr. F. Knapp, Highclere, Newbury.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Turvey on Saturday, Sept. 13th. The peal of 8 will be available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Visitors heartily welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Dis. Sec., Stagsden.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gullesborough Branch.—A meeting will be held at Welford on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Those requiring tea please notify me.—R. Adams, East Haddon.

EARLS COLNE.—Re-opening of the bells of St. Andrew's Church on Sunday, Sept. 14th. Service at 3 p.m.—F. Ringwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Ottery St. Mary on Wednesday, Sept. 17th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All ringers will be welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Branch Sec., Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at St. Matthew's, Holbeck, on Saturday, Sept. 20th, on the occasion of the dedication of the recast ring of 8 (by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston). Service at 3.15 p.m. Address by Vicar of Leeds. Tea will be provided free, through the generosity of a friend, for all ringers who send in their names to Mr. G. H. Spink, 33, Willoughby View, Holbeck, Leeds, by Thursday, Sept. 18th. To all whose names are received after that date a charge of 1s. per head will be made. The bells available after service until 9 p.m.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Wirral Branch) & LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Liverpool Branch).—A combined meeting will be held at Christ Church, Port Sunlight, on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30. Will those requiring tea please let me know not later than Tuesday, Sept. 16th?—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Longcot on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Tower open 2.30. Service 3.45. Those requiring tea please notify G. Webley, Faringdon, by Sept. 17th.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The autumn meeting of the Reading Branch will be held at Checkendon on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Tower open from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 6 p.m. All who are intending to be present please let me know by Wednesday, Sept. 17th. All are welcome.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Branch Sec., 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Tring on Sept. 20th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Meeting after. Will all those in charge of towers remember that subscriptions for the current year are due?—F. Puplett, Hon. Sec., Aylesbury Road, Tring.

LADIES' GUILD.—A joint meeting of the Northern and Lincolnshire Districts will be held at Sutton-on-Trent on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Service at 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify Miss Burchnell, Pembroke House, Sutton-on-Trent, Notts, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 17th. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Mrs. R. Richardson, Hon. Sec., Surfleet.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Clent on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. All members please notify me not later than the 16th.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—The augmented peal of 8 bells and the new clock at Irchester Parish Church will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Peterborough on Saturday, Sept. 20th. The service will be at 3 o'clock. A public tea will afterwards be held in the Schoolroom at a charge of 8d. per head. The bells will be at liberty for ringing during the whole of the evening. Will those who wish to attend the tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Sept. 16th?—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Waldron on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, at the Memorial Hall (by the kind invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. R. W. D. Stephenson, M.A.). Will those who intend to be present kindly advise me not later than Wednesday, Sept. 17th?—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Liverpool on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Names for tea to Mr. C. I. Davies, Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree, Liverpool, please. The Bishop hopes to preach.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Calverley, near Leeds, on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (8) will be available for ringing throughout the day. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. per head, and applications for same must reach Mr. G. Thompson, 28, Portman Street, Calverley, near Leeds, not later than first post Tuesday, Sept. 23rd. Members are reminded that the financial year ends on Sept. 30th, and all outstanding subscriptions should be paid before that date.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Next general quarterly meeting will be at Bottesford (8 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Full details later. Will each local secretary let me have list of all hon. members paid to this date, so lists can be revised? Please make urgent effort to get all subscriptions in by them.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual commemoration dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowden and past officers of the Yorkshire Association will be held at the Windmill Hotel, Blossom Street, York, on Saturday, Oct. 11th, at 6 p.m. prompt. By the courtesy of the Very Rev. the Dean of York the fine ring of 12 at the Minster will be available for ringing during the afternoon. All applications for tickets, for which a charge of 5s. 6d. each will be made, should reach Mr. G. Horner, 16, Clifton Green, York, not later than first post Tuesday, Oct. 7th.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec.

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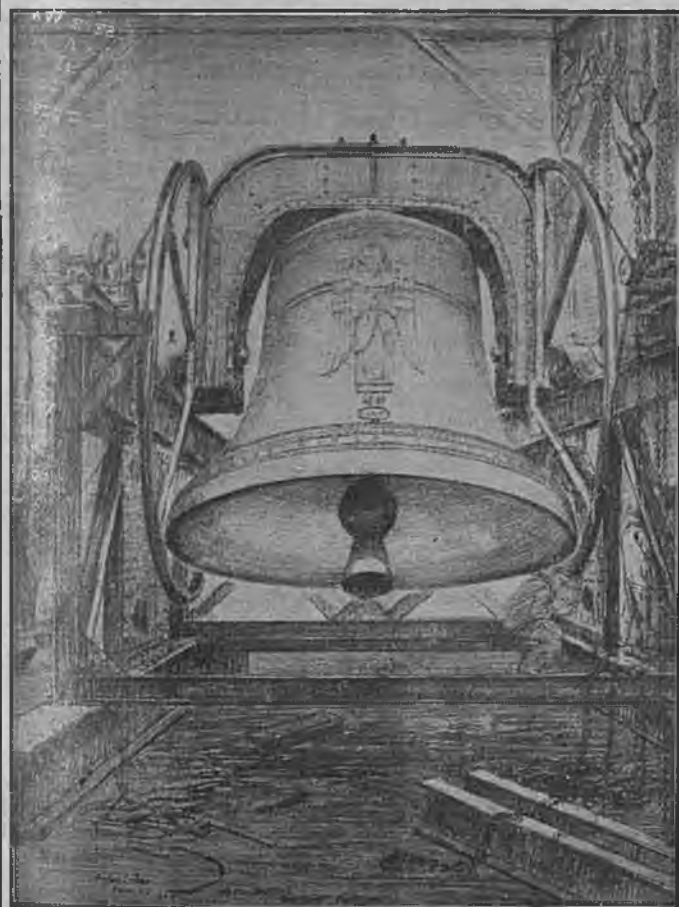
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The approach of longer evenings and the curtailment of hours which can be spent in outdoor occupations, when suspended ringing practices will be resumed and ringers think of returning from playing fields and garden to the belfry, is the time when all who are eager to improve their skill in ringing or to see the art advanced should make their plans. Without some crystallised scheme to promote progress, there is little hope of turning the opportunities of the coming months to fullest advantage. Even those who have been able to maintain their practices during the summer would do well to lay plans for the winter—to have some definite object in view; to determine on some new stage of advancement. But in those towers where there has been a lapse of practices, perhaps for months, a real attempt at reorganisation and a 'plan of campaign' are almost essential, if next summer is to see the company any further advanced than the last.

The summer hiatus frequently results in one or more of the indifferent ones dropping out altogether, and these gaps should be filled at the earliest opportunity. Moreover, it ought not to be left to one member of the band—usually more enthusiastic than the rest—to do all the 'donkey work' of teaching new hands to handle a bell. This is a task in which all should share; and it ought to be no matter of casual interest either. Unless a company is at full strength, and can ring all the bells all the time, half the interest goes out of ringing, and it is this, more often than not, that results in the eventual dispersal of a band. The filling of the ranks, then, should be the first matter for attention, and where there is already a band capable of change ringing there should be a definite intention of going on to a new method or methods. There is no excuse in these days that the ladder of progress is difficult to climb; the steps have been made both short and easy for those who have hitherto got no farther than Grandsire or Plain Bob. The Central Council's Collections of Methods come to the aid of everyone, and any band of average intelligence that is ringing Bob Major, for instance, to-day ought to be ringing Double Norwich before the winter is out, for they can reach it by easy stages if the complete jump is too big to be taken all at once. But whatever position a band may have reached, there is always a step forward that can be made, and no company worthy of the name will take up the winter's work without the determination to reach a new standard by the time practice is again interrupted.

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ringing has got but a precarious hold, the band should determine to get a good grip of it, and this can only be done by the loyal support of everyone, both by study outside the tower and regular practice in the belfry; where competent bands already exist, let them set out to ring methods in a higher category or add to the variety of what they ring. If this spirit of aspiration and performance were generally to prevail, the work of the coming months would put the Exercise in a much stronger position, and ringers themselves would find an even greater interest in the art.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, September 2, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

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| HENRY H. FEARN Treble | PERCY J. JOHNSON 7 |
| FRANK W. PERRENS 2 | WILLIAM C. DOWDING 8 |
| GEORGE E. FEARN 3 | ERNEST MANSELL 9 |
| WILLIAM HIBBERT 4 | FRANK E. PERVIN 10 |
| ALBERT WALKER 5 | JAMES GEORGE 11 |
| JOHN NEAL 6 | JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor |

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

This peal has 28 courses in the titlums position in seven course blocks, with the 6th the extent at home, and ten courses in the handstroke home position. Arranged as a wedding peal to the conductor's daughter, who was married at St. Martin's Church on Saturday, August 30th, by the Rector of Birmingham.

TEN BELL PEALS.

WREXHAM, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 28, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

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| ROBERT SPERRING Treble | *EDWARD V. RODENHORST 6 |
| GEORGE R. JONES 2 | *JAMES MORGAN 7 |
| *WILLIAM JONES 3 | *JAMES SWINDLEY 8 |
| *ARTHUR NEWELL 4 | *PERCY SWINDLEY 9 |
| WILLIAM H. SHUKER 5 | SAMUEL JONES, JUN. Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal. First of Oxford Treble Bob Royal in Wales. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Alfred Lea and Miss Mary Jones, Mr. Lea being one of the local ringers. Mr. Wm. H. Shuker was made a life member of the North Wales Association before starting for the peal.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 6, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5087 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

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| JOSEPH C. DEAN Treble | JOHN J. TAYLOR 6 |
| FRANK E. PERVIN 2 | FRED HOPPER 7 |
| BERTIE O. SODEN 3 | JOHN T. HENSMAN 8 |
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On Saturday, September 6, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

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| HORACE BELCHER Treble | WILFRED WILLIAMS 6 |
| *EDWARD H. SPICE 2 | RONALD H. BULLEN 7 |
| JOHN H. CRAMPION 3 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS 8 |
| WILLIAM H. HEWETT 4 | RICHARD F. DEAL 9 |
| JOHN A. WAUGH 5 | REUBEN SANDERS Tenor |

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by W. H. HEWETT

* First touch of Cambridge Royal. First peal of Cambridge Royal on the bells, which are the heaviest peal rung to Surprise Royal. Mr. R. F. Deal has now rung Cambridge Major, Royal and Maxims on these famous bells, and is the first to do so.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 6, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

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| WILLIAM WHITE Treble | *EDWARD T. GRIFFIN 6 |
| PERCY MERSON 2 | *SYDNEY A. RICKETTS 7 |
| ARTHUR H. REED 3 | JAMES HUNT 8 |
| FRANK ROWSELL 4 | WILLIAM H. LLOYD 9 |
| JOSEPH FOWLER 5 | SEYMOUR R. BARKER Tenor |

Composed by FRANK HOPGOOD. Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. The ringers of the 6th and 7th and 4th and 10th hail from Yeovil and South Wales respectively, and this peal was arranged for them.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 29, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

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| FRANK G. RINGE Treble | ERNEST J. BUTLER 5 |
| ROBERT HEAZEL 2 | ERNEST W. FURBANK 6 |
| JOSEPH WAGBORN, JUN. 3 | JAMES BENNETT 7 |
| GEORGE R. PYE 4 | WILLIAM PYE Tenor |

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 1, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF COLLEGE SINGLE MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

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| LEONARD SHAW Treble | JOHN R. BREARLEY 5 |
| SAMUEL HARRISON 2 | ARNOLD HAIGH 6 |
| WILLIAM A. WOOLER 3 | JOHN A. BREARLEY 7 |
| JAMES H. CHARLESWORTH 4 | WILLIAM HARRISON Tenor |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. A. BREARLEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Bessie Brearley, sister of the conductor, and daughter of Mr. J. R. Brearley.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 2, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| FRED HINDLE Treble | ARTHUR TOMLINSON 5 |
| TOM CHAMBERS 2 | THOMAS WATSON 6 |
| NORMAN KENYON 3 | JAMES HARRISON 7 |
| MISS M. CLAYTON 4 | JOSEPH A. TOMLINSON Tenor |

Composed by A. TOMLINSON.

Arranged for Mr. T. Watson, of Dalton-in-Furness, who was on a visit to the district.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 3, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

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| ARTHUR TOMLINSON Treble | JOHN SANDERSON 5 |
| ARNOLD BRUNTON 2 | RICHARD BALDERSTONE 6 |
| NORMAN KENYON 3 | THOMAS WATSON 7 |
| FRED HINDLE 4 | LADRENCE J. WILLIAMS Tenor |

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

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 3, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

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| JOHN J. LEIGHTON Treble | WILFRID J. MOSS 5 |
| GEORGE S. TAYLOR 2 | †DAVID VINCENT 6 |
| MICHAEL F. HARRISON 3 | JOSEPH W. PARKER 7 |
| *HAROLD B. DITCHBURN 4 | ROBERT L. PATTERSON Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by J. W. PARKER.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method. Arranged for Mr. W. J. Moss, of Manchester, who was elected a member previous to starting.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 3, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble | ARTHUR SHARP 5 |
| MAURICE SWINFELD 2 | FREDERICK T. JUSTICE 6 |
| JOSEPH BAILEY 3 | ALFRED J. BARRATT 7 |
| CHARLES DRAPER 4 | JAMES GEORGE Tenor |

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This peal was arranged for Mr. Justice, one of the local band, and was his first peal with a working bell. The band once again thank the Vicar (the Rev. J. S. Galloway) for kindly providing tea after the peal.

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On Thursday, September 4, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

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| REV. H. LAW JAMES (Caius) Treble | REV. B. F. SHEPPARD (Trinity) 5 |
| REV. R. WHITFORD (Pemb.) 2 | E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath.) ... 6 |
| F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath.) ... 3 | REV. C. W. O. JENKYN (Trin.) 7 |
| REV. E. G. BENSON (St. Cath.) 4 | W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') Tenor |

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

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 4, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

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| JOHN R. RODWELL Treble | *GEORGE B. COLE 5 |
| WILLIAM G. EDWARDS 2 | WILLIAM T. TUCKER 6 |
| FREDERICK G. COLE 3 | GEORGE WILLIAMS 7 |
| FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 4 | ALAN R. PINK Tenor |

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLBY. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS

* First peal of Superlative, and for whom it was arranged.

ROCK FERRY, CHESHIRE.—On Thursday, September 4th, a quarter-peal of Minor (1,260 changes) in 42 mins., being 360 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Single and 180 of Plain Bob: H. Parry (first quarter-peal) 1, Miss E. M. Cooke (first away from treble) 2, J. Leslie 3, F. Banton 4, W. Dean (first as conductor) 5, J. Cooke 6. Arranged for the ringer of the 2nd, who was home on holiday.

ALVERSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, September 6, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
 Tenor 13½ cwt.

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| GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble | FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... 5 |
| JOSIAH D. HARRIS 2 | ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 6 |
| HENRY J. TUCKER 3 | FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7 |
| KEITH HART 4 | FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... Tenor |

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by F. W. ROGERS.
 First peal in the method on the bells and the conductor's 100th Surprise peal. Also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th.

NORTH MIMMS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 6, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
 Tenor 13 cwt.

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| WILLIAM NASH Treble | *LEWIS A. GOODENOUGH ... 5 |
| GEORGE R. PYE 2 | JOHN T. KENTISH 6 |
| JOHN G. NASH 3 | CECIL W. PIPE 7 |
| JAMES BENNETT 4 | WILLIAM PYE Tenor |

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.
 * First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to C. W. Pipe.

GREAT TEX, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 6, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt. in G.

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| CLAUDE SNOWDEN Treble | WILLIAM KEEBLE 5 |
| FRANK CLAYDON 2 | †ALBERT WIFFEN 6 |
| *FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... 3 | GEORGE GREEN 7 |
| LEWIS W. WIFFEN 4 | CHARLES SMITH Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE GREEN.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First peal in the method.

PETERSFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, September 6, 1930, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;
 Tenor 16½ cwt.

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| FREDERICK A. BURNETT ... Treble | WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 5 |
| MISS IRENE L. HASTIE ... 2 | HARRY L. W. AITKEN ... 6 |
| RAYMOND OVERY 3 | JOHN H. B. HESSE 7 |
| ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... 4 | ALAN R. PINK Tenor |

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
 First peal of Treble Bob as conductor.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 6, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 18 cwt.

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| JOHN BROWN Treble | JAMES HARRISON 5 |
| *JAMES SMITH 2 | WILLIAM E. WILSON ... 6 |
| MISS M. CLAYTON 3 | ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 7 |
| THOMAS WATSON 4 | FRED HINDLE Tenor |

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 6, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

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| *MISS I. ROE Treble | THOMAS F. KING 5 |
| WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... 2 | WILLIAM H. CROCKER ... 6 |
| *MRS. M. BROOME 3 | GILBERT H. HARDING ... 7 |
| MISS N. G. WILLIAMS ... 4 | ALBERT WRIGHT Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT.

* First peal.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 6, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in A flat.

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| *CYRIL POOLEY Treble | WILLIAM CLOVER 5 |
| WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... 2 | †WALTER R. FARROW ... 6 |
| NOLAN GOLDEN 3 | †ARTHUR S. ROBERTS ... 7 |
| GEORGE MAYERS 4 | GEORGE BAILEY Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Major at first attempt. † First peal in the method.
 † First of Major 'inside' and 25th peal.

SILENT PEAL.

BREWOOD, STAFFORD.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, September 6, 1930, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CHAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

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| *HERBERT KNIGHT Treble | JOHN PERRY 5 |
| GEORGE F. SWANN 2 | CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 6 |
| FRANK W. PERRINS 3 | ROBERT PICKERING 7 |
| ROBERT MATTHEWS 4 | EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... Tenor |

Umpire: WILLIAM A. COOPER.

* 400th peal. Rung for the dedication festival. First non-conducted peal of Stedman for this society. At the conclusion of the peal the band were kindly entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Perry.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 7, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

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| KENNETH SNELLING Treble | REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 5 |
| GEORGE OLLIVER 2 | WILFRED WILLIAMS 6 |
| ROBERT SWIFT 3 | RONALD H. BULLEN 7 |
| NELSON ELLIOTT 4 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor |

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLAY. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.
 The ringer of the 6th was elected a member of the Sussex County Association previous to starting the peal.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 30, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

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| JOHN WALDEN Treble | GEORGE R. PYE 5 |
| ALBERT W. COLES 2 | JAMES BENNETT 6 |
| FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 3 | RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 7 |
| CHARLES T. COLES 4 | WILLIAM PYE Tenor |

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

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SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 31, 1930, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,
AT GLYN GARTH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor size 13 cwt. in E.
 GEORGE R. PYE ... 1-2 | RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 5-6
 WILLIAM PYE ... 3-4 | CHARLES T. COLES ... 7-8
 Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Witnesses: JAMES BENNETT and JOHN WALDEN.

William Pye has now called a peal on every day in the year, i.e., 366 different dates.

KIRTON-IN-HOLLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 1, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE LADD ... Treble | JOHN WALDEN ... 5
 GEORGE R. PYE ... 2 | JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 6
 CHARLES T. COLES ... 3 | RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 7
 ALBERT W. COLES ... 4 | WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

SIBSEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE LADD ... Treble | CHARLES T. COLES ... 5
 ALBERT W. COLES ... 2 | JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 6
 JOHN WALDEN ... 3 | RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 7
 GEORGE R. PYE ... 4 | WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

SIX BELL PEALS.

THRANDESTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, August 31, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven different extents, one of Double Court, and two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM MUSK ... Treble | PERCY L. JOHNSON ... 4
 ALPHRED J. BERRY ... 2 | DAVID WHITING ... 5
 KEITH WHITTLE ... 3 | GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

COMPTON MARTIN, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

*J. HOUSE ... Treble | W. WEBB ... 4
 *E. BATH ... 2 | *J. TOSELL ... 5
 *C. FIELD ... 3 | C. R. LILLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Minor.

BUXTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 3, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

*ERIC DURRANT ... Treble | NOLAN GOLDEN ... 4
 ROBERT G. CATCHPOLE ... 2 | WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... 5
 PHILIP N. BARTON ... 3 | ARTHUR S. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal. Mr. Roberts is from Truro, Cornwall, and was on holiday in the district.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, September 4, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Cambridge Surprise and two 720's each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE LEE ... Treble | *MISS G. BURCHNALL ... 4
 *MISS K. BURCHNALL ... 2 | ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 5
 *PERCY C. BONNETT ... 3 | FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

* Elected life members of the Guild previous to the peal. Arranged and rung especially to oblige the Misses Burchmull and Mr. P. C. Bonnett, who hail from Sutton-on-Trent, Notts, and Stagsden, Beds, respectively.

COMPTON DANDO, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 6, 1930, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Bob and Single Court and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM ROSEWELL ... Treble | FREDERICK TARGETT ... 4
 JOHN TARGETT ... 2 | RONALD G. BECK ... 5
 ALFRED E. REEVES ... 3 | JOSEPH T. DYKE ... Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

First peal on the bells.

SELSTON, NOTTS.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 6, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM SWAIN ... Treble | *CYRIL JAGGERS ... 4
 *GERARD RAWSON ... 2 | FRED W. KNOWLES ... 5
 ARTHUR SMITHSON ... 3 | JOHN W. ENGLAND ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. ENGLAND.

* First peal. First attempt by the ringer of the 4th. Both are Sunday service ringers at this church. It is nearly 21 years since a peal was rung on these bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

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THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 3, 1930, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE VICARAGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON | W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 5-6
 (Trinity) ... 1-2 | REV. B. F. SHEPPARD (Trinity) 7-8
 F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath.) ... 3-4

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

Witness: A. G. G. THURLOW (Selwyn).

THORPE MARKET, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 7, 1930, in Two Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. GEORGE EARLE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven variations of extents. Tenor size 17 in A.

WALTER C. MEDLER ... 1-2 | NOLAN GOLDEN ... 3-4
 CYRIL POOLEY ... 5-6

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Witnesses: MRS. WALTER C. MEDLER and GEORGE EARLE.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM RINGERS' TOUR.

On Saturday afternoon, August 23rd, St. Peter's Guild, Sible Hedingham, went for a short tour and first visited the tower of Great Finborough, where they rang touches of Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Grandsire Doubles. Afterwards they visited the towers of Stowmarket, Hadleigh and Sudbury, where touches of Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Stedman, Grandsire Triples, and Cambridge Surprise were brought round.

A GLIMPSE OF THE PAST.

A COUNTRY BAND OF RINGERS A CENTURY AGO.

A glimpse of the ringers and ringing in an old country market town a hundred years ago is provided by the following sketch which appeared in a series of reminiscences of 'Our Parish,' written by a resident of Hailsham, Sussex, half a century ago. He discussed the changes that had taken place since his boyhood, and we get quite an interesting and, doubtless, true picture of the conditions that prevailed in that country belfry in those days.

'Looking back,' he wrote, 'we may note other features and changes. To begin with, our church ringers. Then, the master tradesman thought it no degradation, but rather an honourable distinction, to be one to minister to the rights of the belfry. To be a ringer was a privilege. I remember but one new hand, and he carried his election by force of prescriptive right and family interest. His father had been one of the fraternity, and a brother stood then foremost man as leader. Each bell had its regular hand. There was the hatter, glover, shoemaker and blacksmith in succession, and a few others—odd men to take a turn as occasion required, and one, the street driver, who was always needed to fetch the beer from the tavern. They were all professionally earnest, devoted men, and, to do them justice, as a rule—and what rule is not more or less broken?—they were sober men. But the potent god, bred of malt and hops, at times got possession of the brain, and then was the time to take note of the work of the features and lips as the ropes flew up and down. No wedding was allowed to go by unringed or uncared for. On practice nights and rare occasions they would treat the outside world with a set of changes. Four bells allowed but little variation, yet with the steady and even pull of the tenor by the tall blacksmith, George Huggett, and the clear unerring lead of the hatter, Samuel Jenner, the old-fashioned peal was considered to be eclipsed by the change of four-and-twenty. The great treat of the year was, when I was a boy, to be awakened on Christmas morning by the early clatter of the bells, and to lay awake watching until midnight on New Year's Eve to hear the old year rung out and the new year rung in; and during the whole of my life I have never once upon these occasions been beyond the reach of the gladdening sound. I have hoped to live to hear a fuller peal. I have importuned those in authority upon the subject, but with no success, to add a sixth. Our old ringers would yearly make a house-to-house call and accept any gratuity as an acknowledgment for their services. What master tradesman now amongst us would do the like?'

The writer of 'Our Parish' died in the year 1889 without seeing the accomplishment of his wish for an augmented ring of bells, but early in the following year the bells were rehung in a new frame and three troubles were added to make a ring of eight. The five original bells were cast by John Hodson, of London, in 1663, but the second of them was recast in 1668, and the third in 1768.

LONDON & SURREY ASSOCIATIONS AT BEDDINGTON.

A HEAT WAVE MEETING.

A joint meeting of the London County and Surrey Associations was held at Beddington on Saturday, August 30th, in delightfully hot weather, so hot, indeed, that it is feared that many people were afraid to venture. About 3.30, one, coatless and hatless, strolled across Beddington Park, finding sufficient shade to prevent himself being melted, and, on approaching the fine old church, in which hang an excellent peal of ten bells of about 18½ cwt., of which everyone has or ought to have heard, music came filtering through the trees. 'Ah! yes, that's Stedman Triples,' and then 'That's all' came up, and off went the bells again to Grandsire. The coatless one reached the belfry at the conclusion of that touch. He was accorded a hearty welcome, inasmuch as he seemed ready stripped for ringing. Up to tea time various touches were rung, but the company did not swell so much as was anticipated. Tea was partaken of at the Harvest Home, a party of 20 sitting down, and lingering and chatting for a bit afterwards.

The tower was revisited for an hour or so, and the company returned to the 'Home' for a social hour, under the directorship of Mr. C. Kippen, who, with the 'carillon' (by the way, one gentleman said Charlie had got the bells all mixed up), set the party community singing. Other items were well executed by the same Charlie, accompanied by Messrs. Darby (piano) and Wills (concertina). Songs were sung by Mrs. Darby, Mr. Bernard Wells, Mr. Herbert and A. N. Other. He of the no coat, having a long way to go, left the party still enjoying themselves.

Thanks are due to the Rector for the use of the bells and to Mr. C. Kippen and Mr. D. Cooper for the splendid arrangements.

A VISIT TO MOTTRAM.

On Saturday, September 6th, eight of the ringers of Milnrow Parish Church had an outing to Mottram (Cheshire). They were met on arrival by Mr. B. Goddard, and rang touches of Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire Triples. After tea a return was made to the belfry and a quarter-peal of Bob Major was rung: Stephen Parry 1, Walter Staff 2, John Fitton 3, George Staff (conductor) 4, John H. C. Massey 5, John C. Bennett 6, Albert Buckley 7, Andrew Sidebottom 8.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH RINGERS' LONG TREK.

For once in a while the weather behaved quite decently, and at 7 a.m. promptly a merry party of husbands and wives, sweethearts and bachelors left 'the Boro' for 'the good old annual.' The Finedon contingent was picked up in due course, and at Barton Seagrave the last member of the party came aboard: perfectly sober in spite of his name. Good roads and a capable driver made a very pleasant journey through Leicester and Loughborough to the first stop, Beeston, reached a little in front of the scheduled time. A hearty welcome by Mr. Albert Coppock and Miss Thompson (the former an old friend of some of the company), and soon the handy peal of eight (19½ cwt. in F) were merrily ringing to London, Superlative, Double Norwich and Stedman. Through lovely scenery, deep cuttings and avenues of silver beech and firs, another 17 miles was then covered, and Mansfield reached once more before schedule. The party were met by the veteran, Mr. T. Bettison, and Mr. C. Carr. The bells of SS. Peter and Paul's Church (tenor 14 cwt.) were raised, and, in spite of the need of attention by a bellhanger, Bristol, Superlative, Double Norwich and Stedman were rung. The interesting old chime barrel, still in use, was inspected, and then the company sat down to an excellent repast at the Swan Hotel. Mr. W. Perkins presided, and Mr. Bettison and Mr. Carr were the guests of the company.

After lunch, the party again took to the road and made for Bolsover, where the Church of SS. Mary and Lawrence undoubtedly possesses one of the finest peals of eight in the country (tenor 14½ cwt.). The visitors were unanimous in their appreciation. Messrs. E. Robins and Jim Moss met the tourists on their arrival, followed by the well-known conductor, Mr. John Flint, and an old friend in Mr. Arthur Knights, who came from Chesterfield with a great desire to meet the big little 'Andy' of Arleborough.

Canon Paget, the Vicar, also came into the belfry and gave the visitors a hearty welcome. Great interest was taken in the peal boards recording peals of Peterborough, Pudsey, Rutland, Norfolk, London and Bristol Surprise, which hang in the belfry. Well-struck touches of London, Bristol and Superlative Surprise, Double Norwich and Stedman were all successfully brought round.

The ladies, in the meantime, paid a visit to the historic Bolsover Castle with its magnificent architecture (partly in ruins), and the house with its wonderful and priceless paintings now being renovated and restored. The old sexton's knowledge of epitaphs greatly interested some of the party. Tea followed, kindly arranged by Mr. John Flint, the company then being augmented by Mr. J. Brothwell, who motored over from Rotherham.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Flint and the ladies who arranged the tea on the proposition of Mr. W. Perkins, seconded by Mr. T. Hensler, and Mr. Flint briefly responded. Then off again to Cresswell, in the heart of the colliery district and the home of the famous Cresswell Colliery Band. Messrs. A. Knights, J. Flint and J. Brothwell accompanied the visitors and took part in the ringing at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene (tenor 17½ cwt.). Superlative, London, Cambridge, Double Norwich and Stedman were rung on this very merry peal and heartily enjoyed by all who took a rope. After refreshment at the nearest hostelry, 'good-bye' had to be said to all at 7.45 p.m. for the long trek home. The silver-toned vocalists opened their lungs and to a very musical accompaniment the party went through Warsop, Mansfield and Bradmore to the village of Costock, where a most enjoyable hour was spent in singing and hand-bell ringing until 'Time, gentlemen, please,' sent the company speeding home. The organisation of the outing was splendid and reflected great credit on the secretaries. Songs, glees, hymns, choruses and 'yarns' enlivened the homeward journey and concluded a thoroughly enjoyable outing.

T. R. H.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN BRANCH ENTERTAINED.

A most enjoyable meeting of the Western Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association was held at Stanley Castle on Saturday, August 30th. The Rev. B. H. T. Drake officiated at the service and afterwards the members were invited by Sir Edmund and Lady Lechmere to tea at Swan End. Amid beautiful surroundings tea was served on the lawn, and about 40 members sat down to do justice to the good things provided. Sir Edmund and Lady Lechmere, in welcoming their guests, remarked that it gave them great pleasure to entertain the members of the association, and hoped that they would have the opportunity of holding another meeting there in the future.

At the business meeting, which took place immediately after tea, Lady Lechmere was elected to the chair. Two new life members and six new performing members were elected.

At the close of the meeting the Rev. B. H. T. Drake and Mr. S. T. Holt expressed the thanks of the members to Sir Edmund and Lady Lechmere for their kindness.

HORNSEY.—On Sunday, July 27th, at St. Mary's Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor (1,296 changes) in 50 mins.: E. G. Hibble 1, F. G. Symonds 2, C. H. Ross 3, F. Fensom 4, M. Fensom 5, J. G. Nash (conductor) 6.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**A 'TROPICAL' MEETING.**

A meeting of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, August 30th, in tropical weather, and the number attending was very small for the riverside church. Ringing commenced about 3.30 with short touches. 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 adjourned to the Parish Hall for tea, the Vicar presiding, supported by Mr. J. H. Hunnisett and the hon. secretary (Mr. W. H. Hollier). The Vicar gave the Guild a most hearty welcome again to his parish.

The Vicar vacated the chair after tea, and the business meeting was presided over by Mr. Hunnisett. St. John's, Hillingdon, was announced for the October meeting, on the second Saturday in the month, and the usual notice will appear in 'The Ringing World.' At the request of the Vicar, touches were rung on the handbells by Messrs. W. C. Parker, E. S. Turner, L. Wilson (Swindon) and E. J. Goates.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for conducting the service and the welcome he gave to the Guild, to the organist, to the hostess (Miss Mackie) and her assistants, and to Mr. G. Walmsley and Mr. W. C. Parkes, of the local band. This concluded the meeting, after which St. Mary's tower was visited, but little ringing was done owing to the heat. The seats in the churchyard proved a great boon to some of the company on this occasion.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.**A RINGING WEEK IN LINCOLNSHIRE.**

The annual ringing week was held this year in Lincolnshire, headquarters being at Surfleet Vicarage. It was unfortunate that 13 members only were able to attend, some of whom were unable to take part in peal attempts. However, a peal of Stedman was rung at Washingborough, and some good practice was obtained at Heckington, Ewerby, Surfleet, Pinchbeck, Fulney, Croyland, Lincoln Cathedral and Spalding.

Those present were the Revs. H. Law James, E. Bankes James, Canon H. J. Elsee, C. W. O. Jenkyn, H. S. T. Richardson, R. H. Whitford, B. F. Sheppard, E. G. Benson, and Messrs. J. T. Rickman, F. M. Atkins, F. E. Haynes, W. H. J. Hooton and A. G. G. Thurlow.

Next year the Guild hopes to meet in Hereford, and it is hoped that more members will be able to come.

ANOTHER 'OLD BILL' AT SURFLEET.

Another 'Old Bill,' with a few ringing friends, spent a pleasant week-end at Surfleet recently, at the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Richardson. The host had arranged an attractive ringing programme, which was carried out with a hundred per cent. success. It was left to the host to choose the methods, and, as he considered 'London' a luxury, London it was. The first item on the programme, a peal at Spalding, was brought round in just over three hours. Next day Cambridge Royal and Stedman Caters at Surfleet for morning service were followed by an early dinner and a peal of Stedman Triples 'in hand.' One of the umpires went to sleep, to the obvious envy of the 7-8 man, who wanted to do likewise. Only the knowledge that a peal *had* to be rung that day made him keep awake.

This peal enabled the other 'Old Bill' to complete the full circle of dates as conductor, a wonderful achievement.

After tea, a run to Holbeach was suggested, where a course of London was rung for 'practice,' as only a peal had been rung the day before. The hostess pleased the party by ringing in this course, and is considered a good recruit for a peal in the method. The best thanks of the hand are due to the Holbeach ringers for allowing them to ring. Next day two more peals of London were rung at Kirton-in-Holland and Sibsey, which brought the ringing programme to an end. Back to Surfleet for tea, and a short talk with a few members of the Cambridge University Guild, who were just arriving, before starting for London—the town of that name, not the method—which was reached the same night in Bob's trusty steed.

The sincere thanks of the party are accorded to Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Richardson for their usual unfailing and generous kindnesses. A stay at Surfleet is always pleasant, and departing time always comes much too quickly.

DEATH OF YORKSHIRE RINGER.**COLLAPSE FROM HEAT.**

The death took place on Thursday afternoon, August 28th, of Mr. William Sutcliffe, of Sowerby, at the age of 64 years. He was overcome by the heat and collapsed while at work. He was removed to his home and died shortly after.

Mr. Sutcliffe had many friends, and at St. Peter's Church, Sowerby, was a devoted worker, having held various offices in the church besides being a bellringer and conductor for 42 years. He will be missed by all who came in contact with him.

The bells were rung muffled for his funeral by his fellow-ringers. Mr. Sutcliffe leaves a widow and one son.

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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.

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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.

Mr. William Pye has set up yet another record. He is the first to conduct a peal on every one of the 366 days of the year.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are overhauling the peal of eight at Malvern Priory, and retuning and rehangings the ring of eight at Bromley Parish Church, Kent.

The first peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal in Wales was rung on Saturday, which is a reminder that the first peal of Superlative in the Principality was rung on September 13th, 1907.

A peal of 5,040 Imperial Place Major, composed and conducted by William Shipway, and being the first ever performed in the method, was rung at St. Mary's, Islington, on September 13th, 1902.

Charles Middleton, whose name is associated with the peal composition of Cambridge Surprise Major, died on September 14th, 1886. He was a Norwich man.

The Society of St. Martin's Youths, from which St. Martin's Guild has descended, and whose traditions have been carried on uninterruptedly at St. Martin's Church, Birmingham, rang their first peal, a 5,040 of Bob Major, on September 16th, 1755. This was at St. Philip's Church.

History was made at Drayton, Berks, on September 17th, 1896, when the Oxford Guild rang a peal of 11,328 London Surprise Major, conducted by J. W. Washbrook. That record has since been exceeded, but at the time it constituted a big step forward in the length obtained in the method. Nothing over 6,048 had previously been rung.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

A very pleasant meeting of the Southern District was held at Sketty on Saturday, when, no doubt on account of the wet weather, the attendance was not as good as usual, only about 16 members being present from Aberavon, Cadoxton, Morriston, Swansea, and three very welcome visitors from Pentre Rhondda. The service was conducted by the Rev. Canon H. J. Stewart, who gave those present a very interesting address, and extended a hearty welcome to the Guild. Tea followed in the Church Hall, provided by someone unknown, and enjoyed and appreciated by all.

The business meeting, with the Rev. Canon H. J. Stewart in the chair, was very short. Swansea was chosen for the December meeting, which will be the district annual.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the unknown donor of the tea, to the Rev. Canon H. J. Stewart for conducting the service, for the use of the bells and his kindness to the Guild members, to the organist for presiding at the organ, and to the ladies for their kind help at the tea table.—The Canon, in reply, said it was a pleasure to have the ringers there, and he would be always pleased to do his best for them at any time when they came to Sketty. The methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major.

An invitation was accepted to ring in Swansea on the way home, when Grandsire and Stedman were rung, and the bells lowered in peal about 9 p.m.

NEW RING OF TEN FOR KENT.**LIGHTEST CHURCH TEN-BELL PEAL.**

Through the generosity of two benefactors, five treble bells, together with a Westminster quarter clock, are being installed at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Cudham, near Sevenoaks, Kent, and, as advertised elsewhere in this issue, the dedication will take place on Sunday, September 21st.

Cudham will then possess the lightest ring of ten yet installed in any church and the second lightest ring of ten in the world. This ring of ten should be a valuable asset to change ringing in the district, as there is only one other ten-bell tower in the diocese, namely, that of Rochester Cathedral.

The whole work of clock and bells and the provision of an Ellacombe chiming apparatus and other improvements are being carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

DEVON GUILD.**MEETING AT PRESIDENT'S CHURCH.**

The autumn meeting of the Exeter Branch was held in the parish of the president, Clyst St. George, on Saturday. This is the first occasion on which a meeting of change ringers has been held in the parish, whose Rector from 1850-1885 was that great authority on bells, the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe. Mr. Ellacombe was a man of many accomplishments. He rebuilt the body of the church at Clyst St. George and personally devoted much time to decorating the interior; he wrote a number of valuable treatises on bells—indeed, when over the age of 70 he ascended every church tower in Devon, excepting one, to take notes of their condition and of the bells; he invented a chiming apparatus, the original pattern of which may still be seen in Clyst St. George belfry; he was a learned antiquarian and a most earnest priest and kindly gentleman.

The president of the Guild (the Rev. E. S. Powell) conducted a well-attended service in the beautiful little church. It was intended to hold the tea and business meeting which followed on the adjoining lawn of the Rectory, but the clerk of the weather ordained otherwise, and a move had to be made to the school buildings at short notice, where an excellent meal was provided by the efforts of Mrs. Powell, wife of the president, and friends.

The business meeting was presided over by the chairman of the branch, the Rev. E. V. Cox. The annual meeting was fixed for December 6th, at Heavitree, Exeter. Several new members were elected, and the Chairman said it was hoped that during the coming winter more frequent friendly visits amongst neighbouring bands of ringers might be arranged. He emphasised the necessity for raising and lowering the bells well and striking them perfectly.

A very hearty welcome was accorded to three distinguished visitors from other associations, Messrs. J. A. Trollope (Ealing), J. Flint (Beisover) and O. Sippetts (Crawley). Full use was made of the bell during the afternoon and evening.

THE LATE MR. T. H. BEAMS.**HIS PUBLIC WORK.**

The late Mr. T. Hervey Beams, who did so much for the promotion of change ringing in West Dorset, gave his services in many other directions outside his profession as schoolmaster. His interest in education was by no means confined to his own school, for he represented the general cause of education in the diocese and also proved himself an active organiser in the interests of teachers. As a member of the National Union of Teachers, he had occupied the positions of secretary and president.

Three years ago he was elected a member of Bridport Board of Guardians, and here he proved himself a useful public servant. He was also a Rural District Councillor and a member of the newly-constituted Guardians' Committee. He will be greatly missed by both officers and inmates of the Poor Law Institution. As a member of Bradpole Parochial Church Council, he occupied the chair for a period.

A churchwarden at Bradpole for seven years, Mr. Beams had been a chorister since the age of six. He was a licensed lay reader. Mr. Beams was a Freemason, having been a member of St. Mary's Lodge (No. 707), Bridport, since 1920.

Mr. Beams leaves, to mourn their loss, a widow, three sons—Mr. Douglas J. Beams, Salisbury; Mr. Reginald Hervey Beams, who is assistant master at Trowbridge High School for Boys; and Mr. Percy H. Beams, Bridport—and one daughter, Miss Marjorie Beams, who is on the staff of St. Mary's School, Bridport.

By a pathetic coincidence it was just a week after Mr. Hervey Beams' burial that the Salisbury Diocesan Guild ringers' war memorial, which was so largely the result of his devoted labours, was actually completed. On Thursday, September 4th, Mr. W. S. B. Northover, accompanied by the Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards, conveyed to Salisbury a copy of the badge of the Salisbury Guild carved by himself in English oak, and in the presence of the Archdeacon of Sarum affixed it to the ringers' screen in the memorial chapel of the Cathedral.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**EXPLANATION OF A POSTPONED MEETING.**

The Bristol Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association held a very enjoyable meeting at Coalpit Heath on Saturday, and, in spite of the inclement weather, a good number of ringers gathered at this delightful old church, with its fine peal of six bells, 17 towers being represented, while visitors included Messrs. Burecombe and Finsell (Dursley and Stinchcombe) and Mr. G. Popwell, of Bedwellty, South Wales. The usual ringers' service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. J. Phillips), who was supported by organist and choir.

A very nice tea was awaiting the members after service, kindly provided by the Rev. and Mrs. E. J. Phillips in the billiard room of the Vicarage.

At the business meeting which followed Mr. F. Skidmore (chairman of the branch) presided. The question as to why this meeting had been postponed from the previous Saturday, the original date, was satisfactorily explained by the Vicar, who, being on holiday, would have found it difficult to get home in time to provide tea.

The secretary was asked if he would put this on record, as the previous Saturday a peal had been rung by members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, and there were some who thought the meeting had been deferred for this purpose.

The appointment of a representative on the sub-committee re Central Council proposals (Bristol Branch) was again brought up, and, on the motion of Mr. J. Gould, Mr. F. Skidmore was unanimously elected. Five new members were elected, including three from Westerleigh, at which lower it is hoped to get other members.

The Chairman moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the organist and choir, and coupled with this the name of Mrs. Phillips for kindly providing tea and waiting upon the company.—This was seconded by Mr. W. H. Thomas.

The Vicar, responding, said he was always pleased to welcome the association to Coalpit Heath, and was very grateful for the help the association had given them. He was also glad to see their neighbours from Westerleigh back in the association. Mrs. Phillips also suitably replied.

This concluded the business, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were afterwards enjoyed on the bells, several of the young members getting their first six-score of Grandsire.

WEDDING BELLS AT BIRMINGHAM.

The historic Church of St. Martin, in the Bull Ring, has been the scene of many weddings, but none more pretty than that of Miss Winifred Edith Walker, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker, who was married to Mr. Leslie Arthur Reynolds on Saturday, August 30th. Whilst a large congregation of friends and well-wishers assembled in the church, suitable music was played on the organ by Mr. Richard Wassell.

The bride, who arrived with her father, was attired in a gown of ivory georgette, with veil, and a wreath of orange blossom, and carried a sheaf of lilies and white heather. The bridesmaids were attired in pale green and floral pink, and carried bouquets of cream roses. There was also a very tiny girl attendant, dressed in pale pink, and carrying a posy of pink carnations.

The bridal party was received at the west door by the Rector of Birmingham, Canon T. Guy Rogers, and as the bridal procession moved up the aisle, the hymn, 'Love divine, all loves excelling,' was sung. The Rector of Birmingham officiated and the bride was given away by her father. The service was choral and included Psalm 121 and the hymn, 'O perfect love, all human thought transcending,' which was sung kneeling.

As the procession returned to the west door, Mendelssohn's Wedding March was played, and the bells were 'fired' by the St. Martin's company, who also rang a peal later to celebrate the event.

A reception was afterwards held at the Crown Hotel, at which the Rector, Mr. Wassell and friends of the family were present. Many messages of congratulation and good wishes were received, including a letter from Alderman J. S. Pritchett, and telegrams from St. Martin's ringers, Messrs. P. J. Johnson, A. Prince, F. W. Perrens, W. Saunders, etc. The bride and bridegroom's health was heartily drunk, and afterwards the happy couple left for Weston-super-Mare, where the honeymoon was spent.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The annual visit of the Leeds and District Society to Rothwell took place on Saturday, August 30th, and at the business meeting the president (Mr. O. E. Lawson) was in the chair, supported by members from Armley, Batley, Bramley, Headingley St. Chad's, Holbeck, Almondbury and the local company.

With regard to the question of peal attempts at meetings, it was explained by the president that it was thought advisable to have the bells open for all the visitors rather than to limit the ringing to eight members.

Owing to the Yorkshire Association having two meetings arranged in the district on successive Saturdays in September, it was decided that the society's meeting for September be cancelled.

The usual votes of thanks were given to the Vicar and churchwardens of Rothwell and to the local company.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

A VISIT TO BERE REGIS.

Bere Regis proved an attractive venue for the quarterly meeting of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, which was held in the delightful old village on Saturday week. Glorious weather favoured the event, and representatives of the branch were present from Bradford-Peverell, Bere Regis, Charminster, Dorchester, Puddletown, Sydling, Upwey, Wool and Wyke Regis. The North Dorset Branch were represented by Buckhorn Weston and Kingston Magna, and the Wimborne Branch by Poole. A motor-coach left Weymouth at 2 o'clock for Bere Regis, and the representatives of the surrounding districts were picked up at Dorchester. A halt was made at Puddletown, where the members visited the fine old church and rung touches on the peal of six, and ringing at Bere Regis was continued until 4.30, when the Guild service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. W. Taylor), who also gave a thoughtful address, which was much appreciated.

The members then adjourned to the Parish Hall, where a sumptuous tea (kindly provided by Mr. W. Bedford, of the Manor House) was awaiting them. Among the welcome visitors present were Messrs. J. Keyte (hon. secretary, Chipping Norton Branch, Oxford Guild), J. R. Keyte (Charlbury), W. G. Collett (Oxford), H. Gregory (Clifton), G. B. Cole (London, late of Poole).

A short business meeting followed. In the unavoidable absence of the chairman (Mr. R. N. Dawes), Mr. W. Bedford was voted to the chair. Before the meeting began the members stood in respectful silence in memory of Mr. T. Horvey Beams, late assistant general secretary and a representative on the Central Council. The hon. secretary paid a moving tribute to his great work for ringing in Dorset.

Apologies for absence were received from the Ven. Archdeacon W. S. Moule (Abbotsbury), the Rev. E. L. Edwards (general secretary), the Rev. H. R. Gundry (master), the Rev. C. A. Phillips, the Rev. A. S. Bryant, the Rev. C. D. Job, the Rev. Wynn Werninck, Col. H. D. Robson, Messrs. R. Hawkins and W. Williams. Two life members were elected, Messrs. W. G. Collett (Oxford) and F. G. Ringe (Brentwood). The annual meeting was arranged to be held at Dorchester in December, and the hon. secretary said he would do his best to fix up one or two practice meetings between now and that month.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for conducting the service, and also for his able address and the use of the bells; also to Mr. W. Bedford for providing the tea. The hon. secretary also thanked Mr. Bedford on behalf of the Guild, not only for his kind hospitality always to them, but for what he had done in general for bells and the ringers, and in making the arrangements for the members to visit his fruit gardens. The organist was also thanked for his services.

After the meeting the members were taken round the magnificent fruit gardens and the famous 'sylvasprings' water cress beds belonging to Mr. W. Bedford. The owner personally escorted them, and the general opinion was expressed that 'everything was wonderful,' the members being greatly impressed by the abundance of fruit.

After this the members again adjourned to the tower and others went on to Wool, and good practice was made throughout the afternoon and evening, the following methods being rung: Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob, Little Bob, Kent and Oxford and Cambridge Minor. This ended a most delightful meeting.

Bere Regis is the 'King's Bere' of Thomas Hardy's famous novel, 'Tess of the d'Urbervilles.' It is situated on a hillside and commands extensive views over Purbeck and the coast. The church, built about 1100, was restored by Street with excellent results in 1875, and is a fine edifice, principally perpendicular, but there is a good deal of Norman work in the interior and a fine transition Norman font is noticeable. The carved wood roof of the nave is also remarkable, with its fine beams decorated with effigies half life size in the dress of the time, and some fine bosses. The figures are supposed to represent the Apostles and have been carefully restored. The fine pinnacled western tower contains a glorious peal of six bells, tenor 18½ cwt. in the key of D. Previous to 1921 there were five bells, in a very bad state, but, thanks to Mr. W. Bedford, these were rehung in new iron frames and a treble added to complete the peal.

DEVIZES BRANCH.

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Upavon on Saturday. Ringing commenced about 3 p.m. and the Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. Joyce-Watson, M.A.). Tea followed, after which a short business meeting was held. In the absence of the chairman (Mr. C. D. Heginbotham), the vice-chairman (Mr. B. Cook) presided.

The Vicar welcomed the branch to Upavon, and, on behalf of those present, the vice-chairman thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells and conducting the service. Reference was made to the death of Mr. T. Horvey Beams, of Bradnole, Dorset, and the loss the Guild had sustained thereby. Those present stood in silence as a token of respect.

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DEATH OF MR. W. R. BOND, OF CRAYFORD.

The death occurred on Saturday, August 23rd, of Mr. W. R. Bond, a faithful and valued member of the band at Crayford for over 30 years, who passed away at the age of 47. He attended practice on the previous Tuesday evening, when he said he felt a little 'off colour.' The next day he went to London, but collapsed on London Bridge platform. The railway officials telephoned to Mrs. Bond to meet him at Crayford. The doctor advised him to go to bed and rest which he did, and he appeared quite bright and comfortable until Friday, when he became worse, and, despite the efforts of the local doctors and a specialist, he passed away in the early hours of Saturday morning.

He was never what one might call 'peal hungry.' He would always come if required and was always happy to stand out, and, what is more, he would always come at a minute's notice if a band found themselves a man short when ready to start for a peal. Almost his last peal was one of these occasions when a band met short in a neighbouring parish. 'Bill' was rung up, and half an hour later the bells were going and the peal rung. Such was his disposition.

He always regarded his Sunday ringing as a duty, and everything else had to take second place. His peals, of which he had no record, numbered between 70 and 80, ranging from Grandsire to Double Norwich. One of these he was always extremely proud of, viz., what, apparently, is the quickest peal of Triples yet rung on tower bells—Stedman at Crayford on August 30th last year in 2 hours 14 minutes, to which he rang the tenor.

The funeral took place at Crayford on August 28th, and a muffled peal was rung to his memory on August 30th, as recorded in last week's issue of 'The Ringing World.' He leaves a widow and two children to mourn their loss.

On Sunday morning, Canon Gedge, the blind Rector of Crayford, in his sermon referred to Mr. Bond's death. They were at that time, he said, denoting the loss of Mr. W. R. Bond, whom they had just laid to rest, and who had been called away at an early age. He had found in Mr. Bond a kind personal friend, and his passing left them all the poorer.

A NORTHAMPTONSHIRE TOUR.

Another 'ringing week' begins on Saturday, when a party of well-known ringers will begin a peal programme, principally among Northamptonshire towers, but including also towers in Rutland, Huntingdonshire and Cambridgeshire. Headquarters will be at the Bull Hotel, Irthlingborough, Northants, and it is interesting to note, as showing the readiness of authorities to grant the use of their bells, that permission was granted for every tower applied for except one.

Saturday, September 13th: Oakham (Rutland), 3.30 p.m.

Sunday, September 14th: Wicken, 2 p.m.

Monday, September 15th: Titchmarsh, 9.30 a.m.; Thrapston, 2.30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 16th: Higham Ferrers, 9.30 a.m.; Burton Latimer, 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 17th: Rothwell, 9.30 a.m.; Desborough, 2.30 p.m.

Thursday, September 18th: Hazelbeech, 9.30 a.m.; Northampton (St. Sepulchre's), 2.30 p.m.

Friday, September 19th: Finedon, 9.30 a.m.; Irthlingborough, 2.30 p.m.

Saturday, September 20th: St. Neots (Hunts), 9.30 a.m.; Bourn (Cambs), 2.30 p.m.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At Conisborough, Yorks, on Tuesday, September 2nd, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: J. Rands 1, C. Urch (conductor) 2, S. Harrison 3, M. Fowler 4, P. Gledstone 5, O. Greathead 6, R. Sarsby 7, W. Lewis 8. Rang with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Nicholson, churchwarden of the above church for upwards of 20 years, who was interred at Doncaster the same day.

At Tottenhall, Staffs, on Wednesday, September 3rd, with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. Jethro Jones, F.S.A., for many years a chorister of St. Michael and All Angels, and who was laid to rest on this date, also to J. T. Simmons, a nephew of the tenor ringer, who was interred on Monday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 53 mins.: R. Pickering (conductor) 1, J. W. Taylor 2, H. T. Piner 3, K. C. Taylor 4, H. J. Lockley 5, A. Bennett 6, B. Dalton 7, T. W. Bate 8.

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Mr. G. Winter, of Devizes, was elected a ringing member, and Mr. D. C. Heginbotham as a life member.

Ringers were present from Upavon, Devizes (St. John and St. Mary), Swindon, Rowde, Bratton, Melksham and Warminster. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge and Plain Bob Minor were rung during the afternoon and evening.

The next meeting is to be at Westbury on October 4th, if the bells are available.

BIG ESSEX PARTY IN SURREY.

Glorious weather favoured the Loughton and Woodford ringers on Saturday week, when with their friends and members of the Wansled band, 51 in all, they toured some of the most charming parts of Surrey. An early start was made in order to avoid the congested traffic of the Metropolis. For a time the chief topic of conversation was the tropical storm that had disturbed the slumbers of most of the party. The marvels of the London traffic, however, soon seized the attention, and the careful and speedy manipulation of the super coaches brought forth striking comparisons from those in the party who had taken their early outings in brakes and horse-drawn vehicles. London Bridge, ever attractive to the passers-by, was soon left behind, and once beyond the 'Elephant and Castle,' thoughts of the first pull began to arise. The country aspect gradually began to predominate, especially as the coaches approached Sandown Park.

The first halt was made at Cobham. Mr. W. James welcomed the ringers and led the way to St. Andrew's Church, where several touches of Plain Bob, Grandsire Doubles and Kent Treble Bob were rung on a light musical six. Ringing is done from the ground floor of the Norman tower, built of rubble in pudding stone, the walls being 3ft. 6in. thick. The doorway in the south aisle has interesting zigzag and billet mouldings, whilst the oak tracery in the porch is 14th century work. Historical associations are connected with the north-east chantry, built about 1200, probably by the monks of Chertsey Abbey for their special masses. By order of Pope Innocent, 1292, all the titles of Cobham Church were paid over to the Abbey. During the last century much has been done to restore and beautify the church. All the windows are of stained glass, whilst a large oil painting of Abraham preparing to slay Isaac adorns the Children's Corner.

A quick run was then made to Chiddingfold, via Ripley, Guildford, Godalming, Milford and Witley, the landscape at Ripley and Witley being most picturesque. Mr. A. J. Bartlett and Mr. T. Atwell welcomed the party at St. Mary's Church, but time would only allow short touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples on a light well-sounding eight, which contains one of the few pre-Reformation bells found in Surrey. The church developed as the place prospered, a Royal Charter in 1300 establishing it as a market town. The tower, shunted and unimposing, was probably built in the 15th century, and raised 14ft. in 1870. The ringing floor is reached by going up a stairway in the church and passing through a trap door, an unusual and awkward contrivance. The nave pillars are high and massive. Many stained glass windows, chiefly memorials, give the interior a reverential tone. A lancet window near the tower is filled with many pieces of ancient glass discovered in the neighbourhood. A rather extensive library is set up at the back of the church clearly indicating that Chiddingfold believes in an educated congregation. The churchyard has many interesting tombs and memorials, the one attracting considerable attention being the gravestone set up in memory of Arthur Stedman, blacksmith, who died in 1766. The epitaph reads as follows:—

'My sledge hammer lie declin'd,
My bellows, too, have lost their wind,
My fire is out, my forge decay'd,
And in the dust my vice is laid.
My coal is spent, my iron gone,
My nail is drove, my work is done.'

Dinner was taken at Haslemere at Burgess' Restaurant, where the fare and timely attention reflected the greatest credit on the manageress, Miss E. Pincott. The Parish Church was visited, but there was a general regret that permission was not granted to use the bells, a well-reputed peal of ten.

The last halt was made at Staines, after passing through such interesting places as Hindhead, Churt, Farnham and Bagshot. Tea was served in the Parish Hall, Mr. E. W. Butler welcoming the party, the good fare provided being appreciated. At the conclusion a hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. J. Chalk (Wanstead) and carried with acclamation to the organisers of the outing, Mr. J. Rann (Loughton) and Mr. C. Moss (Woodford), and to Sergt. Thorpe (Loughton), who had energetically guided the party over a long route. St. Mary's tower, built by the famous Inigo Jones in 1631, was visited, and several touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Kent Treble Bob were rung on a good going and well-sounding eight, members of the Middlesex Association taking part.

A quick return to the coaches followed, for the sun had already set, and the programme had been completed. Joyous moments had been spent, fresh acquaintances made, old friendships strengthened, and hopes expressed that all might be snared to partake in the next annual outing. 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.

ACCIDENT IN UXBRIDGE BELFRY.

Mr. T. Smith, ringer and towerkeeper of St. Andrew's Church, Uxbridge, Middlesex, met with a painful accident in the belfry on Friday, August 22nd. After winding the church clock, he slipped off the ladder leading from the clock chamber and fell to the floor, injuring his ribs. He was taken to Uxbridge Cottage Hospital and is progressing favourably.

A HAPPY REUNION.

'The more we are together,
The merrier we'll be.'

Thirty-two years ago this August a 'heterogeneous' band of ringers went to Shrewsbury. Another such band, at the invitation of Mr. W. W. Worthington, of Lichfield, met at St. Paul's, Burton, on Saturday, August 30th, and, after the usual exchange of greetings, motored off to Monk's Kirby, Leicestershire—a splendid run. On arrival an inspection of the church was made—always an interesting item at ringers' outings—then to the belfry, where touches of Stedman and Double Norwich were the order. A hunt was then made to find a tombstone, recording the name of a man who had, so Billy Smith said, 40 children. Anyhow, the stone was not found, and we made off to Claybrooke. After ringing Stedman Triples, the writer asked young Jim George to call a touch of Double Norwich in honour of a loving friend, Miss Winifred Walker, who had just been married at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on that day. Then we drove off to 'The Land of Carraway Seed Sop'—Burbage—where again Stedman and Double Norwich were the order. Next a short drive brought us to the junction of roads where stands an ancient monument to mark the exact centre of England. The country must have warped a lot since it was placed there, as Meriden is claimed as the centre now!

All aboard again; off we go to 'The Tin Hat,' Hinckley. Why it is thus called I do not know, but I have heard this:—

Let the Hinckley pump
Take a hop, stride and jump
If ever I cease to love.

Only a very short time was left to have a touch here. Several of the local ringers welcomed us, which was much appreciated. Then rather a long run to the home of the Squire of Maple Hayes, Lichfield, who took young Jim with him to have a 'quick one' before the rest arrived, but we soon answered the call. A stroll round the beautiful gardens and grounds, which looked a perfect picture, and then dinner, the next and most important item, as the 'Guv.' called it. Real old English fare, the rest of the evening being spent in handbell ringing, young Maurice 'ringing' a touch on the piano with young Jim calling. The best thanks to the Squire was proposed by Mr. J. Jaggard, seconded by Mr. J. George, and carried with acclamation. Mr. Worthington's reply bearing out the lines at the head of this report. The arrangements for the happy reunion were thoughtfully made by Mr. Worthington and Mr. J. Swinfield with every success.

J. J.

A DAY IN 'OUR OWN COUNTRY.'

BY A BERKSHIRE MAN.

On a recent Monday the ringers of St. Laurence's, Reading, with the Vicar and a few friends, met at the tower at 8 a.m. for their annual outing, and spent it in their own county of Berkshire. Hagbourne was the first stop and the glorious peal of eight were soon rolling round to Stedman Triples and Grandsire. Then on to Abingdon, where the noble church, with five aisles, was much admired. Here a service was in progress with a wedding to follow, so ringing was curtailed. Anyhow, two touches of Grandsire Caters were brought round on the fine ten, and everyone had a pull. Then to that 'mecca' of all Berkshire ringers, Appleton, where some of the youngsters could not believe that ten bells could be hung in the tower they were looking at across the meadows. An excellent lunch was laid under a spreading chestnut tree and enjoyed the more, because our friend and 'master,' the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, arrived just in time to sit down with us. Then to the tower, where, with the help of some of the '20,000' veterans, Stedman Caters and Grandsire Caters were brought round on this truly wonderful peal. Next, to Drayton, where the Rev. F. E. Robinson lived as Vicar for so many years. Grandsire and Stedman went well here, and Miss Vera Robinson, who was with the party, was able to point out many specimens of her late father's handiwork as a carver in the choir stalls and organ case with which he enriched the church. Then over the glorious Berkshire Downs to East Isley with (to quote the Vicar's account in the parish magazine) 'its red roofs and bowering trees lying in a steep hollow of the hills.' As the time was 6 p.m., tea was the first necessity, and the youngsters still talk of the feed they had under the roof of Mr. and Mrs. W. Hibbert (brother to their ringing master). This village was celebrated for many years for the training of racehorses and its sheep fairs.

'Isley, remote upon the Berkshire Downs,

Claims these distinctions o'er her sister towns:

Far famed for sheep and wool, though not for spinners,

For sportsmen, doctors, publicans and sinners.'

The climb up to the church after such a tea was rather trying, but after Stedman and Grandsire Triples and two touches of Rob Major, several made the ascent of various ladders to the top of the tower and enjoyed a glorious view over the rolling downs. At 9 p.m. we left 'home' for our homes, one stop being made at the top of 'Applesia Hill' for a last look over a piece of beautiful countryside. Everyone expressed the opinion that it was a very fine day's outing, and the hope that they may be able to visit the same places and the same people again. The 'Old Man' was very pleased at the way the children 'shaped' at the various towers.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—At the Parish Church, for evensong, on Sunday, September 7th, in 52 mins., a quarter-peal of Bob Royal (1,260 changes): F. West 1, F. Hayes (conductor) 2, F. Boreham 3, G. Hinton (first quarter of Royal) 4, E. Markham 5, G. Twitchen 6, G. White 7, R. Coles 8, S. T. Goodchild 9, J. W. Wilkins 10.

PUTNEY.—At St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples for evening service on September 7th: W. Malins (conductor) 1, Arthur Jones 2, W. H. Ball 3, C. W. Otley 4, C. Moody 5, W. T. Elson 6, J. Herbert 7, F. Hendy 8.

WINDSOR.—On Sunday, September 7th, in 49 mins., a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): J. Chesterman 1, H. G. Owen 2, A. R. Gale (first quarter-peal in the method) 3, T. S. Smith 4, W. E. Taylor 5, L. Stilwell 6, W. Henley 7, G. Gilbert (conductor) 8. Ring as a 21st birthday compliment to R. Barton, of Slough band. Treble ringer from Basingstoke, 7th Farnham Royal, 5th and tenor from Maidenhead.

ABERAVON, GLAM.—On Sunday, September 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), all singles, in 45 mins.: W. Williams 1, G. W. Hollis 2, C. Mathers 3, E. Stith (conductor) 4, A. Hunt 5, F. E. Stone 6, A. J. Pitman 7, J. Weathersby 8. Mr. A. Hunt and Mr. G. W. Hollis were on a visit from Cefn and Pembrey.

ROTHWELL, YORKS.—On Sunday, September 7th, at Holy Trinity Church, for evensong, 720 Bob Minor: J. Wornald (first 720) 1, F. Ellis (first 720 inside) 2, G. Copley 3, A. Wornald 4, T. W. Stragway (conductor) 5, G. W. Steel 6.

STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS.—At St. Giles' Church on Sunday, September 7th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: T. Trasler 1, E. Yates 2, H. C. Edwards 3, E. C. Lambert 4, T. C. Tompkins 5, A. J. Giles 6. The first non-conducted 720 by all the band.

PAIGNTON, DEVON.—On Sunday, September 7th, for evening service, five courses of 840 Grandsire Triples in 34 mins.: F. Allwood 1, A. L. Bennett (conductor) 2, W. H. Lewis (Hope, Wrexham), longest length on eight bells, 3, H. G. Lewis 4, G. L. Hewitt (Coalbrookdale) 5, F. E. Parnell 6, C. R. Walker 7, C. Boyce 8. Longest length as conductor.

WATFORD, HERTS.—At the Parish Church for morning service on Sunday, September 7th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 51 mins.: W. Crowsley 1, R. Picton 2, S. Hoare (conductor) 3, H. Milton 4, H. Long 5, F. Edwards 6, W. Norris 7, W. Oakley 8.

LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, August 31st, at Holy Trinity Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: E. Wadey 1, W. Watts (conductor) 2, G. Woodman 3, W. Charman 4, G. Feist 5, J. Cook 6, R. Langridge 7, W. Thorns 8. Ring in honour of E. Wadey's 21st birthday.

LONDON.—On Sunday, August 3rd, for evensong, at St. Clement Dunes, Strand, 1,253 Stedman Caters in 47 mins.: G. Grainger 1, C. W. Roberts 2, E. J. King (conductor) 3, A. T. Greenwood 4, T. Newman 5, J. R. Gammon 6, W. D. Grainger 7, G. H. Daynes 8, R. F. Deal 9, F. W. Rogers 10.

BURNHAM-ON-SEA, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, August 3rd, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: J. Hobbs (Burnham) 1, H. Knight (Wolverhampton), conductor, 2, J. E. Lilley (Congresbury) 3, G. H. Preen (Burnham) 4, A. Evans (Burnham) 5, L. Tanner (Weston) 6, C. R. Lilley (Congresbury) 7, A. Ritson 8.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.—On Sunday, for evensong, 720 Spliced Immanuel, Lightfoot, Stamford, Wearmouth, Annable's London and Nelherseale: E. Woodage 1, N. Marshall 2, J. Bassett 3, A. Marshall 4, J. Waghorn 5, A. Relfe (conductor) 6.

CREWE BELLRINGERS' PICNIC.

The ringers of Christ Church, Crewe, had a very happy and enjoyable outing on Saturday, August 23rd, to Loughborough Bell Foundry. Leaving Crewe at 5 a.m., they proceeded to Leicester, where breakfast awaited them, afterwards continuing their journey to Loughborough. They straightaway then made their way to Taylor's Bell Foundry, and were met by Mr. J. P. Fidler, who proved a splendid guide during their tour of the works. Ringing was much enjoyed on the foundry bells, and, as they are such a light peal, the visitors also found them quite amusing. Touches of Double Norwich, Stedman Triples, Grandsire Caters and a Speedway Course of Bob Minor were much enjoyed, with the assistance of some of the local ringers.

After lunch ringing took place on the fine peal of ten at Loughborough Parish Church, and included touches of Bob Royal and Stedman Caters, again with the help of the local band. The party next made their way back to Leicester for tea and more ringing, this time on another fine peal, the bells of the Church of St. John the Divine, where the party were again made welcome by the local ringers, and touches of Grandsire Caters, Stedman Caters, Kent Royal and Cambridge Royal were rung. This concluded the ringing for the day, but before leaving for home a very happy hour was spent in a certain little 'snug' round the corner from the church.

R. D. L.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on September 30th, St. Magnus' on the 25th, *St. Lawrence Jewry on the 16th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 18th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Holy Trinity, Shaftesbury (6 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 (6d. for members). Meeting to follow. Towers available: Shaftesbury Holy Trinity and St. Peter's (6), Shaftesbury St. James' (6) alternately Motcombe (6), Fontmell Magna (6), Compton Abbas (5).—A. E. Nedham, Hon. Sec., Compton Abbas Rectory, Shaftesbury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By the kind permission of Rev. A. Clark a bye-meeting will be held at Hernehill, near Faversham, on Saturday, Sept. 13th.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Secretary, Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Bocking. — Re-opening of the bells of St. Mary's Church, Saturday, Sept. 13th. Service 3 p.m. Preacher: The Lord Bishop of Chelmsford. All ringers will be welcome.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen Street, Earls Colne, Essex.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Eccleston on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells available from 2.30.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at East Claydon on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells (5) ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at 1s. each and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Please send numbers for tea to E. F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 92, High Street, Winslow, Bucks.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Hendon, Sept. 13th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, usual terms, at 5.30. Please advise me. All ringers welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Notts, on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. (price 1s. each). —J. W. England, Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (West Division). **GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (Leatherhead District).—A joint meeting will be held at Horsham on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. and tea after. Please send numbers for tea to A. H. Smith, 26, Church Street, Leatherhead.—A. W. Groves and A. H. Smith, Hon. Secs.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.— Guildford District.—Meeting at Dunsfold on September 13th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, nr. Guildford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Halsall on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock.—James Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 13th, at St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway. Bells from 3.30 p.m. Tea, meeting, etc., at 5 p.m. Visitors welcome.—J. A. Waugh, Dis. Sec., 8, Fullers Road, E.18.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Woodhouse Eaves on Saturday, September 13th. Bells (6) available from 3.15 p.m. By special permission the bells of St. Mary's-in-the-Elms Church, Old Woodhouse, will also be open for a short time after tea. Both places are local beauty spots in the Charnwood Forest, and everyone is welcome. Tea can be obtained in Woodhouse Eaves.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Worth on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Tower opened 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Long Eaton on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Sawley bells not available for this meeting. All ringers welcome. Will members who have not paid their subscriptions for 1930 kindly do so at this meeting?—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Andover, Sept. 13th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in the church 4.30. Tea at 5. Business meeting follows.—Mr. F. Knapp, Highclere, Newbury.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Turvey on Saturday, Sept. 13th. The peal of 8 will be available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Visitors heartily welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Dis. Sec., Stagsden.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A meeting will be held at Welford on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Those requiring tea please notify me.—R. Adams, East Haddon.

BUSHEY HEATH (8 bells).—Saturday, September 13th. Ringing from 3.30. Tea at 5.30. Cheap tickets from all stations, either train or motor coach. Nearest rail station, Bushey. All coaches stop at church.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Thurlaston on Saturday, September 13th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea provided 5 p.m. All ringers are welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—A quarterly meeting is to be held at Kingston, near Corfe Castle, on Saturday, September 13th. Ringing from 3. Service at 4.30. Address by the Vicar, the Ven. G. C. A. Smith. Tea at 5.15, followed by business meeting.—A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Secretary.

EARLS COLNE.—Re-opening of the bells of St. Andrew's Church on Sunday, Sept. 14th. Service at 3 p.m. — F. Ringwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Ottery St. Mary on Wednesday, Sept. 17th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All ringers will be welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Branch Sec., Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at St. Matthew's, Holbeck, on Saturday, Sept. 20th, on the occasion of the dedication of the recast ring of 8 (by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston). Service at 3.15 p.m. Address by Vicar of Leeds. Tea will be provided free, through the generosity of a friend, for all ringers who send in their names to Mr. G. H. Spink, 33, Willoughby View, Holbeck, Leeds, by Thursday, Sept. 18th. To all whose names are received after that date a charge of 1s. per head will be made. The bells available after service until 9 p.m.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Wirral Branch) & LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Liverpool Branch).—A combined meeting will be held at Christ Church, Port Sunlight, on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30. Will those requiring tea please let me know not later than Tuesday, Sept. 16th?—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Longcot on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Tower open 2.30. Service 3.45. Those requiring tea please notify G. Webley, Faringdon, by Sept. 17th.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The autumn meeting of the Reading Branch will be held at Checkendon on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Tower open from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 6 p.m. All who are intending to be present please let me know by Wednesday, Sept. 17th. All are welcome.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Branch Sec., 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Wortley, near Sheffield, on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (8) available from 3. Tea 5.30, at 1s. each. Please notify Mr. W. A. Wooler, Sheffield Road, Wortley, by the 19th for same. Will members pay outstanding subscriptions at this meeting as the financial year ends on Sept. 30th next?—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Tring on Sept. 20th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Meeting after. Will all those in charge of towers remember that subscriptions for the current year are due? — F. Puppelt, Hon. Sec., Aylesbury Road, Tring.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Barton-le-Cley on Saturday, September 20th. The bells (8) will be available at 3 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Christ Church, Macclesfield, on Saturday, September 20th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. A new peal tablet will be unveiled at this meeting.

LADIES' GUILD.—A joint meeting of the Northern and Lincolnshire Districts will be held at Sutton-on-Trent on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Service at 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify Miss Burchnall, Pembroke House, Sutton-on-Trent, Notts, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 17th. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Mrs. R. Richardson, Hon. Sec., Surfleet.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch. — A meeting of the above branch will be held at Clent on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. All members please notify me not later than the 16th.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wellingborough Branch.—The augmented peal of 8 bells and the new clock at Irchester Parish Church will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Peterborough on Saturday, Sept. 20th. The service will be at 3 o'clock. A public tea will afterwards be held in the Schoolroom at a charge of 8d. per head. The bells will be at liberty for ringing during the whole of the evening. Will those who wish to attend the tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Sept. 16th?—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Waldron on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, at the Memorial Hall (by the kind invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. R. W. D. Stephenson, M.A.). Will those who intend to be present kindly advise me not later than Wednesday, Sept. 17th?—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, September 20th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 p.m., meeting to follow. Will all desiring tea kindly let me know by September 17th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—Monk's Kirby is the place for the next meeting on Saturday, September 20th. Bells available during afternoon and evening. Tea (1s. 3d.) at 5 o'clock at the Denbigh Arms Hotel.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Knebworth on Saturday, September 20th. The bells (8) will be ready at 3 p.m. Short service, followed by tea at 5 p.m. Please make a point of attending this meeting. All ringers and friends welcome. A card, if you require tea, will be much appreciated.—D. C. Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin, Herts.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ringwood on Saturday, September 20th. Bells available 3 p.m.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., Christchurch.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hamer, Rochdale, on Saturday, September 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Highworth on Saturday, September 20th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., for those who notify me, at 1s. per head.—S. Hopper, 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The next meeting of the branch will be held at Chiseldon on Saturday, September 20th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. Those requiring tea kindly notify the secretary, Cyril Hussey, East Lease, Baydon, Marlborough, Wilts.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Uttoxeter on Saturday, September 20th. Tea will be provided for all who notify Mr. R. G. Lewis, 36, Heath Cross, Uttoxeter, not later than September 17th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Tideswell, on Saturday, September 20th, not September 27th as previously announced. Church of St. John-the-Baptist (8 bells, tenor 13 cwt.) available afternoon and evening. Tea at a small charge will be provided to those who notify Mr. Giles Chapman, Belmont House, Tideswell.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

CUDHAM, KENT.—The augmented ring of ten, by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be dedicated on Sunday, Sept. 21st, at 3 p.m. Bells will be open for ringing from 4 to 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Calverley, near Leeds, on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (8) will be available for ringing throughout the day. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. per head, and applications for same must reach Mr. G. Thompson, 28, Portman Street, Calverley, near Leeds, not later than first post Tuesday, Sept. 23rd. Members are reminded that the financial year ends on Sept. 30th, and all outstanding subscriptions should be paid before that date.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Castle Hedingham on Saturday, September 27th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Sible Hedingham bells (8) also available. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by morning of the 23rd inst., to enable me to make arrangements?—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Wye on Saturday, September 27th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30, followed by business meeting; election of officers and other matters. A good attendance is hoped for. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting at Fressingfield on Saturday, September 27th. Tea at Vicarage at 4.30, free to all sending me word. Meeting follows.—Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bridlington on Saturday, September 27th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. See circular for further details.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Liverpool on Saturday, September 27th. Towers available: Garston (8), Woolton (8), St. Francis Xavier's (8), from 12 noon; St. Nicholas' (12) from 2 p.m. Others may be arranged for if desired. The branch secretary will be in attendance at St. Nicholas' Church from 11.30 a.m. to give any information. Service in St. Nicholas' Church 4 p.m. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Liverpool. Tea in the Strand Cafe, The Strand, 5 p.m. (2s. each). Meeting to follow in the same room. Notify me for tea by first post on Tuesday, September 23rd.—Claude I. Davies, Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District. —The next meeting will be held at Hersham on Saturday, September 27th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., tea and meeting following. All ringers are heartily welcome at this meeting. Those requiring tea kindly let me know by Wednesday, September 24th.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Church Oakley, on Saturday, September 27th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea, followed by business meeting, 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to district secretary, Wolverton Rectory, Basingstoke, by September 24th, please.—D. L. Board.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting at Enville on Saturday, September 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.45, with an address by the Rector, the Rev. W. F. O'Neil Fisher. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Motor will leave Railway Street (top Railway Drive), Wolverhampton, at 2.30; return fare 2s. 6d. Please send word re motor by 17th, and for tea not later than 23rd inst. Reports ready for distribution.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Next general quarterly meeting will be at Bottesford (8 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Full details later. Will each local secretary let me have list of all hon. members paid to this date, so lists can be revised? Please make urgent effort to get all subscriptions in by them.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Clitheroe on Saturday, October 4th. Bells available from 3 p.m. A good attendance requested.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The annual commemoration dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowden and past officers of the Yorkshire Association will be held at the Windmill Hotel, Blossom Street, York, on Saturday, Oct. 11th, at 6 p.m. prompt. By the courtesy of the Very Rev. the Dean of York the fine ring of 12 at the Minster will be available for ringing during the afternoon. All applications for tickets, for which a charge of 5s. 6d. each will be made, should reach Mr. G. Horner, 16, Clifton Green, York, not later than first post Tuesday, Oct. 7th.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Leeds on Saturday, October 11th. Bells available at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Half fares up to 2s. paid to members at this meeting.

All ringers welcome. Please notify early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern and Central Districts.—A combined meeting will be held at St. Laurence's, Reading, on Saturday, October 11th. Further particulars later.—H. F. Mills.

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SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—A district meeting will be held at Benhall on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m.—C. F. Bailey, 20, Hayling's Road, Leiston.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—CRICH, DERBYSHIRE.—Dedication of bells before calling first peal rung on the bells since augmentation to eight, Saturday, September 20th, at 4.30 p.m. Bells ready at 3 p.m. All members taking part and all ringers invited to tea at 5 p.m. Names to be sent to W. Piggin, Townend, Crich, Matlock, by Sept. 18th.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Hope, near Caergwrle, on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (6) available at 2 p.m. Service at 3 p.m. Ringers intending to be present please notify me not later than Sept. 17th.—W. Catherall, Hon. Sec., 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch. —Rededication of Hampstead Norris bells on Sunday, Sept. 21st, at 6 p.m., by the Archdeacon, the Ven. Wickham Legg. All ringers welcomed. Bells (6) open for ringing from 7-9 p.m.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly meeting and six-bell contest at Longwood, Huddersfield, on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Draw 2.45 p.m. Only those who apply for tea (1s. 6d. each) will be provided for. Closing date, Sept. 22nd.—L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

UXBRIDGE.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Saturday, August 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: F. Corke 1, P. E. Jones 2, J. H. Lucas 3, E. Hancox (conductor) 4, R. Warnett 5, E. G. Swift 6, R. Carter 7, C. Nicholls 8. Rung after the wedding of Miss Allison, well-known churchworker at Uxbridge.

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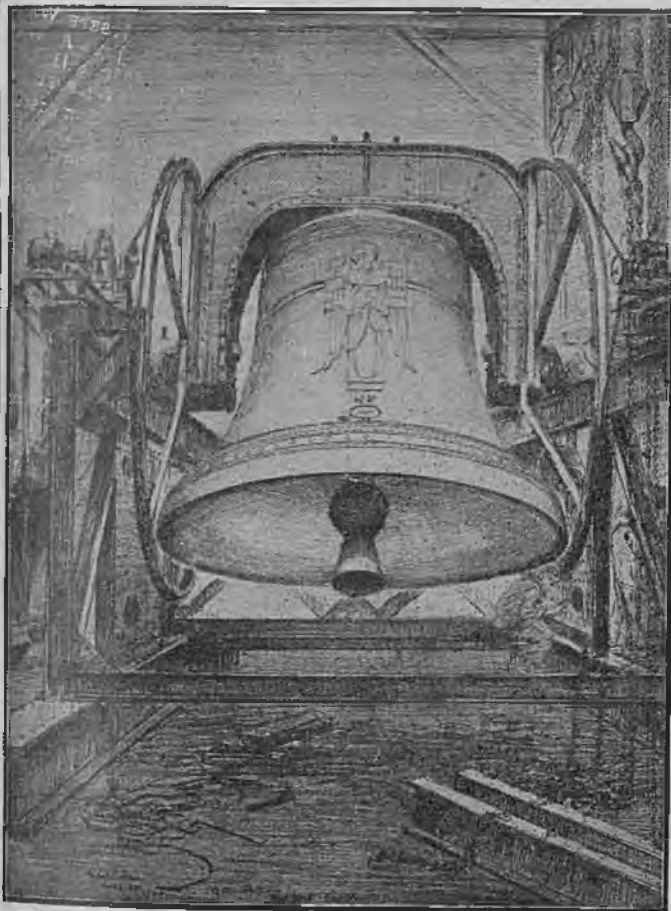
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An extremely useful and interesting library could be built up in course of time, and it should not only contain the textbooks on ringing which are already in circulation. These should be but the nucleus. There are many volumes of great interest dealing with bell history, as well as works of reference, which should find their way into the tower bookcase, and the gradual building up of the library would prove a source of interest to the ringers. It is probable that in many towers a beginning could be made by gifts or loans from members, and only recently a practical suggestion was made by Canon Coleridge that, in regard to two forthcoming volumes, ringers should get their Church Councils to buy them. Where Church authorities are able to assist in this way, the start of a library will be made considerably easier, although most ringers who have had dealings with Councils are rather sceptical as to the outcome of applications for funds for this purpose.

However this may be, the ringers at every tower ought to make an effort to begin a library. The standard works on method ringing, association annual reports for reference, and the bound volumes of 'The Ringing World' should form the basis of the collection; new works as they are issued could be added, and volumes of bell history could be acquired as opportunity offered. With every new tower library more ringers would have at hand a means of extending their knowledge, which individuals cannot, except in a limited number of instances, hope to acquire. Co-operative effort can do great things, and a pooling of resources, if nothing more, would help to make a useful start. The first step in a matter of this kind is the most important, and often the most difficult. But once a start is made, ringers themselves will be anxious

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(St. Mary-le-Tower Society.)

On Saturday, September 13, 1930, in Three Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

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| ROBERT H. BRUNDLE 2 | Treble | JOHN F. TILLET 7 |
| CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 2 | | WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 8 |
| WILLIAM TILLET 3 | | CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 9 |
| HOBART E. SMITH 4 | | WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 10 |
| GEORGE A. FLEMING 5 | | GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 11 |
| HAROLD E. SYMONDS 6 | | FREDERICK J. TILLET ... Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

First peal of Pudsey Surprise Maximus ever rung. Rung in honour of Mr. Brundle's 79th birthday. The St. Mary-le-Tower Society has now rung eleven different Maximus methods within the last ten years.

TEN BELL PEAL.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.On Saturday, September 13, 1930, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

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| FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW 6 | Treble | WILLIAM WELLING 6 |
| *ALBERT R. G. TWINN 2 | | FRANK CORKE 7 |
| GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 3 | | ARTHUR HARDING 8 |
| *FREDERICK G. BALDWIN ... 4 | | CECIL C. MAYNE 9 |
| PHYLLIS M. MAYNE 5 | | WILLIAM HONOR Tenor |

Composed by G. R. FARDON. Conducted by F. W. GOODFELLOW.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to the wife of the conductor. Both Mr. and Mrs. Goodfellow, together with the ringers of the 2nd, 4th and tenor, are members of the local band.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILDOn Monday, September 8, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

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|-----------------------------|--------|-----------------------------|
| CHARLES W. ROBERTS 5 | Treble | *JOHN H. CRAMPION 5 |
| ERNEST BRETT 2 | | CECIL W. PIPE 6 |
| *JOHN A. WAUGH 3 | | WILFRED WILLIAMS 7 |
| EDWIN F. PIKE 4 | | JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor |

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.
* First peal of Double Norwich Major. The ringers of the 2nd and 7th have now rung every bell in the tower to a peal.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 10, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb.

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| REV. WM. C. PEARSON 5 | Treble | WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 5 |
| GEORGE A. FLEMING 2 | | WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 6 |
| GEORGE PRYKE 3 | | THOMAS W. LAST 7 |
| ALPHAEUS J. BERRY 4 | | JAMES BENNETT Tenor |

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by Wm. C. RUMSEY.
The thanks of the band are due to the Vicar for so kindly filling the breach at the last moment.

WILBY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, September 11, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

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| ALPHRUS J. BERRY Treble | WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 5 |
| JAMES BETTS 2 | GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL 6 |
| GEORGE PRYKE 3 | THOMAS W. LAST 7 |
| WILLIAM J. GROOM 4 | JAMES BENNETT Tenor |

Composed by E. BARNETT.

Conducted by WM. C. RUMSEY.

This peal, together with the one at Henley, was arranged to oblige the ringer of the tenor while on holiday in the district. The conductor's 350th peal.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 11, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Edward,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 15 cwt.

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| ROBERT HEAZEL Treble | *FRANK B. LUFKIN 5 |
| GEORGE R. PYE 2 | ERNEST W. FURBANK 6 |
| FRANK G. RINGE 3 | ERNEST J. BUTLER 7 |
| WILLIAM H. THEOBALD 4 | EDWARD D. SMITH Tenor |

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

* First Surprise peal.

OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, September 13, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SHIPWAY'S VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART.

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| *THOMAS JONES Treble | ALBERT D. COLLINS 5 |
| ALFRED FALLON 2 | HARRY BOSWELL 6 |
| WILLIAM A. JONES 3 | ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 7 |
| HERBERT E. BOOTH 4 | JAMES SHAW Tenor |

Conducted by A. GREENFIELD.

* First peal and first attempt.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 13, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-within-the-Walls,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION. Tenor 14 cwt.

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| THOMAS BUTLER, SEN. Treble | EDWARD V. RODENBURST 5 |
| ROBERT SPERRING 2 | JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 6 |
| *JOHN A. RANGLES 3 | THOMAS R. BUTLER 7 |
| ARTHUR NEWELL 4 | GEORGE R. JONES Tenor |

Conducted by THOMAS R. BUTLER.

* First peal of Stedman 'inside' and first attempt.

CHADDLESLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 13, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Cassian,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt, 23 lb.

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| THOMAS J. SALTER Treble | THOMAS HEMMING 5 |
| ROBERT MATTHEWS 2 | HECTOR G. BIRD 6 |
| *JOSEPH E. LAWRENCE 3 | JOHN LLOYD 7 |
| CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 4 | †WILLIAM ROBERTS Tenor |

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal. This was the quarterly peal for the Branch and a birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Hector G. Bird.

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On Saturday, September 13, 1930, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Illtyd,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

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| *FRANK J. BAILEY Treble | GEORGE POPNELL 5 |
| JOHN W. JONES 2 | CHARLES H. PERRY 6 |
| JOHN PHILLIPS 3 | ALBERT J. PITMAN 7 |
| ERNEST STITCH 4 | ALFRED W. WRIGHT Tenor |

Conducted by CHARLES H. PERRY.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal of Stedman as conductor.

FULNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 13, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| ARTHUR GROUND Treble | HARRY NICHOLS 5 |
| ARTHUR J. FARR 2 | WILLIAM E. CLARKE 6 |
| RICHARD SMITH 3 | JOHN G. AMES 7 |
| FRANK DEWEY 4 | *REGINALD HOWARD Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

* First peal.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 13, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bridget,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt.

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| ROBERT E. SUMMERS Treble | DONALD G. CLIFT 5 |
| REGINALD POSTON 2 | JOHN J. WEBB 6 |
| ALFRED T. FOULTON 3 | WILLIAM POSTON 7 |
| WILLIAM T. POSTON 4 | *FRANK TOWNSEND Tenor |

Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal. Rung on the 6th anniversary of the dedication of this peal of eight bells. R. E. Summers has now 'completed the circle' in this tower.

CHATHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 13, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt, in E flat.

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| WM. SPICE, SEN. Treble | H. SPRINGATE 5 |
| S. J. T. SHELLOCK 2 | †W. BEAUMONT 6 |
| SAMUEL E. TAYLOR 3 | F. BELSEY 7 |
| *D. T. HILLS 4 | †W. B. GORMAN Tenor |

Conducted by F. BELSEY.

* First peal. † First peal in method. Rung as a wedding peal for the Rev. C. Buckingham, Rector Designate of Snodland, Kent, and a member of Gillingham band, who was married at Gillingham Parish Church on Thursday, September 11th.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 13, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mark,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

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| SYDNEY JAMES Treble | CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON 5 |
| JOSEPH SLATER 2 | WILFRED J. MOSS 6 |
| NORMAN BERRY 3 | JOSEPH H. RIDYARD 7 |
| MATTHEW BERRY 4 | ARTHUR BURTON Tenor |

Conducted by J. H. RIDYARD.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Rev. W. Mower-Smith, B.D., who had been Vicar of Walkden for over 32 years. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar of Worsley for granting them the use of the bells, as the bells of Walkden are in the bell foundry. Ringer of the treble from Swinton, 2nd and 6th Stretford, 3rd and tenor Walkden, the rest Worsley.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 13, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

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| HARRY HOVERD Treble | *P.C. CHARLES DAVIS ... 5 |
| JOHN J. LAMB 2 | BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE ... 6 |
| ALFRED G. HILL 3 | FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 7 |
| HERBERT A. HOLDEN 4 | LIONEL J. CULLUM Tenor |

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN.

* First peal of Stedman.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WEARE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 21, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings.

Tenor 17 cwt.

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| WILLIAM BRADDICK Treble | WILLIAM E. WISEMAN ... 4 |
| ALBERT HAM 2 | ERNEST STITCH 5 |
| CHARLES WEARE 3 | *ARTHUR HUNT Tenor |

Conducted by E. STITCH.

* First peal. This peal was arranged for the conductor, who hails from Port Talbot, South Wales, also as a birthday compliment to Mr. Win. Frost and the eldest son of ringer of 3rd.

WAVERTON, CHESHIRE.

On Saturday, August 23, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven 720's, called differently.

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| *CYRIL A. JONES Treble | ARTHUR NEWELL 4 |
| ROBERT SPERRING 2 | WALTER THOMAS 5 |
| RONALD G. JONES 3 | GEORGE R. JONES Tenor |

Conducted by R. SPERRING.

* First peal.

BROMHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 30, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OWEN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent, Oxford Bob and two of Plain Bob.

Tenor 23 cwt.

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| CLIFFORD PAGE Treble | HERBERT SHERMAN 4 |
| THOMAS BARTRAM 2 | SIDNEY FOSKETT 5 |
| FRANK C. TYSOE 3 | PEARL INSKIP Tenor |

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.

Rung half-muffled in memory of the late Canon Browning, who was Vicar of Bromham when the bells were restored in 1903 and again after the fire of 1906.

UBLEY.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 8, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 12 cwt.

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| JOHN HOUSE Treble | JOHN TOSSELL 4 |
| CHARLES FIELD 2 | WILLIAM WEBB 5 |
| ERNEST BATH 3 | CHARLES R. LILLEY Tenor |

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

THORNEAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, September 8, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of one extent each of Woodbine Treble Bob, Double Court and Kent Treble Bob, and two each of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

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| ALPHAEUS J. BERRY Treble | PERCY L. JOHNSON 4 |
| NOLAN GOLDEN 2 | DAVID WHITING 5 |
| GARNEAM A. BLAXCELL 3 | WILLIAM ROSE Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 9, 1930, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, each called differently.

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| J. WALLIS, JUN. Treble | A. HOLMAN 4 |
| J. WALLIS, SEN. 2 | H. K. HOOPER 5 |
| H. R. THORPE 3 | F. J. SANDERS Tenor |

Conducted by H. R. THORPE.

First peal of Treble Bob by a local company.

NORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORD ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 9, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Milton, Biddulph and Hanley Double Surprise, London, York, Ipswich and Cambridge.

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| OWEN WILLIAMS Treble | WILLIAM C. LAWRENCE ... 4 |
| CHARLES S. RYLES 2 | FRANK TRINER 5 |
| JOHN E. WHEELDON 3 | JAMES WALLEY Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

This peal was rung as a farewell to Mr. Frank Triner, who is leaving the district, much to the regret of his fellow ringers, who wished him every success. This is the first peal on the bells since being recast by Taylor and Co.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTTS, HUNTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 11, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven varied extents.

Tenor 14 cwt.

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| *GEORGE WHYBROW Treble | CHARLES ROBINSON 4 |
| MANSFIELD GINN 2 | FRANK WARRINGTON 5 |
| DENNIS ADAMS 3 | GEORGE L. PERKINS Tenor |

Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

* First peal on tower bells.

OVER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 13, 1930, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 6072 CHANGES;

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| MANSFIELD GINN Treble | FRED C. GINN 4 |
| GEORGE L. PERKINS 2 | ARTHUR J. GINN 5 |
| BERRY WAYMAN 3 | FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor |

Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

The conductor's 100th peal. It was on the 4th bell he rang his first peal on September 19th, 1923. 61st peal as conductor.

UPHOLLAND, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 13, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising ten callings.

Tenor 9 cwt.

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| *JOHN C. SHARRATT Treble | PETER CROOK, JUN. 4 |
| *GEORGE MILLS 2 | PETER CROOK 5 |
| NORMAN BROWN 3 | *WILLIAM O. FARRIMOND Tenor |

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

* First peal. First peal on the bells, which were installed in 1883.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 13, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different callings.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| *JOHN POTTER Treble | SIDNEY THOMPSON 4 |
| SAMUEL THOMPSON 2 | HAROLD V. COOPER 5 |
| WILLIAM GIBBS 3 | JOHN BASS Tenor |

Conducted by HAROLD V. COOPER.

* First peal. Rung as a compliment to John Potter and his twin sister on their 21st birthday. Also a birthday peal for the ringer of the 2nd and Mr. H. Cooper, father of the conductor.

MARKET LAVINGTON, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
(DEVIZES BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 13, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents, differently called.

Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

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| *GEORGE ENGLAND Treble | GEORGE WINTER 4 |
| †VINCENT E. SWIFT 2 | WILLIAM A. SWIFT 5 |
| SIDNEY HILLIER 3 | †H. A. GUMMER Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM A. SWIFT.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal.

HARTFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHWICH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 13, 1930, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 12 cwt.

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| ALBERT H. BOOTH Treble | THOMAS WILKINSON 4 |
| JOHN S. ROYLE 2 | JOSEPH ASHMOLE 5 |
| *SAMUEL MOORE, SEN. 3 | HARRY PARKER Tenor |

Conducted by H. PARKER.

* First peal of Minor.

A HUGHENDON PEAL.

TABLET UNVEILED.

A happy little gathering of Berks and Bucks ringers took place at the Parish Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Hughendon, on Saturday, September 6th, for the unveiling of a peal tablet erected in the belfry recording 'one more' peal of London Surprise that has been achieved in this historical tower. The Vicar (the Rev. G. Herbert Jones, M.A.), the churchwardens (Major Coningsby R. Disraeli, D.L., J.P., and Mr. William Pearson), with about two dozen ringers and friends from neighbouring towers, were present, representing St. Albans, Hillingdon, Iwer, Beaconsfield, Chalfont, Wycombe, Maidenhead, Farnham, Slough, Old Windsor, Cookham and Harrow, etc.

Proceedings began with a musical 'flourish' of Stedman Triples on the tower bells, conducted by Mr. P. Martin, when the bell ropes were looped together and the company arranged round the belfry. The Vicar then offered up a dedicatory prayer, followed by another in which all heartily joined. Major Disraeli was next invited by the towerkeeper to expose the tablet—which had previously been covered with a pair of green curtains—by pulling a light cord having a small sally. In doing so the Major briefly referred to the performance recorded on the peal board, which was rung last November as a welcome to the new Vicar, and expressed his hope, on behalf of the churchwardens (and the ringers), that the Vicar and his wife and family would be spared for many years to live and work amongst them in the parish.

In reply, the Vicar thanked the churchwardens and the ringers for their peal of welcome to Hughendon, also for the handsome tablet presented to the church recording it. He admitted that he himself was also a ringer, but parochial duties in the past had prevented his following up the work of the belfry.

Mr. J. Evans, C.C., and Mr. W. H. Fussell, on behalf of the visitors, thanked the Vicar and wardens for their presence in the belfry, and a touch of London Surprise Major was then rung to seal the ceremony.

During the remainder of the evening, from 6 to 8 p.m., other touches were rung to Cambridge, Superlative, and Bristol Surprise Major, relieved by Double Norwich and Stedman, so that everyone could enjoy a short pull. The team whose names appear on the tablet were all present, and rang a course in the same order and method, viz., W. Henley, Mrs. Mayne, W. H. Fussell, W. Welling, J. Evans, H. Wingrove, G. Martin and C. C. Mayne.

Hughendon tower has a long association with the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Here a good many ringers throughout England (for the past fifty years) have scored their 'first' in a peal of Stedman or Major, and these lines may serve to remind them of a happy visit to St. Michael's tower in the days of their youth. It possesses a well-bound volume, beautifully written up, containing particulars of all the peals rung on the bells since they were increased to an octave in 1831 as a memorial to the late Earl of Beaconsfield.

The churchwardens' accounts go back to 1685, when there was a ring of four bells, and amongst the interesting entries may be found the following items:—

1688.—I paid Ringers for Gunpowder Treason, 2s. 6d.

1691.—For a Bushell of Malt for Ringers, 4s.

1694.—Paid for Ringing ye Bell on Queen's burial day, 1s. 6d.

1702.—Paid Grove for Malt for the Coronation, 7s.

1705.—Paid Wright for 2 Bushells of Malt, 6s.

1717.—Two Quarters of Tobacco spent on Ringing Days, 9d.

1723.—Pd. D. Weedon ironwork for ye Bells of ye Church, 17s. 08d.
W. H. F.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
NEWBURY BRANCH.

A meeting of the Newbury Branch was held at East Garston on Saturday, September 6th, when the following towers were represented: Bucklebury, Beedon, Childrey, Highclere, Newbury, Overton, Shaw, Thatcham, and the local ringers. Service was conducted by the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford (Rector of Shaw), who gave a very interesting address on the history of bells. Miss S. Davis presided at the organ. Tea was served in the Village Hall by Mrs. Liddiard, when 25 sat down to an excellent meal.

The business meeting followed, over which the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford presided, supported by the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. H. W. Curtis). The annual meeting was fixed for Newbury on Saturday, November 15th.

Hampstead Norris bells, it was announced, are to be rededicated on Sunday, September 21st, at 6 p.m.

Messrs. H. and G. Garrett, of Overton, were elected as unattached members, and hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. Kingsley Kefford for his address and presiding at the meeting, to Miss Davis for presiding at the organ, and to Mrs. Liddiard for providing the tea. The tower was again visited afterwards, and the following methods rung: Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Plain Bob Minor.

NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.

A quarterly meeting of the North Bucks Branch was held at Maids Moreton on Saturday, September 6th, this being the first time for a good many years that a meeting had been held. The attendance was very good considering that the place lies rather wide of the activities of the branch. About twenty-five members were present, and the ringers were welcomed by the Vicar (the Rev. O. Worne), who has only been in the parish a few months. It was his first experience of a ringers' meeting, as he had never previously been at a church where there was a full peal of bells.

Service was held, conducted by the Vicar, who in his address to the ringers said that it was a great delight to be able to address them. Although he knew nothing whatever about bells, it was very interesting to know that such organised branches of ringers existed, and for the good work that must result, and he hoped to see more of such meetings. Tea was served in the Parish Hall, and a very pleasant time was spent, the Vicar, by his very witty stories, keeping the ringers highly amused.

The Secretary (Mr. W. Sear) thanked the Vicar for his very warm welcome to the branch, and for making such a successful meeting. This was very suitably responded to, and further ringing then took place, the methods ranging from Grandsire and Stedman Doubles to Cambridge Minor. Other members visited Buckingham to ring on the peal of eight, and a course of Cambridge Major was brought round.

CHIPPING NORTON DEANERY.

The autumn meeting of the Chipping Norton Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday, September 6th, a large number of ringers being present. The Guild's special form of service was used, and was conducted by the Rev. E. C. Freeman, assisted by the Rev. Nind. The address was given by Archdeacon Crosse. Tea was held at the Bull Hotel, with upwards of forty sitting down. After tea, a short business meeting was held, presided over by the chairman (the Rev. E. C. Freeman).

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar of Burford and to Archdeacon Crosse for preaching such an interesting sermon. Churchill was proposed for the spring meeting.

Visitors were present from several of the neighbouring branches, and a very hearty welcome was extended to them.

The ringers afterwards visited the bell foundry of Mr. Bond, and were shown the most interesting art of bell casting, which he had in process.

Further ringing afterwards brought to a close a most enjoyable day.

FARMBOROUGH RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, August 30th, the ringers of Farmborough, near Bath, had their annual outing in lovely weather. Leaving Farmborough with fourteen aboard a comfortable charabanc, they enjoyed a nice ride to Castle Cary, Marston Magna and Taunton, and on to Bridgewater for tea. Continuing the journey, a stop was made at Mark and West Pennard, where ringing was participated in by all, the methods rung being Surprise, Grandsire, Plain Bob and Minor. Thanks are due to the incumbents for use of the bells in the churches visited, also to those who had everything in readiness at each tower. Home was reached at 11 p.m. after a splendid outing.

NORBURY, CHESHIRE.—On Monday, August 25th, in 46 mins., a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes): D. Gosling (first attempt for a quarter-peal) 1, J. Fernley, sen., 2, R. E. Jones 3, J. Baneroff (first quarter-peal for twenty years) 4, J. Fernley, jun., 5, W. Fernley 6, J. W. Hartley 7, E. Bennett (conductor) 8.

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. HOW TO CALL THE PEAL.

Recent references in these columns to touches from and the calling of Holt's Original have brought us several inquiries as to the best way of conducting this famous peal, and a well-known ringer deals with this subject in the article which follows.

However you approach it, Holt's Original is not an easy peal to call. I make no comparisons between it and other difficult compositions, but in the view of most people who are competent to judge there is nothing which taxes the ability of a conductor of Grandsire Triples more than John Holt's one-part. And yet every Grandsire Triples conductor ought to make the calling of this peal a goal to be reached sooner or later. The mastery of the calling requires a fair amount of concentration. There are a hundred and forty-eight bobs and two singles, and they have just got to be learnt from beginning to end; there is no regularity about their positions, or even any 'blocks' of calling which recur to help the memory. Nevertheless, every average Grandsire conductor ought to be able to master it. To some men the calling of this peal comes as easily, when conducting, as saying the alphabet and, what one can do, others who give the necessary application to the task ought also to be able to accomplish.

What is the best way of learning the peal? That is the question which chiefly seems to concern those who aspire to calling it. I have heard of people who have set it to verse, and of one well-known conductor who went to a memory-training institute to have a system of mnemonics adapted to it. This system was such a profound 'secret' that it died with the conductor—the authors, of course, having forgotten all about it. Unquestionably, to my mind, the best way of learning the peal is by the bells 'Before.' I have known conductors who have learnt it by making one particular bell the 'observation bell,' but that has its drawbacks, because the conductor is then almost sure to find himself limited to ringing that particular bell every time he wants to call this composition. Another conductor, I remember, called it by learning the number of leads between the bobs. There are, in my opinion, decided disadvantages in this method, such as the added mental effort which is necessary and risk of error in counting the leads from one call to the next while the ringing is in progress.

By calling the peal from the bells 'Before,' one has a simple guide to the places of all the bobs. In case it is necessary to explain to any reader what is meant by bells 'Before,' I might here say that a bell is said to be called 'Before' in Grandsire, when it is going to make third's place—the one place in Grandsire not affected by a bob. The conductor who can see the least bit further than the work of his own bell can watch the bell which has to be called 'Before' gradually working into position. Assuming that he has two or more leads to run before the bob is called, each time he passes the bell in question he will find one other bell less between it and the treble, until, when the bell to be bobbed has dodged in 4-5 up, it will be followed, up and back to the lead, immediately by the treble, and the bob is called when the bell 'Before' leads. In brief, the bell which is coming 'Before,' is coursing in the lead before the bob immediately in front of the treble.

The first thing to do then, when starting on Holt's Original, is to learn the bells 'Before.' Now there are two ways in which these may be treated. You may learn the whole 150 off by heart, as they occur, or you can reduce the number of bells to be memorised by calling certain of them 'Before with a double.' This expression means that a bob has to be called at two consecutive leads; that is to say, when the bell comes 'Before' and again at the next lead when it will dodge in 6-7 down, or 'Wrong,' as this calling position is known. By memorising the doubles, I always think, the risk of confusion when calling is reduced, and any system which lessens the chance of a 'mix-up' of the bells is worth adopting.

It is quite certain that when you set about learning the peal, however you learn it, you will automatically reduce the calling to 'groups.' I don't know whether any two conductors ever group the bobs in exactly the same way, and each new aspirant will probably make up his own grouping. In other words, he will make his own 'parts,' although there will be no similarity between them.

Then there is another thing to do, and one in which, again, conductors are likely to follow their own inclinations, and that is to pick out certain 'landing places' in the peal where one may be certain that the bells are right. The ideal conductor, of course, is he who knows if the bells are right from beginning to end, who can transpose the coursing order from start to finish as he goes along, and who can actually anticipate in his own mind the change which will be effected in the coursing order by the next bob. But all conductors of Grandsire have not reached that stage—if they had there would be no need for this article—and therefore it is well, in calling a peal, that they should have certain points where they may be sure whether or not the bells are right. Incidentally it should be remembered that one advantage of calling Holt's Original by the bells 'Before' is that if there is a 'shift course' by any pair of bells except 2nd and 6th (which are not called 'Before' until the last four leads), sooner or later, and sooner rather than later, a bell which should come 'Before' will be found to be in the hunt, from which position, of course, it is impossible to call it 'Before.'

But apart from this check upon the accuracy of the ringing, it is as well to have some well-marked and readily observed places where the position of all the bells can be seen. For this purpose some easily recognised changes, and not too many of them, should be selected. They mark the intervals of the peal and, if nothing else, it is always a comfort to the conductor to know definitely that the bells are still running in their proper order. From what has been written it will be seen that the 'make up' for the calling of the peal rests very largely with the conductor, but I give below the way in which I set out the peal and group the calls, together with the landing places which I make. It should be noted that the latter do not always come at a call; it may be one or more leads after the call indicated by the *.

The following are the bells 'Before,' and the letter D after a figure means that that bell is called 'Before with a double.'

5. 3. 4. 5. 4. 4. 4. 3d. 3d. 7d. 4d.
4. 4d. 5*d. 5d. 7d. 7d.
3. 3d. 7d.
5. 7d. 7d. 5d.*
7. 4. 5d. 7d.
5. 7. 7. 3d. 3d. 4d.

*452367

*423675

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| 4. 4. 7d.* 5d. | *234675 |
| 7. 5.* 5. 4d. | *342567 |
| 3. 4d. 4d. | |
| 3.* 7. 7d. | Half-way, lead prior to 7 before *564723 |
| 3. 4. 3d. | |
| 5.* 7d. | *354267 |
| 3. 4d. | |
| 7. 3. 5d. | |
| 7. 4. 7d. 7d.* | *325467 |
| 4. 3. 3d. 3d. | |
| 5. 3. 5d. | |
| 5. 7. 4d. 4d. 7d.* | *423567 |
| 5. 3. 5d. | |
| 3. 4. 4d. | |
| 3. 7. 3d. 3d. | |
| 7. 5.* 3d. 3d. | *Plain course. |
| 7. 3. 7. 7d. 7d. | |
| 7. 4. 4d. 3d. (2s. 5. 6. 3s.*) | *Rounds. |

If space permits, I hope later to give a table by which the conductor, who desires to ring portions of the peal for practice, may obtain touches of varying length from any part of the composition.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

Although the weather on Saturday and the inaccessibility of the village might easily have resulted in the Guildford District meeting at Dunsfold being a double 'washout,' thanks to over twenty enthusiasts who came from the local company, S. Nicolas' and the Cathedral Church, Guildford, Cranleigh, Croydon, Haslemere, Old Woking, Godalming, Seale and Aldershot, this was not the case.

Various touches of Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Doubles were brought round on this light ring of six, and the usual form of service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. E. Hollins), whose informal address was much appreciated.

As the secretary was unable to think of any business matters for discussion, in place of the usual meeting after tea, the Rector conducted the ringers round the ancient and interesting church, and pointed out the various 'show' items, from the sanctuary knocker on the seven hundred years' old door to the 'port, starboard and stern scuppers,' by which in days past the water was swept out of the church after the floor had been washed.

MR. H. KNIGHT'S 400 PEALS.

| | Rung | Conducted |
|---------------------------------|-------|-----------|
| Doubles—three methods | 1 | Partly |
| Grandsire Doubles | 1 | — |
| Grandsire Triples | 63(a) | 16 |
| Grandsire Major | 2 | — |
| Grandsire Caters | 36(b) | 8 |
| Grandsire Cinques | 6 | 4 |
| Stedman Doubles | 1 | 1 |
| Stedman Triples | 109 | 49(c) |
| Stedman Caters | 37 | 17(d) |
| Stedman Cinques | 34 | 12 |
| Erin Caters | 1 | — |
| Erin Cinques | 1(e) | — |
| Darlaston Bob Triples | 4 | — |
| Oxford Bob Triples | 1 | — |
| Double Oxford Bob Major | 2 | — |
| Double Oxford Bob Royal | 1(e) | — |
| Plain Bob Minor | 2 | 2 |
| Plain Bob Triples | 1 | — |
| Plain Bob Major | 28 | 5 |
| Plain Bob Royal | 3 | 1 |
| Plain Bob Maximus | 2 | 1 |
| Minor—seven methods | 2 | — |
| Kent Treble Bob Major | 8 | — |
| Kent Treble Bob Royal | 3 | — |
| Kent Treble Bob Maximus | 2 | — |
| Oxford Treble Bob Royal | 1 | — |
| Forward Major | 1 | — |
| Double Norwich Court Bob Major | 16 | 1 |
| Double Norwich Court Bob Caters | 2 | — |
| Cambridge Surprise Major | 14 | — |
| Cambridge Surprise Maximus | 2 | — |
| New Cambridge Surprise Major | 1 | — |
| Norfolk Surprise Major | 1 | — |
| Bristol Surprise Major | 3 | — |
| Superlative Surprise Major | 4 | — |
| London Surprise Major | 4 | — |
| | 400 | 117 |

(a) 3 on handbells. (b) Including 7,019 and 11,563. (c) 1 called blindfold and 1 rung silent. (d) 1 on handbells (conducted 1). (e) First ever rung.

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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.

St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, where much ringing history has been made and the pioneer spirit in Maximus methods developed, has just had added one more new performance to its records. The enterprising band, under Mr. George Symonds' conductorship, rang a peal of Pudsey Surprise Maximus, on Saturday—the first ever.

As the footnote to the peal intimates, this is the eleventh Maximus method in which a peal has been rung by the society within the last ten years. There have been peals rung of Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Forward, Duffield, Cambridge, New Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire and Pudsey, and in nearly, if not quite all of these, the distinguished veteran, Mr. Robert Brundle, has taken part. Saturday's peal was in celebration of his 79th birthday.

Visiting ringers will be welcomed at Hazelbeech, Northants, where there is a new ring of eight bells. In our notice columns the Rector of this little country parish invites applications.

The dedication of the new peal of bells at Walkden Parish Church, Lancs, is provisionally fixed for December 11th at 3 p.m.

'The first peal on the new ten bells' at Grantham was rung on September 19th, 1775. Although the bells were new, it took thirteen men to ring them to a peal—two on the ninth and three on the tenor. The bells couldn't have been on ball bearings.

Matt Wood, the famous old ringer of Bethnal Green and St Paul's Cathedral, who died in 1912, was born on September 22nd, 1826.

The attention of any ringer proposing to attend the Church Congress at Newport, October 4th to 11th, is directed to an announcement in our notice columns.

We hear that a very successful start was made with the Northants ringing week, the first four attempts resulting in two peals of London and two of Bristol Surprise.

Mr. F. Wilford, the popular Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, celebrated his 60th birthday on Monday. It is not too late to wish him 'many happy returns.'

EATON SOCON CHURCH RESTORATION, TOWER ALREADY REINSTATED.

Energetic measures are being taken for the restoration of the Parish Church of Eaton Socon, Beds, destroyed by fire some few months ago. The contract for the rebuilding of the church on the original lines has been entered into for £15,000, and the tower has already been restored at a cost of £1,300, the ringing floor, clock floor, bell-cage floor and new roof having all been reinstated in best English oak and masonry, under the plans and direction of Messrs. Richardson and Gill, architects, of London. The Parochial Church Council are now considering the question of the bells, and we hope it will be possible for the restored peal to be ready when the church is reopened.

BROMLEY PARISH CHURCH BELLS.**RESTORATION FUND APPEAL.**

As stated in the last issue of 'The Ringing World,' the ancient bells of SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Bromley, Kent, are being restored by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, after over 157 years of service. They are, as is pretty well known, a peal of eight by Thomas Jannaway, 1773, and all intact. There have been well over 200 peals rung on them, including some famous ones—a 12,176 of Bob Major in the year 1783, the first peal of Real Double Bob, and one which has always stood without dispute to be the first muffled peal rung in the kingdom, to the memory of Wm. Chapman, the leader of his day, and a famous ringer. But of late years, the bells have got more and more out of tune, and clattering and going very badly, so that a thorough restoration is much overdue. The work has now been placed in the hands of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who are going to retune and recapper the whole peal, rehang in ball bearings, with new wheels



SS. Peter and Paul's Parish Church, Bromley, Kent.

and some new headstocks, and strengthen the frame with vertical bolts and angle plates, with their assurance that it will be a good sound job, and that the bells will tune up into an excellent peal. The estimated cost is approximately £250, and as money is difficult to raise at present in Bromley, owing to the fact that £300 has just been spent in cleaning and redecorating the church, the local ringers (the Society of Bromley Youths, established 1773) have promised to try to raise a portion of the required sum, and hereby appeal to all ringers, and especially to their ringing friends who have rung peals on the old bells, or any who may have rung on them, kindly to assist them in this matter. Any subscription, however small, would be gratefully received and acknowledged at the close of the appeal by:—

Mr. I. Emery, leader and steeplekeeper, 49, Wellington Road, Bromley, Kent, or

Mr. P. J. Spice, secretary, 5, Horsley Road, Bromley, Kent.

BOB MAJOR'S FIRST BOB MINOR!

Bob Major rang his first 720 of Bob Minor at Lawton, Cheshire, on September 5th: R. Major 1, E. Harper 2, T. Arrowsmith 3, W. Rigby (conductor) 4, G. W. Biddulph 5, W. Longman 6. This was R. Major's first attempt in the method, and the first time he has rung with the tenor in.

NEW BELLS AT GIGGLESWICK.**A YORKSHIRE AUGMENTATION.**

This small Yorkshire village had a red-letter day on August 23rd, when the opening of the augmented ring of six bells to eight bells at the Parish Church of St. Aikelda took place. The church itself is a most interesting building, dating from the twelfth century onward, and well repays a tour of inspection.

Originally there were only three bells at Giggleswick, but in 1880 these were augmented to six by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Foundry. The present augmentation was made possible, and a long-standing ambition fulfilled, by a bequest of £250 made recently by Miss E. M. Bryning, the two new bells being intended as memorials to her late uncle, Mr. T. E. Foster.

To the great disappointment of all concerned, the Vicar of Giggleswick was unable to take part in the proceedings owing to a sudden illness, and the conduct of the service devolved on the Rev. C. C. Marshall, the president of the Yorkshire Association.

After the introductory prayers, a procession was formed to the belfry, where the bell founder (Mr. C. F. Johnston) handed the bell ropes to the churchwardens, who in turn handed them to the president for dedication. After the dedication, the ropes were handed to the steeplekeeper, Mr. J. Hodgson, and while the choir and clergy returned to the chancel the following rang a few rounds on the bells: P. J. Johnson 1, Mrs. J. Cotterell 2, R. Thomas 3, C. E. Lawson 4, J. Cotterell 5, G. Robinson 6, E. Simpson 7, W. O. Talbot 8.

Following the service, a bountiful tea was provided, and ringing indulged in until a late hour.

The tenor weighs 10½ cwt. in the key of A flat. The bells go splendidly, and are a great credit to the founders, both for running and tone.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**MEETING AT HENDON.**

A very wet and dismal afternoon was made bright by some good ringing obtained at a meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, held at Hendon on Saturday last. The attendance, although below the average, was not too small, and all tastes were catered for. In the absence of the Vicar on holiday, the service was taken by the Rev. C. L. Waller, whose sincere welcome and good advice were much appreciated.

A good tea having been disposed of, the usual short business meeting was held. Mr. W. Pickworth (vice-president) took the chair. Reference was made to the death of Mr. W. Dell, of Hadley, who died on August 5th, after a long illness. He was one of the foundation members of the association, and was well known to the older members. Those present stood in silence for a few moments as a last mark of respect to their late colleague.

Four new members were elected, and St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, chosen as the venue of the next meeting.

The thanks of the members were accorded to the Vicar (Rev. N. R. Boyd) for the use of the bells; to the Rev. C. L. Waller for his address at the service; to Mr. and Mrs. Hardy for arranging an excellent tea; and to Mr. C. H. Martin for his usual cordial welcome.

Afterwards a great variety of methods were practised—rounds for one or two learners present, with Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, Kent, Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob, Double Court and Cambridge Surprise to satisfy the more ambitious.

The very old church was an object of much interest. Recent restorations have caused the uncovering of a beautiful old 12th century archway at the east end, which had been partly covered in and partly cut through by a 14th century archway and window. These are the first traces of the earlier building yet discovered and caused much excitement when found.

PENTRE BELLRINGERS' BEREAVEMENT.

The many ringing friends of the three Pentre (Rhondda) ringing brothers—Messrs. W. Page, T. Page and H. Page—will extend to them their heartfelt sympathy at the loss of their mother, who passed away on Monday, September 8th, after a prolonged illness, patiently borne with Christian fortitude.

The late Mrs. Page came to Pentre over forty years ago from Ilchester (Somerset). She was the wife of a former Pentre ringer, and of her four sons, who became ringers, three are now recognised as amongst the ablest connected with the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, Mr. T. Page having also served the association as its Master.

The funeral took place on Saturday, September 13th, at Treorik Cemetery, conducted by the Vicar of Ystradyfodwg (the Rev. D. Spencer Jones). Members of the St. Peter's Society attended, and afterwards took part in a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) with the bells half-muffled: J. Lovett 1, G. Palmer 2, W. Palmer 3, W. Heath 4, H. Davies (conductor) 5, F. Chamberlain 6, F. Lashury 7, H. Crabb 8. The ringers of the 4th and 6th kindly came from St. John's, Cardiff, to assist.

JOHN BRIANT.

NEW BIOGRAPHY OF THE HERTFORDSHIRE WORTHY.

Mr. Herbert C. Andrews, the hon. secretary of the East Herts Archaeological Society, has done a great service in publishing a volume upon John Briant, the Hertford bell founder and clockmaker, the centenary of whose death was suitably commemorated last year. Antiquarians have been at pains to search among the old bells in the churches of this country in order to give us something of their history, but we know very little of the founders of past centuries. Specimens of their handiwork remain; but of the men themselves our knowledge is of the scantiest. Of John Briant, however, we now have a most interesting biography, which gives us a close insight into the character of this old Hertfordshire worthy, who cast over 400 bells, which were to be found distributed over half the counties of England and even in Ireland, and whose turret clocks were among the best in the world, but who died in the shelter of the Marlborough almshouses at St. Albans. He was a man who was never satisfied that the best had been achieved; he was frequently experimenting to improve his craft; he was indulgent with his customers, when they were unable to pay for the work he had done, and he took a philosophical view of life. When an admirer of his genius and industry expressed regret that he had not acquired a competency to run a carriage, it is said he bluntly replied, 'I don't want a carriage; 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 enjoyed the confidence of church authorities in many parts of England, and the Dean and Chapter of Lincoln consulted him on the recasting of 'Great Tom' when that bell became cracked at the beginning of the last century. A letter on this subject which he wrote in January, 1828, is worth quoting. It is an illuminating document, dealing with the casting of big bells in those days:—

'Dear Sir,—I received your second letter duly, and now proceed to answer it. It would be of no use whatever to drill any hole—rely upon it, no more good would result from such an experiment than making the excision you mentioned in your first. (This was an inquiry whether any temporary improvement in the tone would be obtained by cutting a piece out of the bell as far as or a little beyond the crack.) It is in truth a cracked bell, and my experience of now more than upwards of half a century has never seen any remedy applied to one, although frequently attempted, nor do I entertain the least prophetic knowledge I ever shall; and I should be extremely sorry that any friend of mine should make an attempt to effect what I feel convinced is impossible to be accomplished.'

'In reply to the material question contained in your first letter, as to the probable expense, and the most eligible place to recast the bell at, I offer the following as my opinion after the most mature deliberation. It is now upwards of a century since a bell of this magnitude has been founded, consequently no living experience derivable from founders concerned in them is now available to guide us. We must, therefore, place our confidence for success in the account that has been handed down to us by others, aided by our own, and this will concur in giving the most decided preference to London for this reason: We know that there there is a furnace of sufficient capacity that has been *proved* over and over again, and has at all times been capable of producing that heat to the metal which is the *desideratum* for ensuring a good bell; and allow me to remind you heat is of all things what we have most to combat with for success.

'I have no fear of a good article with a proved furnace; but the great uncertainty of effecting a cast with a new one is greatly decreasing the probability of success. Not that I think it wholly impossible; and did I feel myself equal, as I have had so considerable experience in building furnaces both for myself and others, I should have had no repugnance to make an attempt; but the anxiety and care it would create upon my mind would be so great as to divest me of that equanimity I find necessary to retain at my advanced years.

'Exclusive of the great risk of a good cast in a new furnace, there would be a great deal of additional expense in consequence. A proper furnace would cost about £60, besides which there would be many incidental and necessary expenses in a new place of casting, all of which would be avoided if founded in London; and the expense to be considered against this is the amount of carriage. Whether water carriage is available, I cannot tell—probably not. If so, and land carriage is resorted to, you can be supplied with a new bell before the old one is removed, and the same conveyance that brings the new one to Lincoln can carry the old one back to London. I have made some inquiry as to the probable amount of the carriage, and, from the best information I can obtain, it would be less in proportion than one to two as to the erection of a furnace. But under every consideration London is the preferable place; nor is there another furnace now in England sufficient to contain the requisite quantity of metal.

'In confirmation of my opinion upon the difference of a new and an old furnace, we have an elucidation of it at Oxford. The great bell there had a new furnace erected to cast it in, and after casting

and recasting three times, produced the worst of all great bells in England. St. Paul's, which was recast in 1709 in London, turned out a good one the first heat—the proved furnace in London being capable of producing the requisite intensity of heat, but which the new furnace at Oxford could not effect after three attempts. And in a work of this magnitude I submit, with great deference, no experiment ought to be tried; yet, if the Dean and Chapter should desire to have it founded in their Cathedral, so far as my best judgment and experience might be rendered useful, it would be one of my highest gratifications to promote their wishes.

'It would be impossible, not having particularly noticed the groined roof where you propose to take this stupendous bell up and down, and also some other matters connected with it, to state anything like an accurate sum, but I think the operation of recasting will be from £200 to £250.

'In undertakings of this nature, which so seldom occur, I am exceedingly happy that it is to be effected by so liberal and learned a body as the present Dean and Chapter of Lincoln, as upon their arrangements everything depends; and I entertain no doubt a proper regard will be had to obtain the greatest excellence, in preference to adopting a system that has of late been resorted to by inferior bodies, to induce persons contracting to execute their orders at so low a price as to sacrifice all other considerations, of which there is a notable instance recently at Liverpool.

'Having myself declined founding, I hope readily to receive your assent, as well as of those concerned, that I am not influenced by any other feelings in this affair, than a most ardent desire to be instrumental in producing as good a bell as the old one, which was the most superior great bell in England, and in the attainment of which object I hope I shall not be found to shrink from any exertions. On the subject of a new or an old furnace I have personally conferred with Mr. Mears, the London founder, whose opinion and mine are in unison in this respect. Should it be thought well, we shall be happy of an opportunity to examine the place, and to confer with you upon any further steps in this business, of which you will be pleased to let me know. Any communication for the succeeding three weeks will find me if addressed to King's College, Cambridge, where I am going to fix a new turret clock.'

Briant's advice was not immediately followed. The experiment of cutting a piece out of the bell proved a failure, and the bell was eventually recast in 1834, five years after Briant's death.

The story of Briant's life and work is admirably told by Mr. Andrews, who also gives us some no less interesting details of some of his various foremen and bell tuners. One of these was Robert Taylor, whose name, although he was not strictly an assistant of Briant, appears on an 1816 bell at Riseley, in conjunction with Briant's. He served an apprenticeship with Edward Arnold at St. Neots, and took over the foundry at his death in 1800. Later the firm became R. Taylor and Son. They removed to Oxford in 1821, and later to Loughborough, where they laid the foundations of the present famous business. Briant's own business was taken over by Messrs. Mears, of Whitechapel.

Mr. Andrews has made a comprehensive survey of Briant's work, and devotes a chapter to his stamps and inscriptions, gives a chronological list of his bells and a county list with details of recastings and other information concerning them and the clocks he manufactured. This work, as far as we know, is the first devoted to a single bell founder, and it would be a great addition to the bibliography of bells if historians could be found to bring to light for us the story of other old members of the bell founding craft. This volume, which has been admirably printed by Messrs. Wm. Cartmel and Sons, of St. Albans, is illustrated by a number of plates, and is published at 6s. 6d.

FAIRFORD RINGERS' EXCURSION.

On Saturday, August 30th, the Fairford ringers held their annual outing. Leaving Fairford at 7.35, they reached Prestbury at 8.50, and there they were met by Mr. T. Pendry, and the nice peal of eight bells were set going for about an hour. Proceeding to Tewkesbury Abbey, the party were met by the Rev. E. G. Benson and an old friend and late ringer of Fairford, Police Inspector G. W. Hastings. The lovely peal of ten was soon going to Grandshire Triples and a course of Grandshire Caters. Going on to Upton-on-Severn, the company enjoyed a splendid hot lunch, which had been kindly arranged by Mr. C. Camm. This was very much enjoyed. Steps were made to the church, where ringing took place on the peal of eight. Ledbury was reached later, but on this ring of eight the ringing was not good, as the ropes were new and stretched a lot. Arriving at Newent, ex-Sergt. J. Williams had a splendid tea awaiting the party. On the nice peal of six bells, Grandshire and Stedman Doubles and Plain Bob Minor were rung. Barnwood, where there is a lovely light peal of eight, was the last stop, and the party were received by Mr. Waite and his two sons. Grandshire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung. Mr. Waite had kindly arranged for supper, and, after a satisfactory repast, the tables were cleared and the handbells were set going to touches and tune making, a very enjoyable wind-up to the outing, Fairford being reached at 11.20.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the East Derbyshire and Notts Association was held at Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Notts, on Saturday. Although it was a very wet and dismal afternoon, the meeting was well attended, and several visitors were welcomed. Good use was made of the five bells (which were rehung and augmented from three to five in 1927) until the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. J. Smith). Tea in the schoolroom was followed by the business meeting, and the Vicar extended a hearty welcome to the association, and expressed his delight in meeting an old friend in Mr. H. Haigh, of Worksop, who was for many years the secretary of the North Notts Association.

Six new members were elected, and Mr. Ashman, of Crich, extended an invitation to all ringers to visit Crich, Derbyshire, on Saturday next, when a board, recording the first peal on the bells, since their augmentation, will be dedicated.

Several items of business were disposed of, and the meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and local workers who provided tea, and Mr. G. Rawson, a visiting member, who officiated at the organ.

Further ringing took place until 8.30 in a number of methods. Members were present from Blackwell, Crich, Kirkby, Morton, South Normanton, Ripley, Selston, Sutton-in-Ashfield and Tibshelf.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**A MIXTURE OF METHODS AT HOLLOWAY.**

A meeting of the Northern District of the London County Association was held at St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway, on Saturday. Proceedings were due to commence with ringing at 3.30 p.m., but, owing to the inclement state of the elements, there were still only a few present at 4 p.m., when a start was made with Stedman Triples. The rain having ceased before the touch, the attendance showed signs of increasing, and before long there was an expert band in the tower, and good ringing was done up till 5.30 p.m., when an adjournment was made for tea. The latter was served at Lyons, and altogether seventeen sat down to do it justice.

The tower was revisited at 6.30 p.m., and a short business meeting held, the only important item being the election of a District Ringing Master, which position had been vacant since the resignation of Mr. F. E. Alloway, in January last.

Mr. John H. Crampion, of Woodford, was elected to fill this office.

The usual votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and steeple-keeper for their kindness in allowing the ringing, and also to the young man who opened and closed the tower, and who was also put through his first course of Grandsire Triples on the treble.

There being no further business, the chairman's hammer was put back into its cage, and the meeting was closed. By this time, a large number of the leading lights of London ringing circles were present, and a course of Cambridge was rung. The bells having got over this method were then put to some more Grandsire Triples, followed by Double Norwich and Plain Bob Major. Superlative was then essayed, and a very good course rung, the best of the evening. London having already been rung during the afternoon, Bristol Surprise was attempted and brought round in very good style. This encouraged still further efforts, and, after some more Grandsire Triples, a course of Yorkshire Surprise Major was rung. It was then decided to ring some Bob Major, and a course of London to conclude the meeting, but, after the Bob Major, news was brought that two old ladies living near the church had made loud complaints about the ringing, and the Master, deeming prudence the better part of valour, decided to close the proceedings without ringing the London. The most successful meeting of the district for some considerable time was thus brought to a close. The attendance was moderate, about 25 being present, but the standard of ringing (both methods and striking) was good, there being ten different methods rung, and it is believed to be the first time that Bristol and Yorkshire Surprise have been rung at a Northern District meeting.

OVER, CAMBS.—For evensong, at the Church of St. Mary, on Sunday, August 24th, 936 changes of Cambridge Surprise Minor.—For morning service, on Sunday, August 31st, a 720 of Kent Minor, and for evensong 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: G. Whybrow 1, M. Ginn (first 720 in the method inside) 2, F. Warrington (conductor) 3, F. C. Ginn 4, A. J. Ginn 5, C. Robinson 6.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

SOUTHGATE.—At Christ Church, on September 14th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,263 changes) in 49 mins.: A. R. Glascock 1, J. Armstrong (conductor) 2, D. Pink 3, S. Wade 4, G. Plater 5, J. E. Miller 6, H. Miller 7, N. Tomlinson 8, W. Pickworth 9, A. G. Crane 10. Rung on the occasion of the birthday of Norman Tomlinson, and the day of the christening of his daughter.

LITTLE MUNDEN.—On Sunday, Sept. 14th, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Williams 1, S. Carter (conductor) 2, J. Williams 3, A. Phillips 4, A. Woolston 5, W. H. Lawrence 6. For evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob.

WARWICK.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, September 14th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes) in 50 mins.: J. L. Rye, jun., 1, J. Bayliss 2, C. Wildsmith 3, A. W. Bond 4, W. Harrison 5, H. Huxley 6, W. Collett 7, J. T. C. Rye 8, E. H. Adams (conductor) 9, E. H. Bosworth 10. First quarter-peal of Caters by all except ringers of 4, 7 and 9.

TETENHALL, STAFFS.—On Sunday, September 14th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: H. J. Lockley 1, Alfred Butler 2, H. C. Taylor 3, J. W. Taylor (conductor) 4, R. Pickering 5, B. Dalton 6, A. Fallon 7, T. W. Bate 8.

BUCKLEBURY.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on Sunday, September 14th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: W. Mathews 1, W. Wigmore 2, Miss D. Futter 3, Miss E. Mathews 4, J. Hazell 5, F. Knapp (first quarter-peal in the method) 6, Miss S. Davis (conductor) 7, A. Hawkins (first quarter-peal) 8.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Sunday, September 14th, at Christ Church, for morning service, 1,386 Grandsire Caters in 56 mins.: W. A. Bullock 1, W. W. T. Daniells 2, R. W. Hyner (conductor) 3, E. G. Townsend 4, H. W. Bishop 5, E. J. Berry 6, H. W. Wells 7, S. Palmer 8, C. J. Gardiner 9, A. E. W. Smith 10. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. E. W. Smith.

LUTON, BEDS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, September 14th, for evening service, 1,370 changes of London Surprise Major in 48 mins.: E. Shane 1, A. King 2, T. Blackburn 3, T. Kendall 4, B. Wilson 5, F. Hunt 6, H. Wood 7, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 8.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.—For morning service, on September 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: Mrs. K. Pattenden 1, F. Burden 2, W. Button 3, A. Beane 4, W. Tickner 5, C. Brown 6, K. Pattenden (conductor) 7, A. Blackman 8.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, September 7th, for evening service at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, Thurstan's quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): F. J. Lewis, sen., 1, H. L. Cook 2, F. J. Lewis, jun., 3, H. C. Bond 4, H. S. Parsons 5, H. Lewis 6, W. H. Haywood (conductor) 7, H. T. J. Roberts 8.

NEWBURY, BERKS.—On Sunday, September 7th, for evensong at St. Nicholas' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: H. T. E. Curtis 1, C. Poole 2, Miss D. Futter 3, Miss R. Hazell 4, C. Pearce 5, E. W. Smith 6, H. W. Curtis (conductor) 7, E. Crocker 8. Arranged for Miss Futter and Miss Hazell, of Bucklebury. Also rung as a birthday compliment to C. Poole and E. W. Smith.

EAST BRENT, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, August 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: *W. Frost 1, W. Wiseman 2, W. Braddick 3, E. Cook 4, E. Stitch (conductor) 5, *E. Edwards 6. First quarter-peal by ringers of treble and tenor and first attempt.

YEOVIL.—On Sunday, August 24th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,260 changes) in 55 mins.: H. Batty 1, F. C. Padwick 2, F. Hunt 3, C. Jeanes 4, T. Marks 5, C. Norman 6, E. T. Griffin 7, W. Fry 8, J. E. Baker (conductor) 9, S. R. Barker 10. Rung as a farewell touch to the tenor ringer on his leaving Yeovil for Cardiff.

PAIGNTON, DEVON.—On Sunday, August 17th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: C. R. Walker 1, A. J. Wyatt (Taunton) 2, F. T. Gover 3, S. G. Coles (Taunton) 4, G. F. Austin 5, J. Eldridge (Maidenhead) 6, E. Stitch (Port Talbot) (conductor) 7, C. Boyce 8. Arranged for the visitors, who wish to thank the local band.

CROYDON.—On Sunday, August 17th, for evening service, at St. Peter's, South Croydon, 1,263 Stedman Caters: G. H. Grainger 1, E. J. King (conductor) 2, D. Wright 3, H. Wills 4, W. Bullpitt 5, F. Leck 6, W. D. Grainger 7, T. H. Taffender 8, E. Denham 9, W. Rogers 10.

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WOOLWICH.—At the Parish Church of St. Mary Magdalene, for evensong, on Sunday, August 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: R. G. Sales (first quarter) 1, H. Holden 2, B. Aldridge 3, T. H. Culver 4, L. Cullom 5, J. Morten 6, F. J. Cullen 7, Pte. C. Fairman, R.T.C., 8. Rung with bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mrs. Squires, wife of Mr. W. J. Squires, ex-Mayor of Woolwich, and a former churchwarden at the Parish Church.

TAUNTON.—At St. George's Church, Wilton, on Sunday, August 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major: A. J. Wyatt 1, S. Wyatt 2, S. A. Wyatt 3, H. E. Causley 4, W. H. Coles 5, D. F. Sheldon 6, A. W. Hayward (conductor) 7, S. G. Coles 8. First quarter in this method on the bells and by the ringers of 3rd, 4th and 6th. It is just six months since Wilton bells were augmented to eight, and several of the younger members of the band had previously never touched Double Norwich. The thanks of the band are due to Mr. James Hunt for the great assistance he has given, and it is hoped with his continued help to start Cambridge Surprise.

LONDON.—On Sunday, August 3rd, for evening service, at St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C., 1,263 Stedman Caters: G. H. Grainger (first quarter-peal on ten) 1, C. W. Roberts 2, E. J. King (conductor) 3, R. Greenwood 4, T. Newman 5, J. R. Gammon 6, W. D. Grainger 7, G. H. Daynes 8, R. F. Deal 9, F. W. Rogers 10.

SANDIACRE, DERBYSHIRE.—At St. Giles' Church, on Sunday, August 3rd, for evening service, 720 Hexham Surprise: F. Morton 1, W. Thornley 2, J. Hall 3, W. R. Drage 4, R. H. Cox (conductor) 5, H. Turner 6.—On August 17th, for evening service, 720 Berwick Surprise by the same band.

BURNHAM-ON-SEA, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, August 3rd, at St. Andrew's Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: J. Hobbs (Burnham) 1, H. Knight (Wolverhampton), conductor, 2, J. E. Lilley (Congresbury) 3, G. H. Pruett (Burnham) 4, A. Avan (Burnham) 5, L. G. Tanner (Westonsuper-Mare) 6, C. R. Lilley (Congresbury) 7, R. Willcocks (Bristol) 8. The band wish to tender their best thanks to Messrs. A. Evan and W. Court for kindly arranging the above to meet an old friend, Mr. H. Knight.

PARNHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, August 3rd, at the Parish Church, for morning service, 630 Grandsire Triples: H. Burningham 1, J. Reed 2, S. Meadows 3, J. Beagley 4, R. Hasted 5, C. Edwards 6, R. J. Hasted (Havant), conductor, 7, G. Upshall 8. Also 280 in the same method. For evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: J. W. Wells 1, C. Edwards 2, J. Reed 3, S. Meadows 4, F. Kemp 5, R. J. Hasted 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, H. Kemp 8.

REOPENING OF THE BELLS AT ST. IVES, HUNTS.

It is understood that this peal, which has recently been retuned and rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, will be reopened on Thursday, September 25th.

The dedication service will take place at 5.30 p.m., and a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major will be attempted at the close of the service.

The ringing arrangements are in the hands of Mr. F. Warrington, district secretary and Ringing Master, Ely Diocesan Association, who is selecting a band for the occasion. On completion of the quarter-peal there will be no further ringing, and the band will be entertained to supper at the Fountain Cafe.

NOTICES.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The district meeting will be held at Farnborough on Saturday, September 27th. Bells (6) available 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting at Messrs. T. Moore's Tea Rooms. Those requiring tea please notify by Wednesday, 24th.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual Festival at Newcastle-on-Tyne, Sat., Sept. 27th. Committee meeting at noon. Festival Service in Newcastle Cathedral at 1 o'clock; Preacher, Bishop Wood, Vicar of St. George's, Jesmond. Dinner and annual meeting in the Crown Hotel, Clayton Street West, at 2 o'clock. Further particulars next week.—G. S. Taylor, Secretary, 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Cranbrook on Saturday, October 11th. Further particulars next week.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on Sept. 30th, and St. Magnus' on the 25th, both at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at St. Matthew's, Holbeck, on Saturday, Sept. 20th, on the occasion of the dedication of the recast ring of 8 (by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston). Service at 3.15 p.m. Address by Vicar of Leeds. The bells available after service until 9 p.m.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Wirral Branch) & **LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION** (Liverpool Branch).—A combined meeting will be held at Christ Church, Port Sunlight, on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Longcot on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Tower open 2.30. Service 3.45.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The autumn meeting of the Reading Branch will be held at Checkendon on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Tower open from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 6 p.m. All are welcome.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Branch Sec., 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Wortley, near Sheffield, on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (8) available from 3. Tea 5.30, at 1s. each. Will members pay outstanding subscriptions at this meeting as the financial year ends on Sept. 30th next?—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Tring on Sept. 20th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Meeting after. Will all those in charge of towers remember that subscriptions for the current year are due?—F. Puplett, Hon. Sec., Aylesbury Road, Tring.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Barton-le-Cley on Saturday, September 20th. The bells (8) will be available at 3 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Christ Church, Macclesfield, on Saturday, September 20th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. A new peal tablet will be unveiled at this meeting.

LADIES' GUILD.—A joint meeting of the Northern and Lincolnshire Districts will be held at Sutton-on-Trent on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Service at 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Mrs. R. Richardson, Hon. Sec., Surfleet.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch. — A meeting of the above branch will be held at Client on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wellingborough Branch.—The augmented peal of 8 bells and the new clock at Irchester Parish Church will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Peterborough on Saturday, Sept. 20th. The service will be at 3 o'clock. A public tea will afterwards be held in the Schoolroom at a charge of 8d. per head. The bells will be at liberty for ringing during the whole of the evening.—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Waldron on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, at the Memorial Hall (by the kind invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. R. W. D. Stephenson, M.A.).—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec. 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, September 20th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 p.m., meeting to follow.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—Monk's Kirby is the place for the next meeting on Saturday, September 20th. Bells available during afternoon and evening. Tea (1s. 3d.) at 5 o'clock at the Denbigh Arms Hotel.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Knebworth on Saturday, September 20th. The bells (8) will be ready at 3 p.m. Short service, followed by tea at 5 p.m. Please make a point of attending this meeting. All ringers and friends welcome. A card, if you require tea, will be much appreciated.—D. C. Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin, Herts.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ringwood on Saturday, September 20th. Bells available 3 p.m.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., Christchurch.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hamer, Rochdale, on Saturday, September 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenbirst Hey, Todmorden.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Highworth on Saturday, September 20th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., for those who notify me, at 1s. per head.—S. Hopper, 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—CRICH, DERBYSHIRE.—Dedication of peal board recording first peal rung on the bells since augmentation to eight, Saturday, September 20th, at 4.30 p.m. Bells ready at 3 p.m. All members taking part and all ringers invited to tea at 5 p.m.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The next meeting of the branch will be held at Chiseldon on Saturday, September 20th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. Those requiring tea kindly notify the secretary, Cyril Hussey, East Lease, Baydon, Marlborough, Wilts.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Tideswell, on Saturday, September 20th, not September 27th as previously announced. Church of St. John-the-Baptist (8 bells, tenor 13 cwt.) available afternoon and evening. Tea at a small charge will be provided to those who notify Mr. Giles Chapman, Belmont House, Tideswell.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting of the above Guild will be held at Rye on Saturday, September 20th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tyldesley on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

CUDHAM, KENT.—The augmented ring of ten, by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be dedicated on Sunday, Sept. 21st, at 3 p.m. Bells will be open for ringing from 4 to 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Rededication of Hampstead Norris bells on Sunday, Sept. 21st, at 6 p.m., by the Archdeacon, the Ven. Wickham Legg. All ringers welcomed. Bells (6) open for ringing from 7-9 p.m.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Calverley, near Leeds, on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (8) will be available for ringing throughout the day. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. per head, and applications for same must reach Mr. G. Thompson, 28, Portman Street, Calverley, near Leeds, not later than first post Tuesday, Sept. 23rd. Members are reminded that the financial year ends on Sept. 30th, and all outstanding subscriptions should be paid before that date.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Castle Hedingham on Saturday, September 27th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Sible Hedingham bells (8) also available. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by morning of the 23rd inst., to enable me to make arrangements?—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting and six-bell contest at Longwood, Huddersfield, on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Draw 2.45 p.m. Only those who apply for tea (1s. 6d. each) will be provided for. Closing date, Sept. 22nd.—L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—A meeting of the above will be held at Breaston on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Tower open 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea please advise Mr. Hales, Mount Street, Breaston, Derbyshire, by Sept. 25th?—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Wye on Saturday, September 27th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30, followed by business meeting; election of officers and other matters. A good attendance is hoped for. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting at Fressingfield on Saturday, September 27th. Tea at Vicarage at 4.30, free to all sending me word. Meeting follows.—Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bridlington on Saturday, September 27th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. See circular for further details.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Trevelin, Pontypool, on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (8) available. Service at 4.30. Business meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berkshire Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Cholsey, on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify by the 24th.—Albert E. Lock, 35, East Street, Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The Crawford Cup contest will be held at East Markham on Saturday, September 27th. The first company drawn will commence ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea will be served to those who notify hon. secretary before Sept. 24th, at 1s. 6d. per head. Bells (8) will be open for further ringing from 6.30 to 9.15 p.m. All ringers welcome. Good attendance requested. Good bus services from all directions.—R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Sec., 34, High Street, Ordsall, Retford.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport and Bowdon Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Disley on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea, please notify Mr. A. T. Marsland, Buxton Road, Disley, near Stockport, not later than Tuesday, Sept. 23rd.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Liverpool on Saturday, September 27th. Towers available: Garston (8), Woolton (8), St. Francis Xavier's (8), from 12 noon; St. Nicholas' (12) from 2 p.m. Others may be arranged for if desired. The branch secretary will be in attendance at St. Nicholas' Church from 11.30 a.m. to give any information. Service in St. Nicholas' Church 4 p.m. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Liverpool. Tea in the Strand Cafe, The Strand, 5 p.m. (2s. each). Meeting to follow in the same room. Notify me for tea by first post on Tuesday, September 23rd.—Claude I. Davies, Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the branch will be held at Almondsbury on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. A good meeting is requested. All ringers welcome. Number for tea by 22nd.—Harry Bennett, Branch Hon. Sec., Highfield, Runswick Road, Brislington.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Church Oakley, on Saturday, September 27th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea, followed by business meeting, 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to district secretary, Wolverton Rectory, Basingstoke, by September 24th, please.—D. L. Board.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Hersham on Saturday, September 27th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., tea and meeting following. All ringers are heartily welcome at this meeting. Those requiring tea kindly let me know by Wednesday, September 24th.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Chalfont St. Peter on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (6) available from 6 to 9 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting at Enville on Saturday, September 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.45, with an address by the Rector, the Rev. W. F. O'Neil Fisher. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Motor will leave Railway Street (top Railway Drive), Wolverhampton, at 2.30; return fare 2s. 6d. Please send word re motor by 17th, and for tea not later than 23rd inst. Reports ready for distribution.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Fishlake on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells ready 2.30. Will all members please make a special effort to attend. Buses from Doncaster to Stainforth every ten minutes. Those requiring tea please notify me by the 24th.—Percy Gledstone, Hon. Sec., 34, Silverwood View, Conisborough, near Rotherham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Huish Champflower on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at the Village Hall at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec., 6, Park Street, Minehead.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Axbridge on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells open 2.30. Divine service 4.30. Tea and business to follow. In addition, the peal of eight at Cheddar will be available. Do not forget the first of annual dinner to be held at Weston on November 15th. Announcements later.—L. G. Tanner, 51, Locking Road, Weston-super-Mare.

HUYTON, NEAR LIVERPOOL.—Reopening of the peal of six (tenor 18 cwt.), restored by Taylors, of Loughborough, will take place on Sunday, Sept. 28th, at 6.30 p.m. Preacher, the Rector of Liverpool.

HERTS AND ESSEX ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint mid-week meeting will be held at Hoddesdon on Wednesday, October 1st. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. It is particularly requested that all those intending to be present should advise either of the undermentioned district secretaries as early as possible.—C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford (Essex Association), W. H. Lawrence, Little Munden, near Ware (Herts Association).

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Clitheroe on Saturday, October 4th. Bells available from 3 p.m. A good attendance requested.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

DEVON GUILD.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Silverton on Saturday, October 4th. Bells available 2.30. Committee meeting 4. Service 4.30. Tea (tickets 1s.) 5. Business meeting to follow. Please notify me numbers for tea by Sept. 30th.—A. G. Selley, Hon. Sec., The Square, Silverton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The second general quarterly meeting will be held at Bottesford on October 4th. Bells (8) open for ringing during afternoon. Committee meet 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by general meeting, all at the Rutland Cafe, High Street. Tea (2s.) only provided for those who notify Mr. J. W. Kirton, Station Road, Bottesford, not later than October 2nd. A cordial invitation is given to Lincoln Diocesan Guild friends. Will all members be sporty and pay up their outstanding subscriptions?—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The quarterly meeting will be held at Handsworth Parish Church on Saturday, October 4th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Business meeting to follow. Please send numbers for tea to T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Great Bromley on Saturday, October 4th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5.15. All intending to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday, October 1st. Nearest railway station Ardleigh (2½ miles).—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—A meeting will be held at Ottershaw (6 bells) on Saturday, October 4th. Frequent buses from Chertsey and Woking. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. It is hoped that members from adjoining districts will attend and help make this meeting a success. Those requiring tea should communicate with me not later than Wednesday, October 1st.—H. Hancock, 3, Chobham Road, Ottershaw, Chertsey.

CHURCH CONGRESS.—Ringers attending the Church Congress at Newport, October 4th-11th, are invited to communicate with Mr. Fred Atwell, 4, Malpas Road, Newport, Mon, notifying days and time they can spare for ringing during the week, so that arrangements can be made in advance. St. Woolos' Parish Church and Pro-Cathedral, 10 bells; All Saints', 8 bells.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual commemoration dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association will be held at the Windmill Hotel, Blossom Street, York, on Saturday, Oct. 11th, at 6 p.m. prompt. By the courtesy of the Very Rev. the Dean of York the fine ring of 12 at the Minster will be available for ringing during the afternoon. All applications for tickets, for which a charge of 5s. 6d. each will be made, should reach Mr. G. Horner, 16, Clifton Green, York, not later than first post Tuesday, Oct. 7th.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at

Leeds on Saturday, October 11th. Bells available at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Half fares up to 2s. paid to members at this meeting. All ringers welcome. Please notify early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern and Central Districts.—A combined meeting will be held at St. Laurence's, Reading, on Saturday, October 11th. Further particulars later.—H. F. Mills.

'SPESHUL HENTRA.'—Saturday, October 11th, Oxhey (8 bells). Ringing from 3.30 till 8. Tea 5.30.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel.: City 4270.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 293rd anniversary dinner will be held at the Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, on Saturday, November 8th, at 6.30 p.m.—W. T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary.

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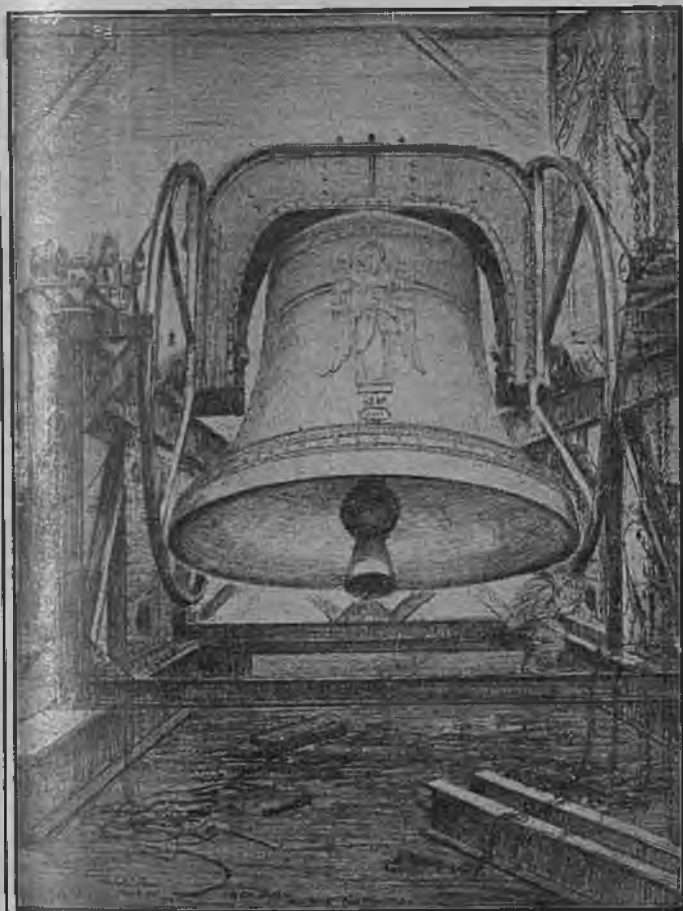
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It ought, of course, to be borne in mind, as our correspondent points out, that the essential use of bells is for service ringing and in any step that is taken it should be the aim of everyone to maintain the ringing on Sundays. The question is not an easy one to settle, and it seems to us that in a case of this kind there must be concessions on both sides. The non-change ringers ought to put no obstacle in the way of their colleagues who want to make headway by practising the art and the change ringers, while making every effort to induce the rest to see the extended interest which can be obtained from change ringing, ought to consider the positions of the old 'stoney' men.

If, prior to the coming of change ringing they have rendered long and loyal service to the Church within the limits of their talent and opportunity, they ought to receive the greatest consideration, which, in the end, would probably well repay itself. If the two sides can meet in good will a compromise ought to be possible. If the 'stoney' men will definitely not entertain learning change ringing and their past services and present numbers justify it, they ought, in our opinion, to be given facilities to share in the ringing. If it cannot be agreed to share the same periods allotted for ringing, would it not be possible for alternate practices and alternate Sundays to be allotted to the two groups, with the clear understanding that if individuals of one side desired to join in the ringing of the other they should be entitled to do so? In this way the conflicting forces might be brought closer together; in any event there should be sufficient give and take between the ringers to ensure that the bells are fully

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THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, September 20, 1930, in Three Hours and Forty-Four Minutes.

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

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| ALBERT WALKER Treble | * FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 7 |
| HERBERT KNIGHT 2 | RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 8 |
| JOHN PERRY 3 | WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 9 |
| * HARRY F. HOLDING 4 | EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... 10 |
| HENRY H. FEARN 5 | ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 11 |
| JOSEPH PIGOTT 6 | HARRY BOSWELL 12 |

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by H. KNIGHT.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

TEN BELL PEALS.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
AND THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

On Thursday, September 18, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes.

AT NEW COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

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| HARRY MILES Treble | WILLIAM STONE 6 |
| ARTHUR HAWES 2 | WALTER F. JUDGE 7 |
| WILLIAM G. COLLETT ... 3 | VICTOR J. F. BENNETT ... 8 |
| RICHARD A. POST 4 | WILLIAM SIMMONDS 9 |
| FRANCIS TAYLOR 5 | REGINALD PLAISTER 10 |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 20, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5091 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

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| ARTHUR DEAN Treble | JOHN H. B. HESSE 6 |
| WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 2 | RAYMOND OVERY 7 |
| GEORGE MARRINER 3 | * ALAN R. PINK 8 |
| GEORGE W. STEERE 4 | CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 9 |
| ALBERT HARMAN 5 | ALFRED H. PULLING 10 |

Composed by E. BENNETT. Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Dean, his two sons, and Messrs. A. Harman, W. Robinson and the conductor.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 20, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

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| DAVID WRIGHT Treble | WILFRED WILLIAMS 6 |
| ALFRED J. TRAPPITT ... 2 | JAMES E. DAVIS 7 |
| CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 3 | AMOS W. CLARK 8 |
| HERBERT J. SKELT 4 | WILLIAM H. HEWITT ... 9 |
| EDWIN F. PIKE 5 | DANIEL COOPER 10 |

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

This peal was arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. E. Collins. Mr. A. W. Clark's 100th peal for the Surrey Association.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, September 13, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

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| GEORGE T. MITCHISON ... Treble | MORRIS J. MORRIS ... 5 |
| RONALD H. DOVE ... 2 | RICHARD C. INGRAM ... 6 |
| JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 3 | FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH ... 7 |
| GEORGE F. SWANN ... 4 | WILLIAM DAVIES ... Tenor |

Conducted by FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH.

This peal was arranged in honour of the marriage of Mr. Percy James Rishworth, only son of the conductor, and Miss Maud Edna Rogers, which took place at Handsworth on September 8th.

HAGLEY, NEAR STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, September 13, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt.

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| JOHN GOODMAN ... Treble | WILLIAM GREEN ... 5 |
| HARRY HILL ... 2 | HARRY GOODMAN ... 6 |
| SAMUEL J. HUGHES ... 3 | WALTER FARLEY ... 7 |
| JOHN PRICE ... 4 | CHAS. WM. COOPER ... Tenor |

Conducted by WALTER FARLEY.

Quarterly peal for the Guild.

HECKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

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| MRS. P. HUMPHERY ... Treble | CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY ... 5 |
| MRS. ROBERT RICHARDSON ... 2 | EDMUND J. HOBBS ... 6 |
| GEORGE LADD ... 3 | ROGER W. DANIELS ... 7 |
| CHARLES W. SMITH ... 4 | RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor |

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by ROBERT RICHARDSON.

SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, September 18, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

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| ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... Treble | HEZEKIAH THORPE ... 5 |
| HAYDEN THORPE ... 2 | *GEORGE H. HURST ... 6 |
| RALPH S. LONG ... 3 | ERNEST THORPE ... 7 |
| SIDNEY F. PALMER ... 4 | HAROLD NAYLOR ... Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

* First peal.

HADDENHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 20, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

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| *DAVID CHAPMAN ... Treble | PERCY NEWTON ... 5 |
| JAMES W. WILKINS ... 2 | F. DONALD BOREHAM ... 6 |
| FREDERICK J. BIGGS ... 3 | GEORGE MILES ... 7 |
| FRANK BOREHAM ... 4 | †HARRY CLARKE ... Tenor |

Conducted by G. MILES.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal. Both are members of the local band. Ringers of 2nd, 4th and 8th are from High Wycombe, 3rd and 5th from Hughenden, and 7th from South Weald. Treble, 7th and tenor were elected members previous to starting the peal. Arranged for ringer of 7th, who was on a visit to his native village.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
OFFICERS' PEAL.

On Saturday, September 20, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

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| ERNEST J. BUTLER, Dis. Sec., S.W. Div ... | ... Treble |
| WILLIAM J. NEVARD, Dis. Master, N.E. Div. ... | 2 |
| WILLIAM KEEBLE, Peal Committee ... | 3 |
| WILLIAM LINCOLN, Gen. Committee ... | 4 |
| FREDERICK RIDGWELL, Dis. Sec., N. Div. ... | 5 |
| GEORGE GREEN, Dis. Master, S.E. Div. ... | 6 |
| DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS, Gen. Committee ... | 7 |
| ARTHUR SAUNDERS, Dis. Master, N. Div. ... | ... Tenor |

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, General Committee.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE, Peal Committee.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 20, 1930, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

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| REGINALD C. KERSEY ... Treble | JAMES G. RUMSEY ... 5 |
| ALFRED KEEBLE ... 2 | ERNEST S. BAILEY ... 6 |
| CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 3 | JAMES M. BAILEY ... 7 |
| GEORGE BAILEY ... 4 | FREDERICK J. SMITH ... Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY

Arranged for G. Bailey, of Norwich.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 20, 1930, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

W. A. CAVE'S VARIATION OF WASHBROOK'S TRANSPOSITION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

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| EDWARD T. GRIFFIN ... Treble | WILLIAM G. GIGG ... 5 |
| ARTHUR H. REED ... 2 | *SYDNEY A. RICKETTS ... 6 |
| JAMES HUNT ... 3 | JOSEPH T. DYKE ... 7 |
| *FRANK ROWSELL ... 4 | *THOMAS J. SETTER ... Tenor |

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal of Stedman. Arranged to oblige the ringers of 1, 6 and 8, who hail from Yeovil, and 4, who is from South Wales.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, September 20, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Luke,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

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| *FREDERICK WARR ... Treble | ALBERT D. COLLINS ... 5 |
| †JOSEPH FLAVELL ... 2 | WILLIAM A. JONES ... 6 |
| ERIC SANT ... 3 | ALFRED FALLON ... 7 |
| HAROLD L. FLAVELL ... 4 | RALPH LITTLER ... Tenor |

Conducted by A. D. COLLINS.

* First peal on eight. † First peal inside on eight. ‡ First peal inside. First peal as conductor. This peal was rung by all Sunday service ringers from the above church, and is the second peal only that has been rung there by a local band, the last being in 1906.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 20, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

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| PERCIVAL W. GRICE ... Treble | ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE ... 5 |
| ERNEST MORRIS ... 2 | WILLIAM E. CLAYFIELD ... 6 |
| RONALD H. DOVE ... 3 | *JOSEPH W. COTTON ... 7 |
| WILLIAM G. BROOKER ... 4 | †WILLIAM H. CURSON ... Tenor |

Transposed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* Now rung each bell in this tower to a peal. † First peal on eight bells. Rung on the eve of the Patronal Festival, also as a farewell to the Rector, Rev. H. E. Worthington, M.A., who is retiring after 33 years' ministry at Seals. Ringers of 2, 3, and 5 are from Leicester, Croydon, and Ashby respectively, the others being of the local society.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 20, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| DR. E. L. TAYLOR Treble | † WILLIAM TERLEY 5 |
| * GEORGE MALYAN 2 | * ROBERT COLLINS 6 |
| JOHN STEDDY 3 | STAFFORD H. GREEN 7 |
| GEORGE EDWARDS 4 | EDWIN H. LEWIS Tenor |

Composed by E. M. ATKINS.

Conducted by E. L. TAYLOR.

* First peal of Bob Major. † First peal.

GREAT BARDFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 20, 1930, in Three Hours and Eleven-and-a-Half Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

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| * FRANK HARRINGTON Treble | LEWIS W. WIFFEN 5 |
| GEORGE PIPER 2 | ERNEST TOWNSEND 6 |
| * GEORGE SCHLUETER 3 | JOSEPH JENNINGS 7 |
| ARTHUR T. SMITH 4 | WALTER SMITH Tenor |

Composed by J. WILDE.

Conducted by JOSEPH JENNINGS.

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

BRENCHLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 20, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

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| JOHN J. BASSETT Treble | CYRIL W. A. BROWN 5 |
| MRS. H. BAKER 2 | WILLIAM BUTTON 6 |
| ANDREW MARSHALL 3 | THOMAS E. SONE 7 |
| HARRY BAKER 4 | KENNETH PATTENDEN Tenor |

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 20, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

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| WM. SPICE, SEN. Treble | SAMUEL E. TAYLOR 5 |
| STANLEY B. DOBBIE 2 | S. J. T. SHELLOCK 6 |
| CHARLES J. ELLIS 3 | F. BELSEY 7 |
| JOHN B. UNWIN 4 | WM. HAIGH Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM HAIGH.

This peal was arranged for the ringer of the third, who hails from Harwich.

NORTHOP, FLINTSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 20, 1930, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

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| * J. H. WOODHOUSE Treble | JOHN E. RANGLES 5 |
| ROBERT SPERRING 2 | GEORGE R. JONES 6 |
| GEORGE WILLIAMS 3 | THOMAS GRIFFITHS 7 |
| JACK EVANS 4 | ARTHUR TILSTON Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE R. JONES.

* First peal in the method.

WESTERHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, September 20, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

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| * ERNEST H. EVEREST Treble | ERNEST J. LADD 5 |
| FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 2 | * JOHN O. WELLER 6 |
| LEONARD A. TIDY 3 | JOSEPH WREN 7 |
| HENRY J. SELBY 4 | ALBERT E. EDWARDS Tenor |

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

* First peal of Major. The peal was arranged, and rung in honour of the engagement of Mr. J. O. Weller (a local ringer) to Miss Phyllis Chisholm.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

MARSTON MAGNA, SOMERSET.

On Saturday, September 13, 1930, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two six-scores of Bob Doubles and 40 of Grandsire, twelve different callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

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| * TREVOR E. MARKS Treble | PERCY N. G. RAINEY 4 |
| ARTHUR H. S. RAINEY 2 | † THOMAS J. SETTER 5 |
| † SELWYN F. WADMAN 3 | † ARTHUR W. MILVERTON Tenor |

Conducted by PERCY N. G. RAINEY.

* First peal. † First peal in two methods. † First peal away from tenor.

ELKSTONE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 13, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

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

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

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| ALBERT WRIGHT Treble | THOMAS PRICE 3 |
| FRANK COLE 2 | FREDERICK BLOWRING 4 |

JOHN BALLINGER Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

WINFARTHING, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 17, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different extents, one each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement's and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

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| * HAROLD T. BARHAM Treble | NOLAN GOLDEN 4 |
| CHARLES F. GOODMAN 2 | † ALBERT G. HARRISON 5 |
| ALPHAËUS J. BERRY 3 | ERIC G. BENNETT Tenor |

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal. † Fiftieth peal and first peal in six methods.

UPHILL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 17, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, Snowdon's calling. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

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| CHARLES R. LILLEY Treble | HAROLD BANWELL 4 |
| ERNEST BATH 2 | LEONARD G. TANNER 5 |
| FREDERICK G. STUCKEY 3 | HENRY PARSONS Tenor |

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

CADOXTON, NEAR NEATH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 20, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

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| DAVID J. LEWIS Treble | GWYN I. LEWIS 4 |
| JOHN E. BLOXHAM 2 | EDWARD PHILLIPS 5 |
| ERNEST STITCH 3 | ALBERT J. PITMAN Tenor |

Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

First spliced peal for the Guild. Rung in honour of the appointment as Archdeacon of Llandaff of Rev. Chancellor J. D. James, Vicar of the parish. Also a birthday compliment to the conductor.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 21, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven extents, one each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's, Double Oxford and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

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| HAROLD T. BARHAM Treble | ERIC G. BENNETT 4 |
| ALBERT G. HARRISON 2 | CHARLES F. GOODMAN 5 |
| ALPHAËUS J. BERRY 3 | NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor |

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. John Souter, of Diss, on his 80th birthday.

THE 'NORTHANTS' RINGING WEEK.

The following peals were rung during the 'week' in the Northamptonshire area by members of

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.

On Saturday, September 13, 1930, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

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| EDWARD P. DUFFIELD Treble | ALBERT W. COLES 5 |
| GEORGE R. PYE 2 | JAMES BENNETT 6 |
| GEORGE WILLIAMS 3 | ROBERT RICHARDSON 7 |
| THOMAS T. GOFTON 4 | WILLIAM PYE Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method in the county.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.

On Sunday, September 14, 1930, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

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| JAMES BENNETT Treble | GEORGE R. PYE 5 |
| CHARLES W. ROBERTS 2 | THOMAS T. GOFTON 6 |
| WILFRED WILLIAMS 3 | EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 7 |
| GEORGE WILLIAMS 4 | WILLIAM PYE Tenor |

Composed by N. J. PIRSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

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

TICHMARSH, NORTHANTS.

On Monday, September 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb.

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| CHARLES W. ROBERTS Treble | JAMES BENNETT 5 |
| GEORGE R. PYE 2 | EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 6 |
| WILFRED WILLIAMS 3 | ALBERT W. COLES 7 |
| THOMAS T. GOFTON 4 | WILLIAM PYE Tenor |

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

First peal in the method on the bells.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.

On Monday, September 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

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| HARRY CHAMBERS Treble | JAMES BENNETT 5 |
| GEORGE WILLIAMS 2 | WILFRED WILLIAMS 6 |
| EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 3 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7 |
| GEORGE R. PYE 4 | WILLIAM PYE Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.

On Tuesday, September 16, 1930, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

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| GEORGE R. PYE Treble | WILFRED WILLIAMS 5 |
| CHARLES W. ROBERTS 2 | ALBERT W. COLES 6 |
| GEORGE WILLIAMS 3 | JAMES BENNETT 7 |
| THOMAS T. GOFTON 4 | WILLIAM PYE Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.

On Tuesday, September 16, 1930, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

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| CHARLES W. ROBERTS Treble | THOMAS T. GOFTON 5 |
| JAMES BENNETT 2 | GEORGE R. PYE 6 |
| WILFRED WILLIAMS 3 | GEORGE WILLIAMS 7 |
| EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 4 | WILLIAM PYE Tenor |

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.

On Wednesday, September 17, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

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| GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble | THOMAS T. GOFTON 5 |
| GEORGE R. PYE 2 | WILLIAM PYE 6 |
| CHARLES W. ROBERTS 3 | ALBERT W. COLES 7 |
| WILFRED WILLIAMS 4 | EDWARD P. DUFFIELD Tenor |

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

DESBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

On Wednesday, September 17, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

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| WILFRED WILLIAMS Treble | CHARLES W. BIRD 5 |
| EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 2 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS 6 |
| ALBERT W. COLES 3 | JAMES BENNETT 7 |
| GEORGE R. PYE 4 | WILLIAM PYE Tenor |

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

HAZELBEECH, NORTHANTS.

On Thursday, September 18, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

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| ALBERT W. COLES Treble | EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 5 |
| JAMES BENNETT 2 | WILLIAM PYE 6 |
| GEORGE R. PYE 3 | ROBERT RICHARDSON 7 |
| THOMAS T. GOFTON 4 | GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

NORTHAMPTON.

On Thursday, September 18, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

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| EDWARD P. DUFFIELD Treble | GEORGE WILLIAMS 5 |
| WILFRED WILLIAMS 2 | JAMES BENNETT 6 |
| CHARLES W. ROBERTS 3 | ROBERT RICHARDSON 7 |
| THOMAS T. GOFTON 4 | WILLIAM PYE Tenor |

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS

First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

On Friday, September 19, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

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| HARRY CHAMBERS Treble | GEORGE WILLIAMS 5 |
| GEORGE R. PYE 2 | AMOS SMART 6 |
| WILFRED WILLIAMS 3 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7 |
| JAMES BENNETT 4 | WILLIAM PYE Tenor |

Composed by the REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS

* First peal in the method.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.

On Saturday, September 20, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

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| CHARLES W. ROBERTS Treble | WILFRED WILLIAMS 5 |
| GEORGE R. PYE 2 | JAMES BENNETT 6 |
| THOMAS T. GOFTON 3 | ALBERT W. COLES 7 |
| EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 4 | WILLIAM PYE Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method in the county.

Prior to the peal at Irthlingborough an attempt at Finedon for a peal of Spliced London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise unfortunately came to grief with only eight leads to ring. The only other failure was the last peal in the programme, London Surprise, at Bourn (Cambs), which had to be terminated on account of a shift course.

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

HOW OTHER PEOPLE LEARN IT.

The writer of the article which appeared in our last issue, and other correspondents, call attention to an error in the figures of the peal. After the 423567 the calling should have been 5.5.5d.5d. The second 5d was omitted. In order that those who are taking up learning the composition may have the complete calling before them, we repeat the figures:—

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----|-----|------|------|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--|
| 5. | 3. | 4. | 5. | 4. | 4. | 3d. | 3d. | 7d. | 4d. | |
| 4. | 4d. | 5* | d. | 5d. | 7d. | 7d. | | | | *452367 |
| 3. | 3d. | 7d. | | | | | | | | |
| 5. | 7d. | 7d. | 5d.* | | | | | | | *423675 |
| 7. | 4. | 5d. | 7d. | | | | | | | |
| 5. | 7. | 7. | 3d. | 3d. | 4d. | | | | | |
| 4. | 4. | 7d.* | 5d. | | | | | | | *234675 |
| 7. | 5.* | 5. | 4d. | | | | | | | *342567 |
| 3. | 4d. | 4d. | | | | | | | | |
| 3.* | 7. | 7d. | | | | | | | | |
| 8. | 4. | 3d. | | | | | | | | Half-way, lead prior to 7 before *564723 |
| 5.* | 7d. | | | | | | | | | *354267 |
| 3. | 4d. | | | | | | | | | |
| 7. | 3. | 5d. | | | | | | | | |
| 7. | 4. | 7d. | 7d.* | | | | | | | *325467 |
| 4. | 3. | 3d. | 3d. | | | | | | | |
| 5. | 3. | 5d. | | | | | | | | |
| 5. | 7. | 4d. | 4d. | 7d.* | | | | | | *423567 |
| 5. | 3. | 5d. | 5d. | | | | | | | |
| 3. | 4. | 4d. | | | | | | | | |
| 3. | 7. | 3d. | 3d. | | | | | | | *Plain Course. |
| 7. | 5.* | 3d. | 3d. | | | | | | | |
| 7. | 3. | 7. | 7d. | 7d. | | | | | | |
| 7. | 4. | 4d. | 3d. | (2s. 5. 6. 3s.*) | | | | | | *Rounds. |

THE PEAL IN TOUCHES.

Mr. Allen Rowley, of Cardiff, sends the following split-up of the peal into a series of touches. He begins with a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) from rounds, in which he sets out the bells in a simple formula to assist the memory as follows:—

| | |
|-----|-----|
| 5. | |
| 3. | 4. |
| 4. | 4. |
| 3d. | 3d. |
| 7d. | |
| 4d. | 4d. |
| 5d. | 5d. |
| 7d. | 7d. |
| 3. | 3d. |
| 7d. | 5. |
| 7.* | |

* Omit the second bob of the double and bring the bells rounds by 2n.3.

The following touches continue in turn the calling of the peal:—

| No. | From Rounds. | Bells Before in peal. | Into Rounds. | Changes from peal. | Changes in touch. |
|-----|--------------|---|--------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1. | 5. 3. 6. | 5. 7. 4. 5. 7. 5. 7. 3. | 2. 4. 2. | 476 | 616 |
| 2. | 4. 7. 7. | 3. 4. 4. 4. 7. 5. 7. 5. | 5. | 504 | 700 |
| 3. | 4. | 5. 4. 3. 4. 4. 3. 7. 3. 4. 3. 5. | 7. 7. | 574 | 742 |
| 4. | 7. | 7. 3. 4. 7. 3. 5. 7. 4. 7. | 7. | 350 | 461 |
| 5. | 5. 4. | 7. 4. 3. 3. 3. 5. 3. 5. 5. | 5. 3. | 448 | 602 |
| 6. | 5. 7. | 7. 4. 4. 7. | 3. | 238 | 406 |
| 7. | 5. | 5. 3. 5. 5. 3. 4. 4. 3. 7. 3. 3. 7. 5. | P.C. | 532 | 644 |
| 8. | P.C. | 3. 3. 7. 3. 7. 7. 7. 4. 4. 3. 3. 5. 6. 2. | | 728 | 742 |

Bells marked with d are called Before with a double. Bells marked s are called into the hunt with a Single.

THE SEVEN NINETEENS.

Sir,—As one who has called the above peal several times, I was very much interested in the article which appeared in 'The Ringing World' of September 19th. I remember the second time that I rang the peal, I asked the then conductor, the late Mr. H. W. Haley, how to learn to call the peal, and he told me: 'Seventeen nineteens and one seventeen, including the two Singles.' When I got home I got out my 'Reeves, Jones and Blakemore's' book, and on pages 58 and 59 I found the peal just as he told me, in what may be

termed eight parts, although not all the same length, but with the same number of calls in the first seven parts, and from that I set to work and learnt the 'bells Before' all off by heart. I have always called it that way. The part ends or division ends are as follows:—

| | |
|--------|---------------|
| 452367 | 1st part end. |
| 437256 | 2nd " |
| 234675 | 3rd " |
| 235764 | 4th " |
| 437625 | 5th " |
| 652743 | 6th " |
| 475238 | 7th " |
| 234567 | Rounds. |

Yours truly,
H. J. TUCKER.

ANOTHER HINT.

Sir,—In connection with your article on Holt's Original, may I be allowed to pass on the advice given to me by Mr. C. Wiltshire, now of Canada. It is by far the best way to learn the bells Before at the Doubles, then as soon as you call the previous bob to the Double you will know whether your two next bells are right.—Yours,
A. H. PULLING.

SET TO VERSE.

A correspondent, referring to the fact that some ringers set the calling of Holt's Original to verse, writes that in one of the issues of 'Campanology' in 1897 a writer suggested the following means of learning the peal, which, with him, had proved very successful:—
'Get out the bells "Before" in "common meter verse form," (that is, eight in the first and third, and 6 in the second and fourth lines, a figure being equal to a syllable, as for instance:—

| | | | | | | | |
|--|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| O - God - our - help - in - a - ges - past. | 5 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 3 |
| Our - hope - for - years - to - come, | 4 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 5 | 4 | |
| Our - shel - ter - from - the - storm - y - blast, | 3 | 4 | 4 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 5 |
| And - our - e - ter - nal - home. | 7 | 4 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 3 | |

'If you continue this treatment you will find it runs to five verses and a small bit, which I call the "Amen," thus:—
7.4.4.3.3.5 2s.5.6.3s.

'Observation or checking places may be chosen by the caller. The lead-ends at the first call in each verse are easy to learn, running thus:—

| |
|---------|
| 645327 |
| 234675 |
| 734265 |
| 237465 |
| 275346. |

On working out the calling on the above system, our correspondent got the following result, to the air of 'O God, our help in ages past':—

| 1st verse. | 3rd. | 5th. |
|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 5.3.4.5.4.4.3. | 3.5.4.7.5.5.4.5. | 3.5.7.5.7.3.4.4. |
| 4.3.4.7.5.4. | 3.4.3.4.3.3. | 7.3.7.3.4.3. |
| 3.4.4.7.5.3.5.3. | 7.4.4.3.4.3.7.5. | 4.7.5.3.7.3.7.7. |
| 7.4.7.4.3.3. | 7.4.3.4.5.7. | 3.7.7.3.7.3. |
| 2nd. | 4th. | The 'Amen.' |
| 4.7.5.5.7.4.7.4. | 3.5.4.7.4.7.5.7. | 7.4.4.3.3.5. |
| 5.3.7.4.5.4. | 5.4.3.3.5.3. | 2s.5.6.3s. |
| 7.3.5.7.7.3.7.3. | 5.5.3.5.4.5.7.4. | |
| 7.4.5.4.4.7. | 7.4.7.7.3.5. | |

A JOINT MEETING AT PORT SUNLIGHT.

A combined meeting of the Wirral Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild and the Liverpool Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at Christ Church, Port Sunlight, on Saturday. There was a fairly good attendance, considering the wet day. Amongst those present were Rev. T. Webster (minister in charge of Christ Church), Messrs. A. L. Jarvis (secretary, who had made all the arrangements), J. C. E. Simpson (general secretary, Chester Diocesan Guild), Claude Davies (secretary, Liverpool District), and about twenty-six ringers. There was some good ringing during the afternoon, including touches of Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Bob Major. An excellent tea was provided and served in the art gallery, Mr. Jarvis acting as host.

The Rev. T. Webster gave the ringers a hearty welcome to Port Sunlight. He was very pleased to see them and to hear them ring. The band at Christ Church were making good progress, and he thanked Mr. Battle for his great assistance to the learners.

Mr. Brocklebank proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Webster and Mr. Jarvis for their kind welcome, for the use of the bells and for the tea, which was very much enjoyed. Mr. Davies seconded the motion, and invited those present to the annual meeting and service of the Lancashire Association to be held at Liverpool on the 27th inst. The vote of thanks having been carried with acclamation, ringing was carried on until eight o'clock.

EDGWARE BELLS RUNG AGAIN.

On Saturday, September 20th, the Finchley band visited the Parish Church of St. Margaret, Edgware, Middlesex, where the bells have been silent for the past ten years. Finding the bells ringable, 720 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Double Court, 360 Plain Bob, 360 Grandsire Doubles, 360 Oxford Bob, and a plain course of College Single were rung, the following ringers taking part: L. Tubb, B. Tubb, F. Tubb, F. Cherrett, E. Bonfield, W. Warren, F. Barker (conductor).

LEICESTER RINGERS IN LONDON.

The members of St. John-the-Divine's Society, Leicester, held their annual outing on Saturday, September 13th, when they paid a visit to London. The ringers, with their wives, reached the Metropolis at 1.10 p.m. Although there was a heavy downpour of rain, this failed to damp the spirits of the company, as by means of the Underground railway the various destinations were possible. A visit to St. Paul's Cathedral was the first item on the programme, and a profitable hour was spent within its walls, many of the company registering their first visit. Leaving the Cathedral, they went down Ludgate Hill, where the bridge came in useful for shelter, what time 'Jupiter Pluvius' did his damndest. Then on to St. Clement Danes, Strand, where, thanks to Messrs. T. H. Taffender and W. D. Grainger, the bells were at the ringers' disposal. Stedman and Grandsire Caters were rung before closing down. Five o'clock saw the party at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, the famous church of broadcasting, where the use of the twelve bells had been kindly obtained for the Midlanders by the Master of the Cumberlands, Mr. J. D. Mathews. Here several Leicester friends, now residents in London, joined the party, and with their help Stedman Cinques and a course of Cambridge Royal were rung. Dinner was served at the well-known Coventry Restaurant, Rupert Street, Piccadilly, when twenty-eight were glad to sit down, but very loth to get up. Six courses were successfully negotiated before 'the coming home,' after which votes of thanks to the respective incumbents and custodians aforesaid were moved and carried with acclamation. The remainder of the time at the disposal of the party was spent at various places, some looking on the silvery Thames by night, some going to an exhibition, and the remainder to Madame Tussauds, where some fun was caused by certain individuals' inability to distinguish the living from the 'dud.' Eleven p.m. saw all the party at St. Pancras, and after a non-stop run of 100 miles, in a well upholstered saloon, reached home at 1.10 a.m., well satisfied that this outing was the best up to date.

W. W.

JAMES WASHBROOK'S GRAVE.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In your issue of August 29th last, your correspondent, 'W.H.F.', writing of the Manchester tour, says it was ascertained that Washbrook's grave was neglected, and there is no headstone to mark his resting place at Pendleton. As an admirer of Washbrook's abilities I ask, cannot something be done to mark his last resting place? I am fully aware of the memorial to his memory at St. Ebbe's, Oxford. Could the Lancashire Association undertake the erection of a suitable stone by appealing through your valuable paper for subscriptions? I am willing to give my mile.—Yours,

A NOVICE.

RETIREMENT OF THE REV. H. E. WORTHINGTON, M.A.

As reported in our peal columns, a farewell peal was arranged and rung to mark the retirement from the ministry of the Rev. H. E. Worthington, M.A., who has for the last thirty-three years been Rector of Seals (Overseal and Netherseal). He has been a great friend of all ringers, showing the greatest interest in the art. He was for many years an hon. member of the Midland Counties Association, and rarely missed attending a meeting in his district. He is the cousin of Mr. W. W. Worthington, M.A., J.P., of Maple Hayes, Lichfield, the well-known ringer and donor of a number of bells in the Burton District of the M.C.A., of which he is vice-president. The Rev. H. E. Worthington is retiring to Hook Norton, near Banbury.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At Malvern Link, on Sunday, September 14th, at St. Matthias' Church, for evensong, with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute to the memory of the late Canon W. C. E. Newbolt, a former Vicar, the whole pull and stand, followed by 504 Grandsire Triples: R. G. Knowles (conductor) 1, E. C. Barber 2, F. Stanton 3, R. Gardner 4, W. Niblett 5, W. O. Gardner 6, P. J. Farrant 7, A. Richings 8.

On Monday evening, September 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung at Paignton, Devon, as a token of respect on the death of the Rev. Alfred Vyvyan Cox, who was assistant curate at Paignton 1875-79, and who died on the 11th inst. at Paignton at the age of 83 years. The quarter-peal was rung, after the funeral at Stockland, by: C. R. Walker 1, H. G. Lewis 2, F. T. Gover 3, G. L. Hewlett (Coalbrookdale) 4, C. F. Austin 5, F. E. Parnell 6, H. J. Hole (conductor) 7, A. L. Pope 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 recast ring of eight bells installed with new frame and fitting at St. Matthew's, Holbeck, Leeds, was dedicated on Saturday, and the happy event was celebrated with true Yorkshire ringers' enthusiasm.

The peal at St. Luke's, Wolverhampton, besides being rung by all local ringers, is notable for the fact that the ringers of the treble, 2nd, 3rd and tenor have only been ringing seven months, and are only 18 years of age. Great credit is, therefore, due to them.

It has not been found possible to arrange the meeting at Huddesdon on Wednesday, October 1st, for the Essex and Herts Associations, and a meeting will be held instead at Harlow Common.

A party of tourists are peal ringing this week in Mid-Wales.

Mr. Tony Price, a ringer well known in the Eastern Counties, who is now residing in Montreal, is to be married on Monday next, September 29th, to Miss Agnes Watson, who has gone out to Canada for the event. It would be a happy expression of the good wishes of his numerous friends if a peal in honour of the wedding could be rung.

The Rev. H. Drake, of Ufford, hon. secretary of the Suffolk Guild, and Mrs. Drake were involved in a motor accident on Saturday, when the car which Mr. Drake was driving came into collision with a motor coach at cross-roads at Shooter's Hill, Woolwich. Mrs. Drake had to be taken to Woolwich Hospital.

Mr. Edwin Gibbs, an old College Youth and a member of St. Paul's Cathedral band for many years, is in The Elms Nursing Home at Crayford. Although he is suffering severely from arthritis, he is very cheerful.

Mr. Gibbs was one of the band of College Youths who lost a peal of ten thousand odd of Stedman Cinques in the homing course at Cornhill. Before becoming a College Youth, he was a member of the Royal Cumberlands, and rang in the 8,896 of Treble Bob at Highgate.

A correspondent seeks information as to the quickest peal of Doubles that has been rung. Now, you record breakers, let us hear from you!

William Shipway was born at Bath on September 29th, 1760.

On October 1st, 1793, a peal of 15,360 Bob Major was rung at Aston, Birmingham, conducted by Joshua Short.

A COMBINED MEETING AT HORSHAM.

Owing to its having to be postponed from its original date, the combined meeting of the Western Division of the Sussex Association and the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild on Saturday week unfortunately clashed with the others, and this, combined with the bad weather, made for a small attendance at the fine old Parish Church of Horsham. The well-known peal of eight, however, were set going soon after three o'clock, and Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent and Double Norwich were rung before the service, which was conducted by the Vicar, and his address was on rather an unusual subject, viz., the Guild's service form and its prayers.

About twenty ringers sat down to tea at the Queen's Head, and, as the weather improved, a few more afterwards put in an appearance, and enabled London and Bristol Surprise to be added to the methods rung before the close of this first combined meeting of these districts.

CUDHAM'S LIGHT RING OF TEN.

FIVE NEW BELLS WEIGH 15 CWT.

The lightest peal of ten bells hung for ringing in a church tower in this country was dedicated on Sunday afternoon at the Parish Church of Cudham, Kent, and, in addition to the large congregation of parishioners who gathered to take part in the proceedings, a great many ringers assembled to hear and try this unique peal. The church, which has two aisles of unequal length, and a tower surmounted by a spire, lies on the summit of a steep ridge, the climb up to which, from one side at any rate, is a severe test for the wind of the pedestrian and the vitals of a motor-car. The hill is long, and in places the gradient is one in three, and is frequently the scene of hill-climbing contests. One such was in progress on Sunday afternoon when some of the visitors arrived. The church is thus well situated for a peal of bells. There are few neighbouring houses, most of the villagers who use the church living in the valley far below, while the most populous part of the parish is nearly two miles away at Biggin Hill. Up to fifty years or so ago, there were four bells in the tower, one, probably of pre-Reformation date, inscribed, 'Ora Pro Nobis, Sancte Paul,' and the others cast by John Hodson in 1661. Then, it is recorded, some 'village idiot' broke the tenor bell in endeavouring to celebrate a wedding, and for a time only three sound bells remained.

In 1890 Messrs. Taylor and Co. recast the tenor and rehung the four bells in a frame constructed to hold six eventually. In 1920, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank added a treble, making a ring of five. About two years ago there was a desire to fill the vacant pit, and a bell was cast in 1929 at Croydon for the purpose. Meanwhile a prominent parishioner, in the person of Mr. Rolla Richards, died, and by a bequest, which presumably was to have turned the older ring of five into an octave, he left a sum of money for three new bells and a tower clock with quarter chimes. The result has been that a further bell has been provided from the bequest, and Cudham now has its very light peal of ten, whose total weight is less than 44 cwt.

The work has been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who, in spite of the lack of metal possible in view of the weights of the existing ring, have provided some very fine bells, whose notes are clear and powerful. Nothing was done to the other five, which, as stated, are a 'mixed' lot, but the result is certainly a pleasing peal of ten, always, of course, bearing in mind the weight. The four smaller bells are carried in a separate frame over the other six, and the space in the ringing room is rather confined, the tower being only about 11ft. square. In the ringing room, too, there is too much noise, as the bells are immediately overhead. It is hoped that something may be done to mitigate this, otherwise ringing conditions will not be altogether satisfactory. The following are the particulars of the bells, the weights of which will be examined with interest:—

| No. | Inscriptions. | Cwts. | Qrs. | Lbs. |
|---------------------|---|-------|------|------|
| 1. | Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1930. Gift of Rolla Richards. | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| 2. | Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1930. Bryan O'Loughlin, Vicar. Gift of Rolla Richards. | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| 3. | Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1930. J.W., G.H.H., A.W. Gift of Rolla Richards. | 3 | 0 | 14 |
| 4. | Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1930. Lo, I am with you alway. Gift of Rolla Richards. | 3 | 0 | 21 |
| 5. | Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1929. | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| 6. | Mears and Stainbank, Founders, London, 1920. | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| 7. | John Hodson made me, 1661. I.B., T.F., C. Wardens. | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| 8. | Ora Pro Nobis, Sancte Paul. | 4 | 3 | 0 |
| 9. | John Hodson made me, 1661. I.B., T.F., Churchwardens, W.H. | 6 | 3 | 0 |
| 10. | John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, MDCCCXC. | 9 | 2 | 0 |
| Total weight | | 43 | 3 | 13 |

A new clock has been placed in the tower, the dials being just under the eaves of the spire. It strikes the quarters, with Westminster chimes, and the hour. Ellacombe hammers have been fitted to all the bells, which can be chimed from the tower floor. In addition to the bells and clock, the organ has been improved, and all were dedicated on Sunday by the Rural Dean (Canon Thompson). There was not seating room in the church for all who sought admission, and the service, which began with a shortened form of evensong, was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. B. O'Loughlin). The Rural Dean dedicated the clock from the south porch, proceeded to the foot of the tower to dedicate the bells, and a memorial tablet, and then returned to the chancel to dedicate the organ. He preached an interesting sermon on the uses of the clock, bells and organ, and drew lessons of practical application from each of them.

After the service the bells were rung by visiting ringers who came from various towers in Kent, Surrey, Sussex and London, and among those present were Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council) and Mr. C. E. Johnston, who represented the founders.

(Continued in next column.)

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

AN INSTRUCTOR FOR KNEBWORTH.

A meeting of the Northern District of the Hertford County Association was held at Knebworth on Saturday. The pretty little church is situated in the heart of the great park, within a stone's throw of Knebworth House, the residence of Lord Lytton. The weather was anything but kind, and the downpour commenced about noon, lasting until about 4 p.m., just the time at which so many ringers say, 'Shall we—or not?' However, by 3.20 p.m. the bells were going well to most of the standard methods. The tenor here was cast by John Biant in 1812, and the rest of the octave by Mears, the tenor being 12½ cwt. It was at the tower that in 1912 the Hertfordshire Association rang a peal of 12,160 Bristol Surprise Major.

Members were present from Benington, Baldock, Clifton, Graveley, Hitchin, Leichworth, Kimpton, Offley, London and Welwyn Garden City. The Rev. L. Denton Sayers conducted a service, the prayers, psalms and hymns being taken from the service paper of the associa-



KNEBWORTH PARISH CHURCH.

tion, while the words of the text were as follows: 'The zeal of Thy house hath eaten me up.' In the short address, the Rector referred to the fascination of change ringing.

Tea was afterwards served at the Lytton Arms. The business meeting followed, with the Rector in the chair.

The Chairman showed very keen interest in the work of the association, and asked for information for commencing a change ringing band in his parish, where at present interest is at a low ebb. He also informed the meeting that he would consider it an honour to become an honorary member of the association. He was, needless to say, duly elected.

Several members offered to give tuition to the local band.—The Rector expressed his appreciation, and extended his welcome to the association to meet at Knebworth whenever they wished.

Ringings afterwards continued until about 9 p.m. The secretary wishes to thank all who attended the meeting in spite of the inclement weather.

RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

On Tuesday, September 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung at Llandaff Cathedral: H. Thomas 1, W. Heath 2, J. W. Jones 3, C. H. Perry 4, T. Carter 5, J. Phillips 6, E. Coombes (conductor) 7, E. Coles 8. This was specially arranged and rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal to honour Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Pitcher on their golden wedding day. Mr. Pitcher is one of the Cathedral ringers and one of the oldest members of the association. During the evening the ringers enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Pitcher, to whom the best wishes for their continued happiness were extended.

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The tablet records the gifts in the following words: 'To the glory of God and in memory of Emma Jane Richards, the wife of Rolla Richards, who departed this life on the 6th January, 1912, and also in memory of Rolla Richards, who departed this life on the 23rd April, 1929, and by whose generosity this church has been enriched by the gift of three bells, and a clock, and by improvements to the organ.'

After the ringing, which included touches of Caters and Royal, many of the visiting ringers were entertained to tea by Mr. Johnston, hasty preparations being made at Knockholt, about two miles away, which was the nearest point at which refreshments could be obtained. Those ringers who were able to take tea much appreciated Mr. Johnston's kindness and hospitality.

REOPENING OF A NOTED ESSEX PEAL. BOCKING BELLS RETUNED AND REHUNG.

Despite the inclement weather, a large assembly of ringers attended the reopening of Bocking bells on Saturday week. For an hour previous to the service the rain came down in torrents, but in spite of the adverse conditions the spacious edifice was filled to its capacity. The service began with the hymn, 'City of God, how broad and far.' The Rev. T. P. R. Clark, assistant curate, officiated. The lesson (Numbers x. 1-10) was read by the aged Dean, the Very Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, who is in his 90th year. The sermon was preached by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford, who expressed his appreciation of the successful efforts made by the parishioners in re-hanging their noble ring of bells. The collection, £16 4s. 6d., was for the bell fund. Only a few pounds are now needed to complete the £470 to free the fund from debt.

Immediately after the service the bells were rung by the local company, followed by 448 Cambridge Surprise by a selected band, conducted by Mr. W. Keeble. Tea was provided in the Workman's Hall by kind permission of the world-famed firm of Messrs. Courtauld, Ltd., under the chairmanship of Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Essex Association. Ringers were present from Bocking, Braintree, Remford, Colchester, Great Bentley, Rayne, Chelmsford, Sible Hedingham, Black Notley, Brentwood, Greenstead Green, Great Baddow, Stebbing, Great Bardfield, Peering, Earls Colne, Halstead, Great Yeldham, Dublin, Loughborough, Trumpington, Bentley St. Paul, Dunmow, Broomfield and Maldon. Included in this large company were Mr. W. J. Nevard, (District Master, North-East Division), Mr. F. Ridgwell (district secretary, North Division), Mr. E. J. Butler (district secretary, South-West Division), Mr. G. Green (District Master, South-East Division), Mr. Gabriel Lindoff and his son, who were on holiday in the district, Messrs. W. Keeble, L. W. Wiffen, F. G. Ringe, W. Lincoln, A. A. Saunders, F. Rudkin, of Braintree, and W. Bearman, of Bocking, two of the few remaining founders of the Essex Association, Mr. J. P. Fidler, representing Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., and Miss Kitty Willers, who rode a 'push bike' in the rain to and from Trumpington, some sixty miles.

The Master said he was sure the Dean and the authorities at Bocking were more than satisfied with the excellent response that the ringers of Essex had made to the invitation to be present that day. There were 75 who sent in their names, and he believed that there was that number present. It showed that they were enthusiastic, and that the weather did not stop them once they had made up their minds to go anywhere. He was sure the ringers would desire him to offer hearty congratulations to the Dean of Bocking and those who had worked with him on the splendid restoration of the Bocking bells. Bocking had been a noted ringing centre for a number of years, but change ringing had not been practised there in the last few years to the extent that it formerly was. There were change ringers at Bocking in the early seventies, and two of them, Mr. J. Murray Hayes and Mr. Ezra Carter, became noted ringers at St. Paul's Cathedral. Mr. William Bearman, a very old Bocking ringer, was with them that day. When he (the Master) first rang at Bocking he well remembered the very warm welcome he received from Mr. Bearman and the old Bocking company. Mr. Howard acknowledged the kindness of the Braintree ringers under Mr. L. W. Wiffen, in tutoring the young band recently formed at Bocking, and said he looked forward to the time, in the not distant future, when Bocking would regain its old position as a change ringing centre. 'The bells are in excellent order,' he said, 'and, when you get used to them, the striking should be of the best.' Before concluding, the Master tendered, on behalf of the ringers present, cordial thanks to Mrs. Clark and her helpers for arranging the tea.

The Rev. T. P. R. Clark apologised for the absence of the Bishop and the Dean. He extended a hearty welcome to the visiting ringers, and thanked them in the name of the parish for their attendance.

Short speeches were also made by Mr. O. J. Ollett, Mr. A. W. Tyler, churchwardens, and Mr. F. J. Fidler.

The bells, which hitherto rang round the back way, have been retuned and rehung in an iron frame on steel girders, with ball bearings, patent iron headstocks, and all the latest improvements by Messrs. Taylor and Co., who have carried out the work in a very efficient manner. The improved tone and go was the admiration of all present. The tenor weighs 18 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E natural.

During the afternoon and evening, touches of Bristol, London Superlative, Cambridge, Double Norwich, Stedman, Treble Bob and Bob Major were rung.

VISIT TO RETTENDON.

On Wednesday evening, September 17th, the St. Mary's, Burnham-on-Crouch, ringers paid a visit to All Saints' Church, Rettendon, and on six 'good going' bells some enjoyable ringing took place, touches of Kent, Grandsire, Bob Major and Bob Doubles, including 720 Bob Minor, being rung. The Burnham-on-Crouch ringers would like, through the kindness of 'The Ringing World,' to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and also the ringers at Rettendon who gave them a warm welcome.

'TROUBLES IN THE TOWER.' DIFFICULT PROBLEM AWAITING SOLUTION.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In a village near Ipswich there is a peal of eight bells and about twenty men capable of ringing them. Four or five men have acquired the art of change ringing, and the remainder have advanced no further than call changes, and yet there does not appear to be a regular band to ring all the bells for the Sunday service. This seems to be a deplorable state of affairs, which is certainly true, and there is not the slightest doubt that things will be much worse before many weeks have passed.

The position is this: Until a few months ago, there was a regular band of call change ringers, who performed the duties of Sunday service ringing, and now, after a rest of twenty years or so, the old change ringers have stepped in with a view to creating change ringing. One of these gentlemen may be described as 'touchy,' and will not take part in any call change ringing, which, to my mind, is perfectly ridiculous. Two or three of the 'Gravestone' ringers are anxious to get on, and the rest do not wish to bother about it, and they have discontinued going into the tower, explaining that they have to sit out and watch five or six bells being rung to change ringing, which is not so musical as their own method.

The Rector, who was a regular ringer, and who had great pleasure in joining the call change ringers, is also among the 'sitters out,' and, if asked to ring, the touchy one walks out. This kind of thing may lead to the breaking-up of the band.

Every Tuesday evening a practice is held, which has so far proved successful to a certain extent, having been reinforced by periodical visits of ringers from Ipswich and district. Several 720's have been rung with five of the local band taking part, there being four good 'insiders' and two treble men, who appear unable to ring a working bell. This difficulty may probably be overcome in time, but both parties wish to ring, and there will shortly be a crash.

The whole business appears to be childish in one way, but most certainly serious in another, considering that all these men, who are interested in the art, will in all probability wash their hands entirely of the interests of ringing.

Bearing in mind that change ringing must be given every chance, Sunday ringing is most essential—a necessity which ringers must put before their own ideals, and which is really the origin of bells and bellringers.

A meeting is shortly to be called, and the ringers will be summoned to attend to discuss affairs and come to an understanding.

I would appreciate suggestions from ringers which may overcome these difficulties, and which I may put forward at the coming meeting, hoping they may smooth out matters, and once again set upon its feet the high name of which this old tower was once proud.—Yours faithfully,

CECIL W. PIPE.

PEAL BOARD UNVEILED AT CRICH.

An interesting gathering of Notts and Derbyshire ringers took place at Crich, Derbyshire, on Saturday, for the dedication of a tablet, recording the first peal rung on the bells since recasting and augmentation to eight in 1928. The bells are a very nice octave, the weight of the tenor being 12½ cwt. in F sharp. They were set in motion shortly after three o'clock, and several touches were brought round before the ceremony. Service was conducted in church by the Vicar (the Rev. H. E. Jones). After prayers and the singing of the 150th Psalm, the clergy and churchwardens proceeded to the tower, where the tablet was unveiled by Mrs. H. E. Jones, the wife of the Vicar.

Dedicatory prayers were then offered by the Rev. R. O. Wilson, Vicar of Old Brampton, and formerly of Crich, who afterwards preached the sermon, and two suitable hymns were heartily sung by the congregation.

The ringers then adjourned to the schoolroom, where they enjoyed the hospitality of the churchwarden (Dr. H. J. Rankin), who had provided a splendid tea.

A vote of thanks to the clergy, Dr. Rankin, Mrs. Jones and the organist was proposed by Mr. E. Ashman and seconded by Mr. W. Drake.

The Vicar, in reply, welcomed the visitors, and congratulated the band which took part in the peal. He hoped that something else worth recording would be accomplished in the near future.

The Rev. R. O. Wilson expressed his pleasure at being present, and said how he had enjoyed the task, when at Crich, of assisting to raise the funds for the recasting of the bells.

The doctor was obviously pleased with everything, and the company returned to the tower for further ringing. Although the gathering was not so large as expected (owing, no doubt, to the inclement weather), some good ringing was heard in the following methods: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major. The peal recorded on the board was one of Grandsire Triples, and was rung on January 26th, 1929, by the following: Messrs. G. Ashman, W. H. Buxton, F. E. Hill, W. A. Parsons, W. E. Drake, J. Lord, H. G. Fretwell and E. Ashman. The board is of oak, with the lettering neatly executed in gold leaf. It is the first peal board in the belfry.

REOPENING OF EARLS COLNE BELLS.

EXCELLENT WORK BY MESSRS. GILLETT AND JOHNSTON.

The bells of Earls Colne, Essex, were reopened on Sunday, September 14th, after being silent for nearly two months, when it was found necessary to have the frame restored and some of the bells rehung. This work was entrusted to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who have completed it to the greatest satisfaction of all. It reflects great credit on the firm. A special word of praise should be given to Mr. Bert Newson, who was responsible for the rehanging of the bells. The frame has been strengthened with tie bolts and steel brackets, and the back six have been rehung on ball bearings.

The local company opened the ringing at 10.15 a.m. for service, and during the day visiting ringers from thirteen parishes were present and enjoyed touches in various methods up to London Surprise Major.

A service of thanksgiving was held at 3 p.m., conducted by the Vicar (Rev. O. L. Matlin). The Rev. Thomas (White Colne) was also present. The Rev. T. H. Curling, Rural Dean (Halstead) gave an excellent address, and Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Essex Association) read the lesson. A large congregation attended this service, and an effort was made to raise the remaining £18 required for the bell fund. During this and the evening services the collections exceeded the amount required, and it is most gratifying to all who have assisted in raising this fund in so short a time to feel that the bells can now be rung free of debt.

The Vicar kindly entertained all visiting ringers, together with the local company, to tea at the Vicarage.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**EASTERN DIVISION.**

A quarterly meeting of the Eastern Division was held at Waldron on Saturday, and in spite of the exceptionally rough weather twenty-four members attended from Eastbourne (St. Mary's, All Saints' and St. Saviour's), Heathfield, Lewes (Southover), Ringmer and Hawk-hurst, together with members of the local band. Good practice was had in all the standard methods, the younger members especially being given a good chance.

At the service the Rector (the Rev. R. W. D. Stephenson, M.A.) gave a most interesting address. A splendid tea was provided at the Rectory through the kindness of the Rector and Mrs. Stephenson, the members' wants being attended to by the younger members of the family.

At the short business meeting which followed, the Rector occupied the chair. Mr. E. Tigwell, of St. Saviour's, Eastbourne, was elected a member, and the election of Mr. K. Paffenden, of Stone-in-Oxhey, Kent, as a non-resident member was confirmed.

Mr. A. Hobden, then mentioned the fact that this year was the 150th anniversary of the opening of the peal of eight bells at Waldron, and that he hoped to be able to obtain a band to score a peal on All Saints' Day to commemorate the event.

The District Secretary (Mr. G. W. Stokes) then announced that the next quarterly meeting would be held at St. Clement's, Hastings, in December, and hoped that a goodly number of members would attend, so as to make the meeting a success.

Mr. W. D. Smith thanked the Rector for the use of the bells, his address at the service, and also for his kindness in providing the tea. He also thanked Mrs. Stephenson and family for so kindly attending to the members' wants.

The Rector, in reply, said that all that had been done had given Mrs. Stephenson and himself the greatest pleasure, and they hoped that Mr. Holden's efforts in ringing a peal for the 150th anniversary of the bells would prove a great success.

RINGER WHO WALKED 20,000 MILES.

The peal rung by officers of the Essex Association at Great Baddow on Saturday was a birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John Sadler, of Great Tey, who celebrated their 77th birthday on September 15th and 22nd respectively. Mr. Sadler was for over fifty years a member of St. Peter-ad-Vincula band, Coggeshall. During that time it is estimated that he walked a distance of 20,000 miles to and from Coggeshall Church for the purpose of ringing.

The band desire to express their thanks to Mr. and Mrs. G. Green, who kindly entertained them to a bountiful tea at the conclusion of the peal.

WELDED BELLS.

A RESTORATION AT SOUTHFLEET, KENT.

The ring of six old bells at Southfleet Church, Kent, have been heard again after a silence of, it is said, at least a hundred years. Three of the bells were cracked and have been welded.

The present church at Southfleet was built about 600 years ago, on the site of a much older church, which, in turn, was built on the foundations of a pagan temple.

The rededication of the bells was performed in the presence of a large number of villagers by the Rev. Canon Wheatley, Vicar of St. Margaret's, Rochester. Mr. Mitchell, of Milton, Gravesend, was in charge of the band of ringers at the dedication service. These bells had not been rung within living memory because three of them were badly cracked, but the Rector, the Rev. J. H. Jones, who came to Southfleet three or four years ago, made up his mind that the peal should be restored. A restoration fund was opened for the repair of the church, and part of it was earmarked for the work to the bells.

The cracked bells have been restored by a scientific welding process operated by Barimar, Ltd., of London, and this portion of the work has proved highly successful. The bells have been rehung, and the iron clapper staples, which were believed to be the cause of the cracks, have been removed during the process of repair.

The bells are a ring of six, the tenor having been cast by Richard Phelps in 1736. He also cast the bell in 1705, while one of the others was by 'Witthelmas Carter' in 1610.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION REOPEN HOLBECK BELLS.**A RECAST PEAL.**

By the invitation of the Rev. R. J. Wood, a meeting of the Western Division of the Yorkshire Association was held at St. Matthew's, Holbeck, Leeds, on Saturday last, on the occasion of the reopening of the peal of eight (tenor 12½ cwt.) after recasting and rehanging by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. There was a large attendance of members, the following towers being represented: Rothwell, Armley, Bradford, Shipley, Huddersley, Halifax, Batley, York, Selby, Mirfield, Denholme, Liversedge, Bramley, Calverley, Hunslet, Earlsheaton, Leeds, Birstall, Tadcaster, Keighley, Pontefract, Queensbury, Heptonstall, Lightcliffe, Guiseley, Barnsley, Holbeck R.C., and Sheffield. Mr. C. F. Johnston, of the Croydon Foundry, was among those present.

The service of hallowing of the bells was conducted by Rev. R. J. Wood (Vicar), assisted by the Rev. J. R. Moorman (curate), and the lesson was read by the Rev. C. C. Marshall (president of the Yorkshire Association). During the service a procession was formed to the steps leading to the belfry, and after the dedicatory prayers, and while the procession returned to the chancel, the following rang a few rounds: P. J. Johnson 1, Mrs. Cotterell 2, R. Thomas 3, T. Kendall 4, J. Cotterell 5, G. Robinson 6, L. Morris 7, S. Sadler 8. An address was then given by the Vicar of Leeds.

After the service, tea was served in the schools, when upwards of a hundred members sat down. During tea, the Vicar said he was pleased to see so many ringers present, and hoped they would often come now that the bells were going again.

The tea having been disposed of, the business meeting of the division was held, Mr. J. Cotterell (vice-president of the association) being in the chair, supported by the Rev. C. C. Marshall (president of the association). Two new members were elected, Messrs. J. Wormald (Rothwell) and T. Smith (Queensbury). There were no invitations for the next meeting, and it was decided to leave it in the hands of the secretary.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for inviting the association to reopen the bells, and this was seconded by Mr. D. Yorke and carried.

A vote of thanks to Mr. C. F. Johnston for defraying the cost of the tea, and to the ladies for presiding at the tea tables, was proposed by the Rev. C. C. Marshall and seconded by Mr. J. Lawson. This was also carried, and Mr. Johnston, in responding, said when he offered to pay for the tea he did not expect to see so many there, but it had given him the opportunity and also great pleasure to meet some of his Yorkshire ringing friends, especially Mr. J. Lawson, whom he first met when putting in the bells at Northwram. He hoped the bells would give satisfaction, and he added that it had been one of the most difficult jobs they had had to tackle.

During the afternoon and evening the bells were in constant use, and touches were rung in various methods until nine o'clock.

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A PEAL AT RIPON CATHEDRAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—An attempt is being made to arrange a peal of Stedman Caters or Treble Bob Royal at Ripon Cathedral on the morning of Saturday, October 11th, and four ropes are to spare. Any reader who is intending visiting the Snowdon dinner at York would be welcome, and I would be glad if they would make direct application to me.—Yours faithfully,

P. J. JOHNSON.

396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

APPROACHING THE JUBILEE.

The quarterly meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Clent on Saturday. The weather was rather damp and cool, but nevertheless there was a good gathering of representatives from Brierley Hill, Wordsley, Smethwick, Erdington, King's Norton, Bromsgrove, Kidderminster, Kluver, Stourbridge, Lye Cradley, Old Hill, Nether-ton, Oldswinford, Hagley, Clent and Belbroughton. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. P. C. Thomas), who gave an eloquent address on the meaning of the Sanctus bell, the Angelus and the passing bell.—Miss K. C. Thatcher presided at the organ, and the association's form of service was used.

Tea was provided in the Parish Room, approximately sixty members partaking of the good things provided.

At the business meeting which followed, the Vicar presided, and gave the ringers a very hearty welcome to Clent. He also complimented them upon their fine singing of the psalms and hymns, showing that they were well acquainted with the Church service. Apologies were announced from Mr. A. E. Parsons, Mr. A. Walker and Mr. W. C. Dowding (Birmingham), Mr. J. Broad, Mr. H. T. Martin and Mr. B. Martin.

The Ringing Master (Mr. C. Skidmore, of Brierley Hill) was again elected, as was also the secretary, Mr. A. J. Skelding (Stourbridge). Mr. W. Short, of Clent, was re-elected as the Central Committee representative. The Vicar was also elected an honorary member of the association. It was unanimously decided to accept the Wordsley ringers' kind invitation to hold the next meeting at Wordsley in January.

The Secretary mentioned the loss of one of their young members, viz., Mr. G. Smith, of Lye, and it was agreed that a letter of condolence should be sent to his parents, the members standing in silence.

Mr. H. Mason said that in less than two years' time they would be celebrating the jubilee of the association, and he thought they might discuss in what way they would like to celebrate it. He also thought they should certainly have a meeting as near the day as possible at Bromsgrove, where the association came into being.

Mr. T. J. Salter said he thought a good way to mark such an important event would be to have a peal of twelve bells in any part of the county outside Worcester, and moved a resolution which was carried unanimously, and will in due course be forwarded for the Central Committee's consideration.

Mr. H. Mason moved a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding at their meeting, for the use of the bells, and for arranging the service, also to Miss K. Thatcher, the organist. He also said their very best thanks were due to Miss F. E. Thatcher, who had so kindly provided for their wants.—The vote was carried with acclamation. The Vicar, replying, suggested that the next visit to Clent should be tried in June, when he thought it would probably be finer.

The collection in church on behalf of the belfry repair fund amounted to 15s.

This closed a very good and enjoyable meeting.

The quarterly peal is to be attempted at Clent, the arrangements being left in the hands of the Ringing Master.

THE 'HEAVIEST' CAMBRIDGE ROYAL.

Attention has been drawn to the footnote to the report of the peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Southwark, published in our issue of September 12th, which claimed that it was the heaviest ring on which a peal of Cambridge Ten had been rung.

The claim will not hold good, as on December 31st, 1908, a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal was rung at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, where the tenor is 50 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. The tenor on that occasion was rung by Mr. W. A. Cave.

ECCLES.—At the Parish Church on Monday, September 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: J. T. Potter 1, *N. Heaps 2, L. E. Brookes 3, J. Myles 4, John Potter (conductor) 5, John Denner 6, F. Colley 7, *J. Stimson 8. * First quarter-peal.

OXFORD.—At St. Ebbe's Church, on Saturday, September 20th, the eve of the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. Judge 1, F. Beckitt 2, A. Hawes 3, H. Miles 4, F. Taylor (composer and conductor) 5, W. Melville 6, W. Collett 7, W. Wilkins 8. Specially arranged for Mr. Melville, of Guildford, who was staying in Oxford for the week-end.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on Sept. 30th at 7.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Calverley, near Leeds, on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (8) will be available for ringing throughout the day. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. per head. Members are reminded that the financial year ends on Sept. 30th, and all outstanding subscriptions should be paid before that date.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Castle Hedingham on Saturday, September 27th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Sible Hedingham bells (8) also available. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The district meeting will be held at Farnborough on Saturday, September 27th. Bells (6) available 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting at Messrs. T. Moore's Tea Rooms.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice, Saturday, Sept. 27th, Wargrave, 4.30 to 6.30; Twyford, 7 to 9 p.m. All welcome.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting and six-bell contest at Longwood, Huddersfield, on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Draw 2.45 p.m.—L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Wye on Saturday, September 27th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30, followed by business meeting; election of officers and other matters. A good attendance is hoped for. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting at Fressingfield on Saturday, September 27th. Tea at Vicarage at 4.30, free to all sending me word. Meeting follows.—Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bridlington on Saturday, September 27th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. See circular for further details.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Trevelthyn, Pontypool, on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (8) available. Service at 4.30. Business meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berkshire Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Cholsey, on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. — Albert E. Lock, 35, East Street, Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The Crawford Cup contest will be held at East Markham on Saturday, September 27th. The first company drawn will commence ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Bells (8) will be open for further ringing from 6.30 to 9.15 p.m. All ringers welcome. Good attendance requested. Good bus services from all directions.—R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Sec., 34, High Street, Ordsall, Retford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Liverpool on Saturday, September 27th. Towers available: Garston (8), Woolton (8), St. Francis Xavier's (8), from 12 noon; St. Nicholas' (12) from 2 p.m. Others may be arranged for if desired. The branch secretary will be in attendance at St. Nicholas' Church from 11.30 a.m. to give any information. Service in St. Nicholas' Church 4 p.m. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Liverpool. Tea in the Strand Cafe, The Strand, 5 p.m. (2s. each). Meeting to follow in the same room. — Claude I. Davies, Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Church Oakley, on Saturday, September 27th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea, followed by business meeting, 4.30 p.m.—D. L. Board.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Axbridge on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells open 2.30. Divine service 4.30. Tea and business to follow. In addition, the peal of eight at Cheddar will be available. Do not forget the first of annual dinner to be held at Weston on November 15th. Announcements later.—L. G. Tanner, 51, Locking Road, Weston-super-Mare.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—53rd Annual Festival at Newcastle-on-Tyne, Sat., Sept. 27th. Festival Service in Cathedral at 1 o'clock; Address by the Right Rev. Bishop Wood. Committee meeting at Crown Hotel, Clayton Street West, at 11 o'clock, and dinner and annual meeting in the same hotel at 2 o'clock. Bells of the Cathedral (12), St. John's (8), and St. Mary's, Gateshead (8) will be available. Will those intending to be present at dinner (2s. each to members and 2s. 6d. to non-members) please advise the Secretary at once?—Geo. S. Taylor, Secretary, 149, St. Leonard Street West, Sunderland.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting at Enville on Saturday, September 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.45, with an address by the Rector, the Rev. W. F. O'Neil Fisher. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Motor will leave Railway Street (top Railway Drive), Wolverhampton, at 2.30; return fare 2s. 6d. Reports ready for distribution.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Huish Champflower on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at the Village Hall at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec., 6, Park Street, Minehead.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Hersham on Saturday, September 27th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., tea and meeting following. All ringers are heartily welcome at this meeting.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Chalfont St. Peter on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (6) available from 6 to 9 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

HUYTON, NEAR LIVERPOOL.—Reopening of the peal of six (tenor 18 cwt.), restored by Taylors, of Loughborough, will take place on Sunday, Sept. 28th, at 6.30 p.m. Preacher, the Rector of Liverpool.

IMPORTANT ALTERATION.—I have not been able to arrange the meeting at Hoddesdon to be held on Wednesday, Oct. 1st. Therefore, I have arranged for meeting to be held at Harlow Common (Potter's Street) same date (Wednesday, Oct. 1st). Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. We hope to see a good muster.—C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Clitheroe on Saturday, October 4th. Bells available from 3 p.m. A good attendance requested.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

DEVON GUILD.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Silverton on Saturday, October 4th. Bells available 2.30. Committee meeting 4. Service 4.30. Tea (tickets 1s.) 5. Business meeting to follow. Please notify me numbers for tea by Sept. 30th.—A. G. Selley, Hon. Sec., The Square, Silverton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The second general quarterly meeting will be held at Bottesford on October 4th. Bells (8) open for ringing during afternoon. Committee meet 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by general meeting, all at the Rutland Cafe, High Street. Tea (2s.) only provided for those who notify Mr. J. W. Kirton, Station Road, Bottesford, not later than October 2nd. A cordial invitation is given to Lincoln Diocesan Guild friends. Will all members be sporty and pay up their outstanding subscriptions?—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The quarterly meeting will be held at Handsworth Parish Church on Saturday, October 4th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Business meeting to follow. Please send numbers for tea to T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Great Bromley on Saturday, October 4th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5.15. All intending to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday, October 1st. Nearest railway station Ardleigh (2½ miles).—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Stogursey on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Please let me know not later than Tuesday how many will require tea from your tower. Service 4. Tea 5, at Acland Hood Arms, 1s. per head.—C. Evans, Hon. Sec., 14, Redgate Street, Bridgwater.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—A meeting will be held at Ottershaw (6 bells) on Saturday, October 4th. Frequent buses from Chertsey and Woking. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. It is hoped that members from adjoining districts will attend and help make this meeting a success. Those requiring tea should communicate with me not later than Wednesday, October 1st.—H. Hancock, 3, Chobham Road, Ottershaw, Chertsey.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A special meeting will be held at Old Brampton on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., price 1s. each. Please notify Rev. R. O. Wilson, Old Brampton Vicarage, Chesterfield, by Thursday, Oct. 2nd.—J. W. England, Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Nantwich on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Will those intending being present kindly let me know by Oct. 1st?—Richard D. Langford, Branch Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford and District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Giles', Oxford, on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Service 6.15 p.m. Meeting to follow. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, Oct. 1st.—W. Simmonds, Hon. Sec., 7, Fairacres Road, Oxford.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Westbury on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells (8) ready at 2.30. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Dodford (6) on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly notify the secretary as early as possible?—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Potton on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at the Rectory at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Presteigne District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Old Radnor on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells (6) available 4 p.m. Service 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Those wanting tea please inform me by Wednesday, Oct. 1st.—Jabez Preece, Dis. Sec., Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembridge.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—A meeting at East Harling (6) on Saturday, Oct. 4th, at 3 o'clock. Kenninghall (8) also available in the evening.—N. Golden, Diss.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Handbridge, Chester, on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Tower open 3.30. Service 4.30. Will tower secretaries please forward numbers for tea by Thursday, Oct. 2nd?—J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Hawarden, Chester.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southampton District.—A meeting of the Southampton District will be held at Netley Abbey on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells from 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea please notify me by Oct. 1st.—W. S. Tucker, Hon. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Burbage on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells available from 3.45 p.m. All ringers are cordially welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Castle Cary (8 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton, Bath.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Orlingbury (5) on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, Sept. 30th?—H. Baxter, Bredon, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Huntingdon.—A meeting will be held at Gt. Staughton on Saturday, October 4th. Tea at 5 o'clock. Service at 6.30. Will all requiring tea please advise Mr. F. W. Lack, Gt. Staughton, not later than Thursday, Oct. 2nd?—D. Clarke, Dis. Sec.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at South Anston on Saturday, October 4th. Bells available early. Please note that tea will be provided only for those members who send in their names to Mr. H. Spenton, South Anston, by Thursday, Oct. 2nd. A hearty welcome to all.—H. Thorpe, Hon. Sec., 104, Petre Street, Sheffield.

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Brixham on Saturday, October 4th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Also Churston Ferrers. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting to follow. Those who are attending please advise me by previous Wednesday. All welcomed.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting of the West Norfolk Branch will be held at Holme Hale, near Swaffham, on Saturday, October 4th. Bells of Holme Hale (5) and Necton (6) available. Tea for those who advise me of their intention to be present.—W. J. Eldred, Dis. Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

CHURCH CONGRESS.—Ringers attending the Church Congress at Newport, October 4th-11th, are invited to communicate with Mr. Fred Atwell, 4, Malpas Road, Newport, Mon, notifying days and time they can spare for ringing during the week, so that arrangements can be made in advance. St. Woolos' Parish Church and Pro-Cathedral, 10 bells; All Saints', 8 bells.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 11th, at St. David's Church, Brecon. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. John's Church, Lytham (6 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells ready 3 p.m. A good attendance requested. Visitors welcome.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 118, Dickson Road, Blackpool.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Leeds on Saturday, October 11th. Bells available at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Half fares up to 2s. paid to members at this meeting. All ringers welcome. Please notify early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual commemoration dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association will be held at the Windmill Hotel, Blossom Street, York, on Saturday, Oct. 11th, at 6 p.m. prompt. By the courtesy of the Very Rev. the Dean of York the fine ring of 12 at the Minster will be available for ringing during the afternoon. All applications for tickets, for which a charge of 5s. 6d. each will be made, should reach Mr. G. Horner, 16, Clifton Green, York, not later than first post Tuesday, Oct. 7th.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern and Central Districts.—A combined meeting will be held at St. Laurence's, Reading, on Saturday, October 11th. Further particulars later.—H. F. Mills.

OXHEY.—Saturday, Oct. 11th. Ringing from 3.30 till 8. Tea 5.30. 50th anniversary of foundation of church. A welcome to all interested in ringing.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Will those requiring tea kindly drop a card to Mr. F. Goodfellow, 3, Nellgrove Road, Hillingdon Heath, by the 8th Oct. ? All ringing friends welcome. — Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Croston on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells available from 2.30.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Cranbrook on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea (9d. per head) in the Parish Room after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary by Tuesday, Oct. 7th. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. each will be paid to members attending. — W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Hornchurch on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will those intending to be present and requiring tea notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday, Oct. 8th?—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

LADIES' GUILD.—A combined meeting of the Southern and Central Districts will be held at St. Laurence's, Reading, on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Ringing at St. Laurence's 3 to 4.30. Service. Preacher: Canon G. F. Coleridge. Tea and meeting at St. Laurence's Parish Hall. Ringing at St. Mary's 6.45 to 8. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Monday, Oct. 6th?—H. F. Mills, Cairneyhill, Bridgefield, Farnham, Surrey.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—Meeting at Lower Beeding, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (by kind invitation). Those who intend to be present must notify the undersigned not later than Monday, Oct. 6th.—A. D. Stone, Hon. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 293rd anniversary dinner will be held at the Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, on Saturday, November 8th, at 6.30 p.m.—W. T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary.

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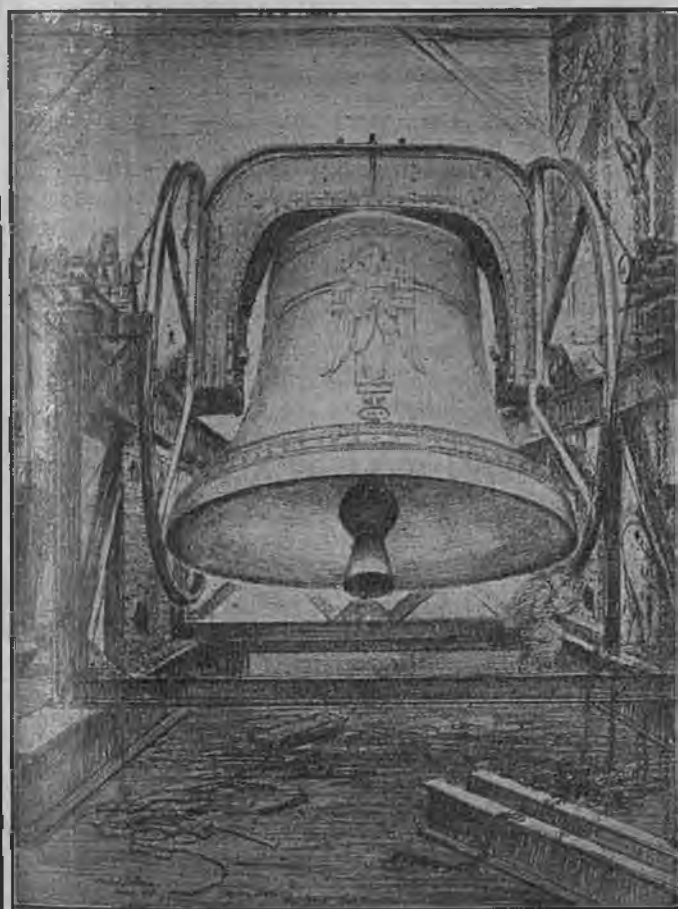
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In this twentieth century one of the regrets which we have is that we know so little of most of the celebrities of the past. Of those, who with their contemporaries, have gone from us, it is regrettable that we have but the scantiest knowledge. Their names are to be found in the records of various old societies, but we know little of the men themselves. Shipway, however, is in some degree an exception. In his 'Campanologia' he gives us a biographical note which is of great interest to the student of ringing history. He tells us the date of his birth in Bath and the circumstance which introduced him to a knowledge of ringing. He was apprenticed to a Mr. Handcock, a cabinet maker, who was appointed sexton of the Abbey, and thus Shipway gained access to the steeple. He formed an acquaintance with the ringers and soon became attached to the art, which he apparently took up with avidity. It gripped him so completely that, although the company to which he belonged was able to ring Treble Bob Royal, and was 'a respectable and able band of ringers,' Shipway was not satisfied with the progress that was possible and therefore he left Bath for London, where, he knew, there would be greater scope. He reached London in July, 1785, and took a prominent part in the activities of the Cumberland Youths. To this it is possible to add that, with the exception of a few

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years spent in Kent, when he was engaged as instructor at Quex Park, after the installation of the ring of twelve bells in the Waterloo tower, Shipway remained to the end of his days in the Metropolis, dying in 1843 at the advanced age of eighty-three years. His seventy peals included some outstanding performances, but it is for his 'Campanologia' that his name has come down to us and will be handed on to posterity. He spent four years in its preparation, working presumably on the foundation provided by 'The Clavis,' and when it appeared in 1816 he was able rightfully to claim that it was 'the most complete Treatise ever published on the subject.' The Exercise owes a good deal to the man who was born at Bath just 170 years ago.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, September 23, 1930, in Three Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

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| EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 2 | FRANK W. PERRINS 7 |
| JAMES GEORGE 2 | *RUPERT RICHARDSON 8 |
| CHARLES T. COLES 3 | JAMES BENNETT 9 |
| ALBERT WALKER 4 | FRANK E. PERVIN 10 |
| SIDNEY T. HOLT 5 | A. PADDON SMITH 11 |
| JOHN NEAL 6 | WILLIAM T. FROGGATT Tenor |

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

* First peal of Cinques.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 27, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes
 IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER, AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

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| *GEORGE FLINTHAM 2 | *STANFORD J. WOLFE 7 |
| CHARLES MCGUINNESS 2 | FREDERICK W. STOKES 8 |
| HAROLD MARCON 3 | JOHN A. FREEMAN 9 |
| *GEORGE CHESTER 4 | H. LESLIE PASK 10 |
| *LEWIS SNELL 5 | HAROLD WALKER 11 |
| †C. BERT CHESTER 6 | JOHN WALDEN Tenor |

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

* First peal on twelve bells. † First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman Cinques by all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild, and rung at the first attempt. All are ringing members of the Cathedral company.

TEN BELL PEALS.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes
 AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

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| ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK 2 | JOHN E. MILLER 6 |
| JOHN ARMSTRONG 2 | HARRY MILLER 7 |
| SIDNEY WADE 3 | NORMAN TOMLINSON 8 |
| JOHN G. NASH 4 | WILLIAM PICKWORTH 9 |
| GILBERT PLATER 5 | ALFRED G. CRANE Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN ARMSTRONG.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Tomlinson on the birth of a daughter.

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CARDIFF, GLAM.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERPILERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

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| ERNEST STITCH Treble | JOHN W. JONES 6 |
| FRED HANNINGTON 2 | GEORGE POPNELL 7 |
| FRANK J. BAILEY 3 | FRED CHAMBERLAIN 8 |
| *CHARLES H. PERRY 4 | JOHN PHILLIPS 9 |
| KENNETH KNOWLES 5 | ERNEST COOMBS Tenor |

Composed by J. W. MOORHOUSE. Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.

* 90th peal. Rung to honour one of the oldest members of the association, Mr. Jesse Pilcher, who celebrated his golden wedding last week, the band wishing him and his wife continued happiness. Mr. Ernest Stitch has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 27, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

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| HORACE BELCHER Treble | RICHARD F. DEAL 6 |
| WILFRED WILLIAMS 2 | JOHN H. CRAMPION 7 |
| CHARLES W. ROBERTS 3 | JAMES E. DAVIS 8 |
| JOHN T. KENTISH 4 | ERNEST BRETT 9 |
| JOHN A. WAUGH 5 | REUBEN SANDERS Tenor |

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PENN, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, April 29, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

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| T. C. HINSAL Treble | A. RODEN 5 |
| J. A. TONPKINS 2 | T. RODEN 6 |
| J. HICKMAN 3 | E. G. BOWYER 7 |
| T. BEARDS 4 | J. BLOORE Tenor |

Conducted by E. G. BOWYER.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. A. H. Twentyman, of Muchall Hall, Penn, whose help assisted so materially in raising a considerable sum for the recasting of the bells last year. This was the first peal on the bells since their restoration, and was rung by the local band.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 20, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.) in F.

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| GEOFFREY MARLBOROUGH Treble | *WALTER INWOOD 5 |
| CHARLES COOK 2 | FREDERICK EDWARDS 6 |
| EDWARD ASHBY 3 | RICHARD G. BELL 7 |
| JOHN E. ROOTES 4 | WALTER J. SIMONS Tenor |

Conducted by F. EDWARDS.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.

THE CHRIST CHURCH, EALING, GUILD.

On Monday, September 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS' SIX-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

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| J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE Treble | ERNEST C. S. TURNER 5 |
| EVERED J. WALSON 2 | HARRY FOLKARD 6 |
| *JOHN A. D. WEBB 3 | WILFRED G. WILSON 7 |
| PERCY E. CLARK 4 | EDWARD A. J. COOMBS Tenor |

Conducted by WILFRED G. WILSON.

* First peal 'inside.' First peal of Grandsire Triples as conductor. First peal by the Guild. Rung as a wedding compliment to the daughter of the ringer of the 2nd.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE CATHEDRAL SOCIETY, GUILDFORD.)

On Tuesday, September 23, 1930, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in D.

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| WILLIAM R. MELVILLE Treble | GEORGE WILSON 5 |
| CHARLES N. BORDOCK 2 | GEORGE E. CLODE 6 |
| HENRY HUTTON 3 | C. ERNEST SMITH 7 |
| WM. J. ROBINSON 4 | ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor |

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING

First peal of London Surprise for the Guild by a local company, and rung as a compliment to Miss Dorothy Hutton, daughter of Mr. H. Hutton, on her 20th birthday.

PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 23, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

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| *HAROLD DYSON Treble | ARTHUR WALKER 5 |
| *WILLIAM R. TATE 2 | WILLIAM PEARSON 6 |
| *GEORGE W. DYSON 3 | *WILFRED APPELGATE 7 |
| JOHN H. LENTON 4 | *WILLIAM MAUNDRIILL Tenor |

Composed by E. TAYLOR. Conducted by WILLIAM PEARSON.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, September 23, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

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| JAMES WOODYATT Treble | DENNIS MORRIS 5 |
| CHARLES G. BOWKETT 2 | EDWARD WATKINS 6 |
| THOMAS LEWIS 3 | JOHN J. JEFFERIES 7 |
| WILLIAM LEWIS 4 | WILLIAM PAGE Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by W. PAGE.

First peal of Major on the bells. Mr. Watkins has been a ringer forty years, and this was his first peal of Major. Rung on the conductor's sixty-ninth birthday. The band are all members of the Sunday service ringing company.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 24, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| FRED CHAMBERS Treble | THOMAS CHAMBERS 5 |
| JOHN HADFIELD 2 | WILLIAM MILLER 6 |
| NORMAN KENYON 3 | JOSEPH A. TOMLINSON 7 |
| *JOHN HARLING 4 | ARTHUR TOMLINSON Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal in method. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Harold Mason Ainscow, M.A., who was instituted and inducted as Vicar of St. Michael's Church the previous evening. All the above are service ringers at the above church.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 24, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART, No. 2.

Tenor 10 cwt.

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| REV. J. R. KING Treble | CHARLES DRAPER 5 |
| MAURICE SWINFELD 2 | EPHRAIM W. RANDS 6 |
| RICHARD C. BELTON 3 | JAMES GEORGE 7 |
| JOHN H. SWINFELD 4 | JOSEPH BAILEY Tenor |

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This peal was rung at the request of the Vicar, Rev. J. R. King (who rang the treble) on the occasion of the harvest festival.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 24, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

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| *WILLIAM J. BEER Treble | JOHN BURLS 5 |
| *STUART SANDFORD 2 | *E. GEORGE MORRAD 6 |
| RICHARD SMITH 3 | EDWARD H. SPICE 7 |
| DR. E. L. TAYLOR 4 | EDWARD J. BEER Tenor |

Composed by J. MILLER.

Conducted by EDWARD J. BEER.

* First peal of Double Norwich. First peal in the method as conductor.

NORTH MIMMS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 26, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

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| P.S. ALBERT LAWRENCE ... Treble | WALTER H. L. BUCKINGHAM 5 |
| HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH 2 | *FREDERICK W. ALLEN ... 6 |
| JOHN T. KENTISH 3 | WILLIAM NASH 7 |
| BEN. JARMAN 4 | GEORGE A. SPENCER ... Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM NASH.

* First peal in the method. Rung to welcome the Rev. Leonard Buxton, M.A., on his appointment as Vicar. The ringers also wish to thank him and Mrs. Buxton for their hospitality after the peal.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 26, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| MRS. G. H. CROSS Treble | HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5 |
| THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 2 | WILFRED WILLIAMS 6 |
| HARRY HOVERD 3 | THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7 |
| ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 4 | GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor |

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

First peal by the ringer of the treble and first attempt.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholine,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

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| ARTHUR ALLMAN Treble | ROBERT G. LEWIS 5 |
| JOHN BRASSINGTON 2 | CHARLES H. PAGE 6 |
| WILLIAM T. PEGLER 3 | HARRY PARKER 7 |
| THOMAS HURD 4 | ALBERT CRAWLEY Tenor |

Composed by F. HOPEGOON.

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

Rung for the harvest festival. Also as a birthday compliment to A. Crawley, his daughter, Miss Ida Crawley, and Oliver Pegler, son of the ringer of the 3rd, who hails from Bangor.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Heywood's No 1.

Tenor 11 cwt.

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| ALBERT H. WARD Treble | CHARLES DRAPER 5 |
| EDWIN H. STONELEY 2 | ERNEST W. BEADSMORE ... 6 |
| JOSEPH BAILEY 3 | JAMES GEORGE 7 |
| JOHN H. SWINFELD 4 | JOHN CURTIS Tenor |

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

This peal was rung as a 'farewell' to the Rector, the Rev. H. E. Worthington, who, after 33 years' faithful service in the churches of Netherseale and Overseale, has been compelled to resign the living owing to ill-health. The band sincerely hope that his health will improve in his retirement, and would like to take this opportunity heartily to thank him for the many acts of kindness which they have received from him for many years past.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 27, 1930, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5048 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| WALTER CHARMAN Treble | PETER CHARMAN 5 |
| JOHN H. B. HESSE 2 | *GEORGE E. CLODE 6 |
| JOHN COOK 3 | C. ERNEST SMITH 7 |
| RAYMOND OVERY 4 | ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob. Longest peal by the Guild and longest length by ringers of 4, 6 and 7.

CHILVERS COTON, SHEPPERTON, NUNEATON.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, September 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp

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| ERNEST MORRIS Treble | JAMES DRAYCOTT 5 |
| FREDERICK W. SHARMAN ... 2 | JOHN E. MORETON 6 |
| C. HENRY WEBB 3 | GEORGE A. NEWTON 7 |
| CHARLES RAYSON 4 | *JOHN GIBBONS Tenor |

Transposed by MORRIS J. MORRIS. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS

* First peal. Specially arranged and rung to mark the marriage of Miss L. Sumner, a Sunday School teacher, to Mr. C. W. Daniell, of Stockingford.

KINVER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, September 27, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

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| FREDERICK G. HANDLEY ... Treble | ARTHUR BENNETT 5 |
| JOSEPH F. SIMPSON 2 | ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 6 |
| ARTHUR E. WHATMORE 3 | ALFRED FALLON 7 |
| CHARLES W. COOPER 4 | HERBERT E. BOOTH ... Tenor |

Conducted by A. FALLON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. F. Simpson, of Kinver, Mr. T. J. Salter, of Kidderminster, and Mr. Leonard Whatmore, son of the ringer of the 3rd. Also on the eve of the harvest thanksgiving.

HAZELBEECH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

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| *THOMAS LOAKES Treble | ERNEST LAMBERT 5 |
| †REGINALD FINCH 2 | FRANK BURGESS 6 |
| JOHN BURSTON 3 | THOMAS WISE 7 |
| †GEORGE PARKER 4 | †ROWLAND ADAMS ... Tenor |

Conducted by THOMAS WISE.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal on eight bells and first attempt. Also first peal in the method on the bells.

YATTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

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| AUBREY L. BENNETT ... Treble | ALFRED E. REEVES 5 |
| HENRY PRING 2 | WILLIAM A. CAVE 6 |
| *NORMAN COOMBS 3 | JOSEPH T. DYKE 7 |
| *WILLIAM H. CROCKER ... 4 | URIAH BRAVEN Tenor |

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal of Stedman. This peal and that at Taunton on September 20th are transpositions by Mr. W. A. Cave of Washbrook's peal.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 27, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

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| FREDERICK BORRETT Treble | HERBERT FOLCHER 5 |
| GEORGE HOWLETT 2 | *CHARLES LOOME 6 |
| CHARLES BAKER 3 | RUSSELL RICHES 7 |
| STANLEY COPLING 4 | WALTER BARRETT Tenor |

Composed by J. PLATT.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

* First peal.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 27, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6184 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

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| HARRY COPELAND Treble | SHELFORD SPARROW 5 |
| HARRY D. LISTER 2 | ALBERT G. HARRISON 6 |
| THOMAS SPARROW 3 | GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL 7 |
| NOLAN GOLDEN 4 | ARTHUR R. GRIMWOOD Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Ringers of 4 and 6 from Diss, remainder local. A 52-course composition rung for the first time.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

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| *CYRIL A. JONES Treble | GEORGE W. WILLIAMS 5 |
| RONALD G. JONES 2 | GEORGE R. JONES 6 |
| ROBERT SPERRING 3 | THOMAS GRIFFITHS 7 |
| ARTHUR NEWELL 4 | ARTHUR TILSTON Tenor |

Conducted by R. SPERRING.

* First peal of Triples. Conductor's 450th peal.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, September 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

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| HARRY HUBBLE Treble | WILLIAM GREEN 5 |
| THOMAS A. TOWNSEND 2 | HARRY GOODMAN 6 |
| ALBERT PRESTIDGE, JUN. 3 | JOHN GOODMAN 7 |
| HARRY HILL 4 | BENJAMIN PRESTIDGE Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN.

Rung to celebrate the first birthday of the daughter of the ringer of the 2nd.

BENGEO, HERTFORD.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

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| ERNEST J. BUTLER Treble | SIDNEY CARTER 5 |
| GEORGE GRAY 2 | FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON 6 |
| *ERNEST W. FORBANK 3 | JOSEPH LADLEY 7 |
| REGINALD DORE 4 | GEORGE DAWSON Tenor |

Conducted by FREDERICK WM. RICHARDSON.

* Elected a member in the belfry before starting.

SIX BELL PEALS.

HUNTINGDON.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 20, 1930, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford and five 720's of Kent. Tenor 17 cwt.

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| JOHN SMART Treble | GEORGE L. PERKINS 4 |
| DENNIS ADAMS 2 | ARTHUR J. GINN 5 |
| FRED C. GINN 3 | FRANK WARRINGTON 6 |

*ROBERT SMITH Tenor (covering)

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal. Rung after meeting short for Triples.

BLEADON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 21, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

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| CHARLES R. LILLEY Treble | *LESLIE W. POLLIN 4 |
| HAROLD BANWELL 2 | LEONARD G. TANNER 5 |
| FREDERICK G. STUCKEY 3 | HENRY PARSONS Tenor |

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. Rung on the occasion of the harvest festival. The band desire to thank the Rev. L. Powys David, Vicar, for use of bells. The ringer of 2nd belongs to the local band.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.)

On Monday, September 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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 14 cwt.

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| JOHN WORTH Treble | *ALBERT V. REES 4 |
| WILFRED STEVENSON 2 | JACK TIPPER 5 |
| *FRANK L. RONAN 3 | WILLIAM GAYES Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal in three methods away from treble. † First peal away from treble. J. Worth's 20th peal. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. L. W. G. Sharland, who took up the office of assistant curate the day before.

LISS, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 23, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

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| *ARTHUR WATTS Treble | *ERNEST J. MUNDAY 4 |
| *CYRIL S. WEST 2 | *VICTOR SHADBOLT 5 |
| †CHARLES E. BASSETT 3 | ALAN R. PINK Tenor |

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

HARTFORD, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 26, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven varied extents. Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.).

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| MANSFIELD GINN Treble | JOHN SMART 4 |
| DENNIS ADAMS 2 | FRANK WARRINGTON 5 |
| ARTHUR J. GINN 3 | JOHN PERKINS Tenor |

Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

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THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(OVER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven varied extents. Tenor 16 cwt.

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| WILLIAM BAVIN Treble | RUPERT THODAY 4 |
| DENNIS ADAMS 2 | HARRY ROBINSON 5 |
| A. WILLIAM T. GINN 3 | FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor |

Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

BROAD HINTON, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents, differently called. Tenor 10 cwt.

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| *ALFRED J. BOYCE Treble | SIDNEY HILLIER 4 |
| VINCENT E. SWIFT 2 | WILLIAM A. SWIFT 5 |
| GEORGE WINTER 3 | †LOUIS A. WILSON Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM A. SWIFT.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

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| FREDERICK CARDWELL Treble | *LESLIE HEYWOOD 4 |
| MISS ELSIE E. SMITH 2 | COLIN T. RYDER 5 |
| MISS NOEL CAWTHORNE 3 | FRED WATKINSON Tenor |

Conducted by F. WATKINSON.

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

DEEPIING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 27, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, and 720 of Spliced Kent and Oxford. Tenor 19½ cwt.

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| JOHN PHILLIPS Treble | WILLIAM E. CLARKE 4 |
| *FRANK DEWEY 2 | GEORGE W. HOUGHTON 5 |
| WILLIAM H. WALDRON 3 | HORACE M. DAY Tenor |

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* 25th peal and first extent of Double Court. First 720 of Spliced Treble Bob by ringers of 2, 4 and 5.

COTGRAVE, NOTTINGHAM.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and one of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 17 cwt.

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| GEORGE E. FOSTER Treble | COLIN HARRISON 4 |
| WALTER WHITE 2 | J. FREDERICK MILNER 5 |
| JOHN OLDHAM 3 | EDWARD C. GOBEY Tenor |

Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

Rung in honour of Mr. W. E. White's 66th birthday.

TILSWORTH, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.

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| CLIFFORD EOLLINGS Treble | ALBERT FLEET 4 |
| MISS EVELYN STEEL 2 | HORACE H. SMITH 5 |
| EDMUND J. HOBBS 3 | ARTHUR E. SHARMAN Tenor |

Conducted by E. J. HOBBS.

First peal in seven methods on the bells.

WITHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents called differently, 21 bobs each. Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

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| VICTOR GLASS Treble | ERNEST BRIGHT 4 |
| WILLIAM H. P. MELLIN 2 | WILLIAM S. BOTLER 5 |
| JOHN MALYON 3 | WILLIAM KEEBLE Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Rung on the eve of the harvest festival, and to celebrate the 13th and 18th anniversary of the weddings of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. P. Mellin and Mr. and Mrs. John Malyon. Mr. Malyon is from St. Albans, and this was his first peal of Cambridge.

HANDBELL PEAL.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, September 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES. 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, ten different callings.

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| ALBERT D. COLLINS 1-2 | JOSEPH FLAVELL 4 |
| HAROLD L. FLAVELL 3 | HARRY BOSWELL 5-6 |

Conducted by HAROLD L. FLAVELL.

Witness: ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

The band thank Mr. and Mrs. H. Boswell (parents of the ringer of 5-6) for their hospitality after the peal.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRANCH SECRETARY COMPLAINS OF POOR ATTENDANCE.

The autumn meeting of the Reading Branch was held at Chenkendon on Saturday, September 20th. The weather was not very kind, but twenty visitors braved it, and the bells were set going at 3 p.m. A ringers' service was held at 5 p.m. conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. St. George Edwards). Afterwards, all sat down to a splendid tea, very kindly given by the Vicar, who is a keen and enthusiastic ringer. The tables were beautifully decorated with flowers.

After a vote of thanks had been passed, the secretary spoke of the poor attendances at the branch quarterly meetings, and suggested they should not be continued. The chairman and Vicar both disagreed with him, and said they were a great help to the country towers.

The bells were again set going, and touches of Stedman, Plain Bob, and Treble Bob were rung, with excellent striking.

The meeting was on the whole very successful, and the local ringers especially had a really good, long and enjoyable practice.

The six bells of SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Checkendon, are an excellent little ring, the tenor weighing 11 cwt. Two bells are by Lester and Pack, and four by Mears and Stainbank. They were last restored in 1899.

HOW CUDHAM BELLS WERE AUGMENTED.

It will perhaps be of interest to the Exercise to know how Kent came to possess another peal of ten—the smallest hung for ringing in any church tower in the country, and which, as recorded in our last issue, have just been dedicated at Cudham. In the years 1912-13-14 a gentleman used periodically to visit Crayford Church, and thus came in touch with Mr. E. Barnett, sen., the parish clerk. During one of these visits he mentioned that while he was alive his means would not permit, but that he would like, at his death, to leave some money to Cudham Church in memory of his wife, and he asked Mr. Barnett's advice as to how he should leave it. Mr. Barnett's advice was this: 'Well, there are five bells at Cudham; leave it to augment them to six, and, if you have sufficient to leave to augment them to eight, so much the better.' He promised to consider it, and went away. His next visit was a day or two before war broke out, when he told Mr. Barnett that he had definitely earmarked a sum of money in his will to do as he suggested. What 'that little word in season' will sometimes do!

FAREWELL TOUCH AT LIVERPOOL.

On Tuesday evening, September 23rd, at St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool, on the back eight of the twelve, 960 Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung as a farewell to the Rev. F. M. Young, who is going to take up clerical duties at St. Mary Abbots', Kensington, London. Mr. Young, who has been a great friend of the ringers at St. Nicholas' Church, visited the tower to say 'good-bye,' and it was then decided to ring this farewell touch: E. Goringe 1, G. R. Newton 2, T. Hammond 3, L. L. Grey 4, J. Meldrum 5, J. Martin 6, J. C. E. Simpson (conductor) 7, W. H. Joiner 8.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.**NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT AT HERSHAM.**

A meeting of the North-Western District of the Surrey Association was held at St. Peter's, Hersham, on Saturday, September 27th. The attendance was somewhat smaller than anticipated; nevertheless, a very enjoyable time was spent by the ringers, who attended from Banstead, Beckenham, Beddington, Croydon (St. John's and St. Peter's), Hersham, Leatherhead, Mitcham (Christ Church and SS. Peter and Paul), Walton-on-Thames and Woking. Ringing commenced about 3.30, and a short service was conducted by the Vicar, who gave a very interesting address. Tea followed in the Church House, sixteen sitting down to an ample and enjoyable meal (twenty-five having been catered for). The Vicar of Hersham (Rev. E. Russell Brittain) presided over the business meeting, at which thirteen new ringing members were elected, including the entire band at All Saints', Benhilton, and also Admiral T. P. Walker, of Woking (hon. treasurer of the Guildford Diocesan Guild).

Mr. F. Woodiss reported that Benhilton band required an official instructor, and this matter was referred to the district committee, with full powers to appoint whom they thought fit, and report at the next district meeting.

The Secretary also reported that he had received a very kind invitation to the district to tea at the next meeting at Mitcham by the Christ Church company. He therefore asked members to make a special note of the date, Saturday, November 29th, and turn up in good numbers.

A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and conducting the service, to the organist and to Mr. A. Woodrow for making the necessary arrangements.

The tower was again visited, and good practice was obtained in all the standard methods from rounds to Cambridge and London Surprise Major. It was very disappointing to the district secretary that so few attended this meeting, after the promises of support he received at the annual district meeting when this tower was proposed, but he hopes members will make amends by a special effort on November 29th at Mitcham.

A BIRTHDAY 720.

On Monday evening, at St. Mary's Parish Church, Birkenhead, 720 Bob Minor: W. Goodwin 1, J. Cooke 2, G. R. Edwards 3, W. Battle 4, Geo. Goodwin 5, W. J. Battle (conductor) 6. This was rung as a 16th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th, and was his first 720 on an inside bell. It was also the first 720 in any method by the ringer of the treble.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The meeting of the Western Division at Tring on Saturday, September 20th, was hampered by the inclement weather. Only sixteen ringers attended from Apsley, King's Langley, Leighton Buzzard, Linslade, Luton, and several of the local company. Ringing in the standard methods was indulged in, and a capital tea was partaken of at the Museum Cafe. Afterwards handbell ringing was indulged in before returning to the tower for more ringing, which was kept up until 8 p.m.

The Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Tring, is a massive structure in the Perpendicular style of architecture, dating from the fourteenth century. In the tower hangs a peal of eight bells (tenor 24 cwt. in D). The dates and founders of the bells are as follows: 3rd and 4th by Ellis Knight, 1636; 8th 1622, 6th and 7th 1624, by Robert Oldfield; tenor 1695, Chandler. These old six were rehung by Loster and Pack in 1752, and again rehung and trebles added in 1892 by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The bells again need the attention of a bell-hanger.

NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL RINGERS VISIT EDINBURGH.

The Newcastle Cathedral Guild members took advantage of their annual outing to visit their ringing friends in Edinburgh on September 20th, and spent the week-end with them, returning on Sunday, the 21st. They had a most enjoyable trip, despite the weather, which was wretched on the Saturday, but pleasant on the Sunday. Thanks to the great kindness and good offices of Mr. C. Cleveland Ellis and Mr. W. C. S. Heathcote, who arranged for ringing at St. Cuthbert's on Saturday evening, when excellent touches of Stedman Triples and Double Norwich were brought round, and on Sunday, when Stedman Caters was rung at the Cathedral Church of St. Mary in the morning, and Stedman Triples and Double Norwich were brought round in the evening at St. Cuthbert's, the ringing portion of the outing was amply satisfied. In addition there was much handbell ringing. Mr. Stephen H. Wood, of Glasgow, joined in all the ringing on Sunday.

As everyone knows who visits Edinburgh, it is a city of hills and stairs, in spite of which the party, under the guidance of Mr. Heathcote, managed to see most of the sights, including the magnificent war memorial, and visit such places as the Forth Bridge, Granton and Leith.

The party were accompanied by their popular Ringing Master, Mr. C. L. Routledge, and the arrangements were made and carried out by the hon. secretary, Mr. Arthur Payne.

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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 ringing tour of Mid-Wales was completed last Saturday at Ellesmere. Ten towers were visited by eleven members of the North Wales Association, the Welsh clergy giving them a hearty welcome. Of the fourteen peals attempted, thirteen were successful. The only failure was at Dolgelly, with about 40 mins. more to ring, to make up a 'highest possible' for the week.

Our recent article on 'Holt's Original and how to call it,' has been a fruitful source of discussion among ringers, the 'ould 'uns' as well as the youngsters having talked it over, but, of course, with the knowledge gained by experience behind them. We hear that, even at a ringers' wedding party the other day, it was one of the topics that helped to pass an enjoyable evening.

The first peal of Stedman Caters on the bells at Fulham was rung on October 3rd, 1819, and the first peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields was rung on October 6th, 1788.

The ringer of the treble in the peal at Northop, Flintshire, on September 20th, was Thomas W. Goodwin, not Woodhouse, as recorded. The peal at Waverton on August 23rd was rung for the Chester Diocesan Guild. May we again ask correspondents to check over their peal reports before sending them?

Bellringers are wanted for St. Paul's Cathedral—Melbourne, Australia, not London. Most of the ringers there are veterans. The Master, Mr. J. M. Guest, is 84, and has rung since he was 11. His 'offsider' is Mr. J. L. Murray, now 68, who has been a ringer since he was 17. They think it is time some younger members were trained, and they are appealing in the Melbourne press for volunteers.

HANDBELL MUSIC.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—From time to time I am asked to recommend some publication dealing with tune ringing on handbells, and giving the music for the same, especially on small numbers of bells.

If, through your columns, I could be put in touch with some one who supplies this, I should be grateful.—Yours truly,
CYRIL W. O. JENKYN.

Broadlands, Caversham.

THE 'STONE' RINGERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Is it true to say the most beautiful music possible from an octave of bells is when they are in the Queen's and Titlums positions?

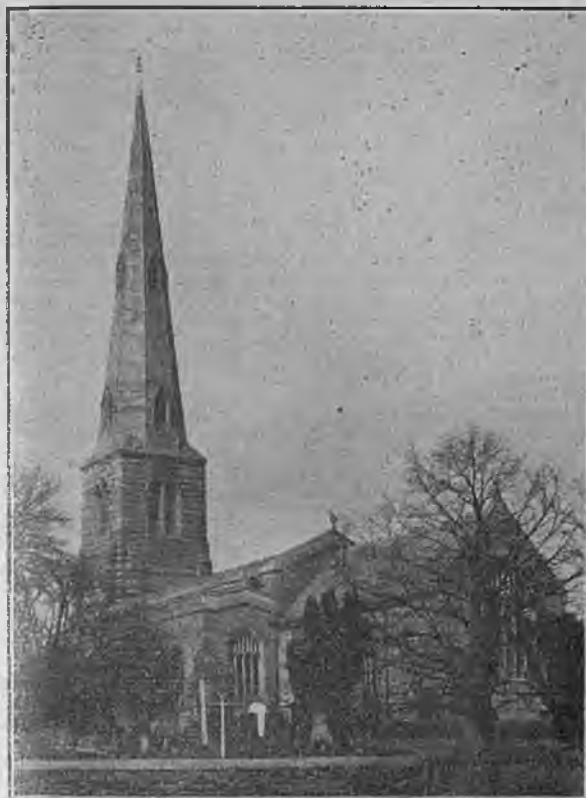
Well struck (and you can all take your hats off to the stoney men, for they do strike), these changes are all obtainable with 4.6.8 or 7.4.8. covering. Why cannot they all 'have a go'? All the clever ones have to do is to ring 120 of Grandsire and let the rest cover. In this way they please themselves, the stoney man, the Vicar, and, last but not least, the general public, who dearly love to hear the good folk called to prayer and praise in harmony, which is far preferable to 'hammering pieces off each other' in some badly struck complicated method.—Yours truly,

J. W. D.

IRCHESTER'S BELLS.

ANOTHER FINE PEAL FOR NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

On Saturday week the augmented peal of eight bells and a new clock at Irchester Parish Church were dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Peterborough in the presence of a crowded congregation, which included about eighty ringers from a wide area. The service opened with the hymn, 'We love the place, O God,' and from the first moment that spirit seemed to dominate the soul-inspiring service. The lesson was read by the Rev. B. E. Owen, R.D., Vicar of Higham Ferrers. After the third Collect, the Bishop dedicated a beautiful processional cross given by a parishioner, also a memorial tablet to the late Vicar of Irchester, and subscribed for by the parishioners. The choir, robed clergy, the churchwardens, followed by the Bishop, then formed a procession to the belfry, headed by the processional cross. After reading the tablet recording the gifts, the Bishop handed the rope of the treble bell to the Vicar, who gave two or three strokes upon it. The dedicatory prayers were then said, the bell was immediately raised, the other seven having been



IRCHESTER PARISH CHURCH.

previously raised, and the bells started off with a few excellent rounds, followed by a splendidly struck course of Stedman Triples by the following members of the Wellingborough Branch: A. Martin 1, L. Chapman 2, W. Perkins 3, G. Basford 4, J. Garratt 5, J. R. Main 6, A. Y. Tyler 7, O. Payne 8. The bells were then straightway lowered in peal, and the new clock dedicated. It had previously been set at about a minute to three o'clock, and the Bishop, by releasing a cord, started it again, and the Westminster chimes and hour allowed to strike. After the dedicatory prayer, the procession returned to the chancel, when the Hallelujah Chorus was rendered by the choir.

The Bishop then gave an excellent address, in the course of which he said it was a great day for Irchester in receiving these magnificent gifts, and he appealed to them not to hide them away as in a museum, but to treasure them and use them to the glory of God and of His Church.

At the close of the service, the eight members who opened the peal had the privilege of raising the bells and ringing a well-struck touch of Stedman Triples.

A public tea was afterwards held in the schoolroom, and again there was a crowded 'house.' It was a kind thought on the part of the Vicar to make preparation for the large body of ringers in one of the classrooms, and this was much appreciated. Tea over, a few short speeches were made.

The Bishop, asked to say a few words, said he had already had his say in church, and he did not think it necessary to say any more except that it was a great pleasure to be with them on such an occasion as this, and that he had enjoyed the afternoon.

Mr. L. Parsons, one of the churchwardens, proposed a vote of thanks to the Bishop, and, in doing so, said he was a farmer, and as they were famous for grumbling and grouching he had one for this occasion, and it was this, that they did not have their Bishop with them often enough.—Mr. Barber, secretary of the Wellingborough Branch of the Peterborough Guild, seconded the vote of thanks, and said he felt honoured by the privilege, and he would like to congratulate the Vicar, churchwardens and the good people of Irchester on receiving these magnificent gifts which had just been dedicated by the Bishop, especially in regard to the augmentation and rehanging of the bells. He especially thanked his lordship for coming to Irchester on a Saturday afternoon, as by so doing he had made it possible for such a number of the members of the Guild to attend and take part in that beautiful service of dedication. On behalf of those members, he sincerely thanked the donors of those gifts. He also said he felt sure all would agree when he said that great credit was due to Messrs. John Taylor and Co. for the way in which they had carried out their work, and for the excellent splice of the three new bells. It could be truthfully said that Irchester now possessed one of the finest peals in the county. Some eighteen months ago the Rev. C. F. Westcott, president of the Wellingborough Branch, invited the Vicar of Irchester to address a quarterly meeting, and during that address he said that, although the bells at Irchester had not been rung for twenty-five years, he hoped it would be possible to do so in the near future, and there they were that day taking part in that great event. He thanked the Vicar for the great part that he had played in the scheme, and played so well. He also appealed to those about to take up the work of ringing these bells, and hoped they would look upon the work as a duty and a privilege as well as a pleasure. He wished them every success, and hoped they would become not only good change ringers, but also regular Sunday service ringers, and, above all, loyal and true churchmen. He had very great pleasure in seconding the vote of thanks to the Bishop.

Amongst those present were the Rev. C. R. Westcott (president of the Wellingborough Branch), Rev. R. C. Thursfield (president of the Kettering Branch), Rev. G. G. Thompson (Vicar of Wollaston), Mr. R. G. Black (general secretary of the Guild), Miss S. Thursfield, Miss E. Steel, etc. The bells were then open to all, and only plain courses were the order of the day, but it is feared that, owing to the large number present, and also to the fact that the parishioners were allowed to inspect the bells and clock at intervals, some few may have been disappointed at not being able to have a pull, but a further opportunity will be offered on Saturday, October 25th, when a quarterly meeting will be held there by permission of the Vicar.

The bells and clock are the generous gift of Mr. John Turnell Austin, of Hartford, Conn., U.S.A., an old Irchester boy, who has presented them to the church as a memorial to his parents and sister who lie in the churchyard. Mr. Austin, who left Irchester over forty years ago, is the principal of one of the largest organ building companies in America. The cost of the work has been over a thousand pounds.

FEAT AT A MOVING TOWER.

DEDICATION OF A PEAL TABLET AT MACCLESFIELD.

During the meeting of the Macclesfield Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild at Christ Church, Macclesfield, on Saturday, September 20th, the Vicar (Rev. S. J. F. Sharples) dedicated a peal tablet recording a local peal of Grandsire Triples. Following tea, which was partaken of in the school, a short service was held in the chapel, and the Vicar gave an interesting talk on the history of the church, which he said was one of the finest examples of an English church in the country. After the hymn, the Vicar, followed by the ringers and friends (who numbered about fifty), proceeded to the staircase leading to the tower, where the tablet has been fixed, and there carried out the dedication.

Mr. J. Norbury, secretary of the branch, congratulated the Christ Church ringers on ringing the peal, and said it was a feat for 'strong' men of indomitable spirit to ring a peal on these eight bells, owing to the great sway of the tower.

A short touch of Grandsire Triples was then rung by the band standing in the same order.

The tower, which is brick built and is 120ft. high, is reputed to sway 2ft. on either side of centre when the bells are rung. They are a fine peal of eight, with tenor 23½ cwt.

GULVAL, CORNWALL.—On Saturday, September 27th, the eve of the harvest thanksgiving, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 38 mins.: A. S. Roberts 1, Miss E. J. C. Angwin 2, J. Wood 3, F. W. Marshall 4, P. J. Hitchens 5, W. H. Sleeman 6, F. E. Collins (conductor) 7, W. Wood 8. Rung after a peal attempt had failed. F. E. Collins, of Croydon, was elected a member of the Truro Diocesan Guild.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BISHOP'S REFERENCE TO LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL BELLS.

Some have honour thrust upon them, others merit it. At the annual meeting of the Lancashire Association held in Liverpool on Saturday last the branch secretary was so busy arranging things for the comfort of the visitors and seeing that everyone had tea, that he had no time to partake of any himself. When all had finished, the bill was handed to him by the proprietor of the cafe headed thus: 'Mr. C. Davies, The Lancashire Ass of Change Ringers.' However, from other comments expressed it is quite certain that an enjoyable day was spent, and, considering the state of industry in Lancashire, the gathering was a great success.

The branch secretary (Mr. Davies) met an enthusiastic party at St. Nicholas' Church at 11.30 a.m., and duly despatched them on a circular tour, provided with details as to how this tour was to be carried out. They first visited St. Francis Xavier's Church, one of Taylor's rings of eight, having received instructions to proceed to Woolton, etc. Later another smaller batch arrived, and were sent on to Woolton to meet and join with the first party. However, the first party were so satisfied with St. Francis' that there they remained, much to the chagrin of the second company. Alas, 'the ways of mice and men gang aft agley.'

About 2 p.m. members began to congregate at St. Nicholas', and soon after the twelve were heard going merrily, and 'Britannic,' the largest boat that comes up the Mersey, sailed for New York to the tune of Stedman Cinques.

The annual service was held in St. Nicholas' Church at 4 p.m., Canon H. J. Elsee, president of the association, officiating. Archdeacon Howson read the lesson, and the Bishop of Liverpool gave the address, in which he welcomed the visitors to a city 'less rich in bells than many he and they knew.' Various references in his address to the looked-for bells in the new Cathedral, to the need for constant care of those bells which are at present in use, and to the coming meeting of the Central Council, showed his great interest in the work of the association.

At the close of the service, his lordship, accompanied by Archdeacon Howson and Canon Elsee and some of the officers of the association, ascended to the belfry, where two press photographers awaited them.

Tea was held in the Strand Cafe, when ninety sat down to the good things provided. The meeting followed in another part of the same room.

The Rev. Archdeacon Howson, the Warden of the Liverpool Guild, gave a welcome to the members, and, having other business, then left.

The committee's report was read and passed. As there were no nominations for either president or general secretary, Canon Elsee and Mr. W. H. Shaker were invited to retain their respective offices. Canon Elsee was re-elected after completing 40 years as president.

The 'tit bit' of the evening was the alteration of Rule 3, which has to do with the election and qualification of members and making the proposer responsible for the subscription of a member elected in prior to a peal attempt. As all apparently wanted to have a say, and as time was getting on, the matter was eventually passed over to the committee to discuss and bring up again next year at Manchester, where, it was decided, the annual meeting should be held in 1931.

Another notice of motion had to do with affiliation to the Central Council and abiding by its rules and decisions. The letter from the general secretary of the Council was read, and it was decided to support the Council in their work, and also to give them a loyal welcome when they come to Liverpool next Whitsuntide, both the Bishop and Archdeacon promising their support in this connection.

The usual vote of thanks was passed to all concerned, and Mr. C. J. Davies was asked to convey this to them.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

RINGING MASTER FOR ASHFORD DISTRICT.

A meeting of the Ashford District was held at Wye on Saturday, and was attended by 38 members, including visitors from Canterbury, Sittingbourne and Queenborough. The bells were kept merrily going until five o'clock in methods up to Double Norwich. Tea was served at the King's Head (presided over by the Vicar, the Rev. Medcalf).

At the business meeting the election of officers for the coming year took place. After some discussion, all were re-elected, viz., Mr. C. Tribe and Mr. E. S. Ruck, representatives on the Central Committee; and Mr. A. C. Kay, district secretary. Meetings were fixed for 1931 as follows: February, Willesborough; May, Hythe; July, Stone-in-Oxney; September 6th, Tenterden (annual).

Mrs. C. W. Everett was elected as a practising member.

Mr. C. Tribe gave a hearty welcome to the visitors, saying how much pleasure it was to have their company on these occasions.

The secretary then brought forward the question of the appointment of a Ringing Master, and after much discussion it was decided to give it a trial. Mr. E. S. Ruck was appointed to fill the position.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for presiding, and for granting the use of the bells, concluded the business. Ringing was again carried on up to 8.30, when a very successful meeting was brought to a close.

TOWER BUILT OF SHIP'S TIMBER.

GUILDFORD GUILD MEET AT QUAIN BELFRY.

In the diocese of Guildford there are just a few parishes which are in the county of Hampshire, and one of these is Farnborough, better known throughout the country for its connection with Army aeronautics. Farnborough has never taken any conspicuous place in ringing annals, but its tower is of more than passing interest to ringers, while its bells, in years gone by, were a source of 'amusement' to those who attempted to ring them. There is nothing imposing or ornamental about the tower, and were it not attached to a church a passer-by would hardly suspect that it was a belfry. It was erected about three hundred years ago, and its structure consists mainly of old ships' timbers. At each corner is a massive vertical member with its base embedded in concrete, and with dwarf supporting buttresses. These uprights may have been oak trees 'squared up' for the purpose, but there are indications in them that they also, like the cross braces and tie beams, came from a ship-breaker's yard. From their condition to-day, after a lapse of centuries, there is no question that these timbers were veritable 'hearts of oak.' It is hardly likely that there had been any previous tower at this church, for when it was added the west window of the church was blocked up. Part of this window arch now forms a door from the gallery into the ringing room. There are other belfries of similar construction in Hampshire, notably at Yateley and Binsted, and the reason, of course, is found in the comparative proximity of Portsmouth and Southampton Water, where in those days the building and breaking up of wooden ships was a prosperous trade, and from which cartage would have been a fairly easy matter. Externally, Farnborough tower is uninteresting. It is covered with modern oak weather-boarding and a slated roof.

The first bell that the tower contained, as far as is known, was cast at Reading by Henry Knight in 1619. Another bell bore the inscription, 'Prayes the Lord, 1633,' and another, 'Love God, 1638.' William Eldridge, of Chertsey, was the founder of one bell in 1699, probably to replace an older one, as it was the third of a little ring of four. None of these bells remains to-day. They were (with the exception of William Eldridge's bell) recast in 1887, when a treble was added. At that time the old four bells hung in a line, so that the ropes hung in a straight line. The treble was away in a corner. In 1922 Messrs. Gillett and Johnston recast the 4th and rehung the bells in a modern steel frame for six, and in 1928 filled the vacant pit with another treble. And so the bells stand to-day, quite a nice little ring, without modern tuning, with a tenor of 6½ cwt., and going so lightly that they require delicate handling.

The first meeting which the Guildford Diocesan Guild has held at the church took place on Saturday, when nearly thirty ringers were present from Aldershot, Farnham, Farnborough, Frensham, Hawley, Woking and Worplesdon, and excellent practice was put in with Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor. Canon Challacombe, the Rector, welcomed the ringers in the tower, and subsequently conducted the Guild service, at which the singing was led by the organ, at which Mr. T. A. Stroud, organist at Frensham and one of the Guild members, presided, one of the ringers acting as 'blower.'

After tea at the Jubilee Hall, the Vicar presided at the business meeting, when apologies were made for the absence of the District Ringing Master (Mr. R. Hasted), owing to the illness of his wife, and the Guild treasurer (Admiral T. P. Walker).

The meeting discussed the question of the sub-division of the district for the purpose of organising combined practices on the lines at present operating in the Guildford District. It was resolved to group Hawley, Yorktown and Bagshot, with Mr. H. Hunt as convener; Aldershot, Ash, Farnborough and Seale, with Mr. W. Viggers as convener; and Farnham, Frensham, Cronall and Bentley, it being left to Farnham tower to appoint a convener.

A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector, the organist and the 'blower,' the two former leaving it to the last-named to respond. Thanks were also given to Mr. Gasson and members of the local band for the arrangements made for the meeting.

The evening, up to eight o'clock, was devoted to further ringing, in the course of which some well-known members wrestled with the difficulties of making singles in Stedman Doubles, and others struggled with the vagaries of Cambridge Minor; while some found it easier to bump the stays than to keep the bells off them. But everyone fully enjoyed the proceedings.

DEATH OF A PENDLETON RINGER.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Joseph Lowe, who, after a long illness, passed away on September 14th on the eve of his 60th birthday. Mr. Lowe, who was a coaler, was keenly interested in the new bells at Walkden, where he lived. He started as a ringer at Worsley, and, when the old band died out, he transferred his affections to Pendleton, where he attended as long as he was able. Always a keen striker, woe betide anyone who was 'boiler making,' as he called it.

The deceased was laid to rest at Walkden, when ringing friends acted as bearers, and the handbells were rung over the grave.

Mrs. Lowe and her son wish to tender their sincere thanks to all who helped them at a time when it was very much appreciated.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. AXBRIDGE DEANERY DISCUSSES NON-PAYMENT OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.

A very successful meeting of the Axbridge Deanery Branch was held at Axbridge on Saturday, September 27th, thirty-eight members attending from Weston-super-Mare, Bleadon, Congresbury, Mark, Uphill, Biddisham, Winscombe, Cheddar, Compton Bishop, Burnham-on-Sea, Axbridge, East Brent, West Pennard, Ubley, Loxton, Churchill, Compton Martin, Blagdon, Banwell and two visitors from Dursley and Cornwall. The peal of six were kept going from 2.30 till 4.30, when service was held in the church conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Owen Thomas), assisted by the president of the deanery (the Rev. Powys-David, Vicar of Bleadon). A splendid tea was provided at the Lamb Hotel, after which the business meeting was held, the president taking the chair.

It was agreed that the next meeting, being the annual, should be held at Burnham-on-Sea on Saturday, January 10th. The Vicar of Axbridge expressed a desire to become an hon member, and his election was carried with applause.

A question was asked the secretary why Congresbury had been omitted in the annual report, and comment was made that, though they were a little late in payment of the subscriptions, the rules should be waived and they should have been entered.

An open but very reasonable discussion took place on the subject, with various suggestions, one being that unpaid towers should be entered with black mark. The Secretary expressed the view that some members did not appreciate the fact that until the secretary of a branch had received names and payment from respective towers he could not notify or help the general secretary, whose no small task it was to publish a legitimate report. The secretary suggested that in the event of non-payment of subscriptions, should the tower concerned be able to furnish a reasonable excuse for delay, that tower should be included, but reports should be withheld until payment was forthcoming. Members, however, must not assume that such a policy would automatically be adopted, as Rule 7 must be adhered to until the association thought fit to alter it. In conclusion, the Secretary emphasised the fact that no blame was attached to any secretary for non-appearance of names in the reports providing subscriptions for the year had not been paid, and that it was most unfortunate for all concerned that a discussion of that character should be entered upon. To put a black mark under towers who had not paid would, he felt, be absolutely disregarding the true spirit and endeavours of the association.

The secretary was later asked to forward, on behalf of the meeting, a vote of sympathy to the Vicar of Banwell in his serious illness.

Further discussion took place regarding the first annual dinner to be held at the Cairo Hotel, Weston-super-Mare, on Saturday, November 15th. Considerable enthusiasm was shown, and there is the prospect of a really great social success.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and organist for their kind help, the Vicar suitably responding for both.

The general secretary, Mr. J. T. Dyke, sent a letter of apology for his inability to attend. Further ringing at Axbridge and Cheddar terminated what everyone agreed was a good meeting.

HOLT'S ORIGINAL—AND SOME REMINISCENCES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Thank you for your kind interest in the 'Original'—in Mr. Haley's time it was styled Holt's One Part. Thanks also to Mr. Tucker for his tribute to Mr. Haley. I do not know if Mr. Haley called it by knowing the twin bobs. I got it out from an original 'Shipway' presented to Broadwood's Library by a lady. (This copy is now in the possession of Mr. Peck. When the library was sold he retained it in hand.) I divided it into six parts, ending: 245673, 274536, 235764, 256473, 253746, 234567. I always know the twin bobs, and Mr. Tucker gave me an interesting record of the times he took when I first called it in 1884 on handbells: Mr. Edwin Gibbs, Frederick T. Gover, C. F. Winney and George T. McLaughlin; umpire, Mr. John Cox. The times noted by Mr. H. J. Tucker: 700, 7.55; 1,008, 8.5; 1,918, 8.38½; 3,780, 9.34½; etc. (twelve times taken in all); 5,040, 10.14½. Mr. Tucker, like Mr. Haley, was very thorough, as one can see by these notes which I copied from his paper in my book.

Referring to the 5D omitted, there are three or four places in the peal where a bell is called into the hunt by a twin bob, and by another twin bob is called out, and to dodge 6.7 up, and then has to be called Before. But when one is young, as Mr. Tucker was, he can call the peal quite easily, just as did Mr. Haley, who called it 'in hand' in 1876, when he was 57.

If anyone wants to hear a good story about Mr. Haley, ask friend Gibbs about the man who was ringing a bell with one hand and scratching himself with the other, when Mr. Haley set up his bell and said, 'It's no good going on like that.'

Mr. Pipe, I trust, will smoke the pipe of peace (in Suffolk) by quoting the motto in brass round the chandelier in the belfry of St. Barnabas, Pimlico: 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall see God.'

Yours truly, C. F. WINNEY.

THE LADIES' GUILD. WORK IN THE NORTHERN COUNTIES.

On Saturday, September 20th, a joint meeting of the Northern and Lincolnshire Branches of the Ladies' Guild was held at Sutton-on-Trent. Ladies were present from Enfield, Folkingham, Huddersworth, Lincoln, Rotherham, Surfleet and Sutton-on-Trent, and their numbers were much augmented by the gentlemen present, to whom they are much indebted, as they added to the success of the meeting. Bells were raised in peal about 2.45 p.m., and from then, except for service and tea, were kept going until late in the evening. Standard methods from Bob Minor to London Surprise were rung by mixed bands, and touches of Bob Minor and Cambridge by ladies.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Eling, whose welcome and address were much appreciated by all.

A good tea, which had been arranged by the Misses Burchnell, was followed by a vote of thanks accorded by Mrs. Ryder, on behalf of the Guild, to the Vicar for the use of the bells and the service, the organist and all who had in any way contributed to the success of the meeting.

The business meetings which followed were held separately and at the same time, as time was limited owing to members having to return by bus.

At the Northern District meeting, Mrs. Fletcher, the general secretary, whose presence was much appreciated, took the chair. Five new members were elected, and then a discussion took place on the advisability of electing a joint secretary owing to the difficulty of working such a large district.

The chair at the Lincoln District meeting was taken by Mrs. Walden, of Lincoln, and apologies were read from several members who were unable to attend. Here it was reported that several ladies in villages near Lincoln were being instructed in the art of change ringing, and it was proposed by Mrs. McGuinness, and seconded by Mrs. Humphrey, that the next meeting be held at Lincoln in the hope of increasing the numbers of the branch.

WESTERN DISTRICT.

The Western District of the Ladies' Guild held its autumn meeting at Portishead on September 20th. Members were present from Bath, Bristol, Corston, Cleve and Shepton Mallet, and friends from Bath and the neighbouring towers. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and courses of Bob Major and Kent and Cambridge Minor were rung, and in spite of very bad weather a very happy afternoon and evening were spent. An excellent tea was served by Mrs. Goldstone at the White Cot Dairy, and here the members were joined by Mrs. Jukes, wife of the Rector, and her daughter, Mrs. Briggs, an old member of the Portishead band.

At the business meeting which followed it was decided to hold the winter meeting in Bristol, as usual, the towers selected being St. Peter's and St. John's-on-the-Wall. It was also decided if possible to hold two mid-week meetings during the ensuing quarter, one at Shippam on October 15th, and one in the Paulton area in November, the tower and date being left to the secretary.

One new member was elected, Miss Daisy Ashman, of Weston, Bath.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector for the use of the bells, to Mrs. Jukes for presiding at the meeting, and to Mrs. Edwards and the Portishead ringers for their kindness in making all the necessary arrangements.

The lady visitors would especially like to thank the unknown donor of the beautiful roses which they carried away with them.

A MIDDLESEX EXPLORATION PARTY.

'RECORD' PEAL AT STANWELL.

A party of young ringers, whose average age was between 18 and 19 years, started from Hillingdon Church on Saturday afternoon, and, after sheltering once from a downpour of rain, reached Bedfont at 3.30, where they were joined by two more from Ealing. This church is of Anglo-Saxon origin, most of it thought to have been standing at the time of the Norman Conquest. The tower is of later date, with a small wooden tower top and spire. The bells are a rather false striking peal of six, and go fairly well, the tenor being about 12 cwt. Touches of Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles and Bob Minor were rung. After the ringing, the Vicar's wife said they were very pleased to hear the bells again, as it had been 'ages' since they were last rung.

Stanwell, with its leaning spire, was reached at 4.30, and here the band were met by three local ringers. After having a look at the countryside from the top of the tower, the musical peal of five (tenor 13 cwt.) by Mears, were set going to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Bob Singles, with call changes to give the locals a ring. A board in the belfry records the 'record' peal on the bells. This was two hours' call changes by the local band with two men on the tenor. Peal ringing would be rather difficult owing to the tremendous noise of the bells.

Harmondsworth was the last place visited, and after refreshing themselves the ringers obtained the belfry key from the Five Bells, and various methods were rung, including a course of Grandsire Minor.

JAMES WASHBROOK'S GRAVE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In answer to your correspondent re the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook's grave, there is nothing to mark it in Philips Park Cemetery, which is five miles from Pendleton and over a mile from Miles Platting, which two towers he most frequently attended. I am afraid the time is not opportune to ask Lancashire to subscribe to a stone. When the national appeal was made, we had the matter before us and decided to support that scheme, which we did to the sum of over £20. Since then we have had two more local appeals, but if it is thought desirable, the committee might take the matter up again. Whilst he was in Manchester, Mr. Washbrook was not attached to any tower, and turned up anywhere as fancy dictated and his work would let him.—Yours,

W. H. SHUKER,

Secretary, Lancashire Association.

SOMETHING SHOULD BE DONE.

Dear Sir,—In reply to 'A Novice,' regarding the grave of the late James W. Washbrook, which was mentioned in the account of the Lancashire ringing tour, an error seems to have been made, as the grave is stated to be at Pendleton. This is not so. Mr. Washbrook is buried at Philips Park Cemetery, Bradford, Manchester. I believe Mr. J. Hall (hon. secretary of the Manchester Branch of the Lanes Association) visits the grave quite frequently. I agree with 'A Novice' that something should be done.—Yours truly,

R. LONGDEN.

PENDLETON WOULD CONTRIBUTE.

Dear Sir,—May I be allowed to correct the misunderstanding that has been caused by the communication of 'W.H.F.' a few weeks ago. He was evidently misinformed, as James Washbrook is buried in Bradford Road Cemetery, Manchester, and not at Pendleton. I might add that if the suggestion of 'A Novice' is taken up by the Lancashire Association, Pendleton ringers will be only too pleased to contribute to the scheme.—Yours faithfully,

H. GREENHALGH,

Hon. Secretary, Pendleton ringers.

ENGLAND 'REVISITED.'

CAPETOWN PRIEST RENEWS OLD ACQUAINTANCESHIP.

The Rev. H. F. de Lisle, who is in England for four months' holiday from Capetown, and is renewing his acquaintance with ringing after an absence of more than a quarter of a century, asks if there are any ringers still living who took part in an attempt at a peal of Grandsire Triples at All Hallows', Barking, in, he thinks, 1881.

The late Rev. H. A. Cockey collected a band of College Youths so that I might ring a peal when I was twelve years old,' he writes. 'Amongst them were Mr. C. F. Winney, Murray and Sam Hayes. We did not get the peal, not because Mr. Winney or Murray or Sam Hayes (or even I) made mistakes! but because the gudgeon of the treble broke after one and a half hours. However, I did get a peal soon after, but where it was I don't remember.

Since those far-off days I managed to ring some 25 peals of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Royal, and one or two double-handed peals, including Holt's Original as conductor.

I have been in South Africa twenty-six years, and must plead guilty to having done no ringing. There is a nice little peal of eight at Woodstock, close to Capetown, but only one or two change ringers.

However, my old enthusiasm has revived, through meeting several old ringing friends. Mr. Winney and the other College Youths (still 'youths') kindly allowed me to have a pull when they were ringing at Westminster Abbey a few weeks ago, as did a band of Guildford ringers. We also got a peal of Superlative on August 16th at Galleywood, my old home in Essex, and one of Bob Major at Widdford.

It has been a great pleasure to ring again and find old friends still going strong, and to see that bellringing in England is flourishing more than ever.

I have just come back from seeing the wonderful Passion Play at Oberammergau, and heard the bells in the great "belfry" at Bruges. Forty-eight of them there are, and their tunes, worked by the drum of the clock, are wonderful, and the bells themselves of beautiful tone, but in spite of all their thrill, one wished to hear in preference some good striking on a sound English peal.

The Rev. H. F. de Lisle is returning to Capetown by the R.M.S. 'Edinburgh Castle' on October 17th.

TRING.—On Monday, September 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins.: H. Brackley (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Puplett 2, H. Bishop 3, H. Bull 4, F. J. Reeves 5, C. Badrick 6, F. W. Reeves (conductor) 7, N. Brackley 8. Rung on the homecoming of the Vicar (the Rev. J. Garmer).

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BURFORD, OXON.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, September 28th, for evening service (harvest festival), a quarter-peal from Thurstan's Four-part Stedman Triples by the local band: E. Aldridge 1, A. Bishop 2, W. Brunsdon 3, T. Midwinter 4, R. Hudson 5, W. Dixon 6, F. Soden (conductor) 7, T. Bond 8.

GREAT TOTHAM, ESSEX.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday evening, September 28th, for the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Minor, being 360 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, and 180 Plain Bob: H. Freeman 1, H. Seager 2, F. W. Shynn 3, J. D. Buckingham (conductor) 4, J. Seager 5, P. C. Sayer 6. Also after service 720 Oxford Treble Bob by the same band, except that W. Hunwick rang the treble.

MACCLESFIELD.—At Christ Church, on Sunday evening, September 28th, for harvest festival, 1,008 Treble Bob Minor, being 720 of Oxford and 288 Kent, in 35 mins.: W. Gayes 1, A. Chaliner 2, F. Ronan 3, J. Tipper 4, W. Stevenson (first 720 of Minor as conductor) 5, J. Worth 6.

BUSHEY HEATH.—On Sunday, September 28th, at the Church of St. Peter, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) for harvest festival evening service in 45 mins.: G. Marlborough 1, T. Norris 2, W. J. Simons 3, J. E. Rootes 4, C. Cook 5, E. Ashby (conductor) 6, F. Edwards 7, H. Cockram 8. This quarter was also rung as a farewell to the Vicar (Rev. C. H. Barker), who is resigning owing to ill-health.

LEICESTER.—On Sunday, September 28th, at the Church of the Holy Saviour, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 52 mins.: F. Haslam 1, A. Briggs 2, J. S. Needham 3, J. Wilson Udall 4, E. H. Bagworth 5, H. Bell 6, S. W. Chapman 7, N. S. Bagworth (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal of Major for ringers of 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7, and first quarter-peal of Major as conductor.

BOURNEMOUTH.—At St. John's Church, on September 28th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins.: Miss F. M. Childs 1, H. R. Bennett 2, A. G. Rose 3, Miss M. White (first quarter-peal as conductor) 4, J. Ralph (first quarter-peal at first attempt) 5, F. Frampton 6, C. F. Turner 7, F. Longman 8. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor, who is the first lady to conduct a quarter-peal in the tower.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.—On Sunday, September 28th, for morning service, on the occasion of the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins.: T. Lincoln 1, W. Lincoln (conductor) 2, A. Hume 3, F. G. Radley 4, H. Joyce 5, J. Wood 6, A. Head 7, T. B. Fairhead 8. Ringers of 2, 3, 6 and 7 from Chelmsford, the rest belong to the local company.

LLANDAFF.—On Sunday, September 28th, at the Cathedral, for harvest thanksgiving evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: H. Thomas 1, Evan Coles 2, J. Pitcher 3, T. Carter 4, W. Dare 5, E. Coombes 6, A. Rowley (conductor) 7, Ernest Coles 8.

PUNNEY.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, September 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: T. Bolton 1, J. Herbert 2, E. Cassell, jun. (first quarter-peal inside) 3, W. Ball 4, A. Williams 5, C. Moody 6, E. Cassell, sen. (conductor) 7, G. Edwards 8. Rung for church parade of the Old Contemptibles' Association.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, September 28th, for harvest festival service, before 7 a.m. Choral Eucharist 720 Bourne Surprise, before matins 720 Ipswich Surprise and 720 Wells Surprise, before evensong 720 Cambridge Surprise and 240 Norwich Surprise: L. Camp, G. Camp, E. Sitch, J. Sitch, C. Harrington, H. Wright, A. Bradley.

OXFORD SOCIETY'S PROGRESS.

At Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, on Monday, September 15th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Cinques (1,227 changes) in 57 mins.: Miss M. Reynolds 1, R. Post 2, W. Simmonds 3, W. Collett 4, W. Brigham 5, W. Blake 6, F. Taylor 7, W. H. B. Wilkins 8, W. F. Judge (conductor) 9, V. Bennett 10, H. Miles 11, G. Caudwell 12. The longest touch by an entirely resident band for at least twenty years.

DEATH OF MR. GEORGE SALTER.

OLD KIDDERMINSTER RINGER PASSES AWAY IN IRELAND.

It is with regret that we record that Mr. George Salter (brother of Mr. T. J. Salter, of Kidderminster) died at Waterford, Ireland, on Tuesday, September 23rd, in his 62nd year. He commenced to ring at Wolverley, a six-bell tower, in 1884, and joined the Kidderminster band in 1887. He rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples, on October 10th, 1888, which was reputed to be the first peal on the bells by a local band since 1765. He took part in the first peals of Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise for the Worcestershire Association.

He left Kidderminster for Bangor in 1907, later moved to Dublin, and finally settled down at Waterford, where for some years he was in charge of the Cathedral bells. He took part in the first peals of Stedman Caters and Bob Royal rung in Ireland, his total number of peals being about eighty.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 293rd anniversary dinner will be held at the Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, on Saturday, November 8th, at 6.30 p.m.—W. T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on October 2nd and 30th, St. Magnus' on the 9th and 23rd, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 14th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 16th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 28th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Clitheroe on Saturday, October 4th. Bells available from 3 p.m. A good attendance requested.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

DEVON GUILD.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Silvertown on Saturday, October 4th. Bells available 2.30. Committee meeting 4. Service 4.30. Tea (tickets 1s.) 5. Business meeting to follow.—A. G. Selley, Hon. Sec., The Square, Silvertown.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The second general quarterly meeting will be held at Bottesford on October 4th. Bells (8) open for ringing during afternoon. Committee meet 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by general meeting, all at the Rutland Cafe, High Street. A cordial invitation is given to Lincoln Diocesan Guild friends. Will all members be sporty and pay up their outstanding subscriptions? — Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The quarterly meeting will be held at Handsworth Parish Church on Saturday, October 4th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Business meeting to follow. Please send numbers for tea to T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Great Bromley on Saturday, October 4th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5.15. Nearest railway station Ardleigh (2½ miles).—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—A meeting will be held at Ottershaw (6 bells) on Saturday, October 4th. Frequent buses from Chertsey and Woking. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. It is hoped that members from adjoining districts will attend and help make this meeting a success.—H. Hancock, 3, Chobham Road, Ottershaw, Chertsey.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—A meeting at East Harling (6) on Saturday, Oct. 4th, at 3 o'clock. Kenninghall (8) also available in the evening.—N. Golden, Diss.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford and District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Giles', Oxford, on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Service 6.15 p.m. Meeting to follow.—W. Simmonds, Hon. Sec., 7, Fairacres Road, Oxford.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Westbury on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells (8) ready at 2.30. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Dodford (6) on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly notify the secretary as early as possible?—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Potton on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at the Rectory at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southampton District.—A meeting of the Southampton District will be held at Netley Abbey on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells from 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock.—W. T. Tucker, Hon. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Burbage on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells available from 3.45 p.m. All ringers are cordially welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Castle Cary (8 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton, Bath.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Huntingdon.—A meeting will be held at Gt. Staughton on Saturday, October 4th. Tea at 5 o'clock. Service at 6.30.—D. Clarke, Dis. Sec.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at South Anston on Saturday, October 4th. Bells available early. A hearty welcome to all.—H. Thorpe, Hon. Sec., 104, Petre Street, Sheffield.

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Brixham on Saturday, October 4th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Also Churston Ferrers. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting to follow. All welcomed.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting of the West Norfolk Branch will be held at Holme Hale, near Swaffham, on Saturday, October 4th. Bells of Holme Hale (5) and Necton (6) available. Tea for those who advise me of their intention to be present.—W. J. Eldred, Dis. Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

CHURCH CONGRESS.—Ringers attending the Church Congress at Newport, October 4th-11th, are invited to communicate with Mr. Fred Atwell, 4, Malpas Road, Newport, Mon, notifying days and time they can spare for ringing during the week, so that arrangements can be made in advance. St. Woolos' Parish Church and Pro-Cathedral, 10 bells; All Saints', 8 bells.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meetings for October: Sunday, the 5th, at 10 a.m., Monday, the 6th (quarterly meeting) at 6.30 p.m., Monday, the 20th, at 7.30.—S. C. Moye.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 11th, at St. David's Church, Brecon. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. John's Church, Lytham (6 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells ready 3 p.m. A good attendance requested. Visitors welcome.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 118, Dickson Road, Blackpool.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Leeds on Saturday, October 11th. Bells available at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Half fares up to 2s. paid to members at this meeting. All ringers welcome. Please notify early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual commemoration dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowden and past officers of the Yorkshire Association will be held at the Windmill Hotel, Blossom Street, York, on Saturday, Oct. 11th, at 6 p.m. prompt. By the courtesy of the Very Rev. the Dean of York the fine ring of 12 at the Minster will be available for ringing during the afternoon. All applications for tickets, for which a charge of 5s. 6d. each will be made, should reach Mr. G. Horner, 16, Clifton Green, York, not later than first post Tuesday, Oct. 7th.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Will those requiring tea kindly drop a card to Mr. F. Goodfellow, 3, Nellgrove Road, Hillingdon Heath, by the 8th Oct.? All ringing friends welcome.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Cranbrook on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea (9d. per head) in the Parish Room after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary by Tuesday, Oct. 7th. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. each will be paid to members attending.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Hornchurch on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will those intending to be present and requiring tea notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday, Oct. 8th?—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—Meeting at Lower Beeding, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (by kind invitation). Those who intend to be present must notify the undersigned not later than Monday, Oct. 6th.—A. D. Stone, Hon. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

LADIES' GUILD.—A combined meeting of the Southern and Central Districts will be held at St. Laurence's, Reading, on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Ringing at St. Laurence's 3 to 4.30. Service. Preacher: Canon G. F. Coleridge. Tea and meeting at St. Laurence's Parish Hall. Ringing at St. Mary's 6.45 to 8. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Monday, Oct. 6th?—H. F. Mills, Cairneyhill, Bridgefield, Farnham, Surrey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Croston on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells available from 2.30.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—The next meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (10) available at 1.45. Tea arrangements will be made. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A meeting will be held at Stockbridge on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Longstock (5) 2.30. Service in the church at 4.30. Tea, 5 o'clock, in the Town Hall. Those requiring tea kindly let me know not later than Wednesday, Oct. 9th.—C. A. Smith, Dis. Sec., King's Somborne, Hants.

AN INVITATION to all interested in ringing to visit Oxhey, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Ringing from 3.30 till 8. Tea 5.30. Please let me know number for tea by 8th inst. Cheap tickets by rail or coach from all parts.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Mid-Norton Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Wanstrow on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—G. M. Hasell, Hon. Sec. (pro. tem.), 11, Council Houses, Timsbury, near Bath.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next district meeting will be held at Newhall on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea (6d.) provided for those who notify me by 9th at very latest. A good attendance requested.—John Leach, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Vernon Terrace, Victoria Street, Burton-on-Trent.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Norton-le-Moors on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (6), recently recast, available at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., provided free to all who notify Mr. J. E. Wheeldon, 12, Norton Street, Milton, Stoke-on-Trent, not later than Oct. 8th. A cordial welcome to all ringers.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Willington on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (6) available after 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. The Vicar hopes to see a good attendance. Visitors heartily welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Dis. Sec., Stagsden, Beds.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Halse (6 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow at the New Inn. Those wanting tea please inform me by the previous Tuesday.—P. Merson, Bishops Hull.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Butterwick on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Divine service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting immediately afterwards. Will those who require tea kindly inform me by Tuesday, Oct. 7th?—John Phillips; Hon. Sec., Butterwick, near Boston, Lincs.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL GUILD.—Chippenham Branch will hold their quarterly meeting at Colerne (8 bells) on Saturday, the 11th inst. Bells open from 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea after. Will visitors please notify hon. sec. on or before Wednesday, the 8th inst., for tea arrangements.—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., 38, Downing Street, The Woodlands, Chippenham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Grassendale on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Preacher: Canon Twitchett, Diocesan Secretary. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea please by Tuesday, Oct. 7th.—Claude I. Davies, Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.—The new peal of bells at Walkden Parish Church will be dedicated by the Dean of Manchester, on Saturday, October 11th. Service at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided (1/3 each) for those who send in their names to John Potter, 73, Manchester Road, Walkden, near Manchester, by October 9th. All ringers welcome.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Prestwich Parish Church on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Preacher: The Rector (Canon Cooper). Tea, 5.15 p.m., at the Co-op. Café, at 1s. 3d. per head. Meeting in the Institute after. Names to be sent to Mr. R. H. Bent, 3, Glebelands Road, Prestwich, not later than the 16th. Expecting a good turn up.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Uckfield on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Tower open 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday previous to meeting? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Axbridge Deanery, under the auspices of the above association, will, on Saturday, Nov. 15th, hold their first annual dinner, concert and dance at the Cairo Hotel, near the Marine Lake, Weston-super-Mare. The hall is noted for its spacious ballroom and lounges, which will be available. Speeches will be very limited. The bells of Weston-super-Mare, Uphill, Bleadon and Kewstoke will be available. Bed and breakfast for those desiring to stay can be arranged for 6s. 6d. inclusive. Any friends invited, tickets 3s. 6d. inclusive, may be obtained from L. G. Tanner, Local Hon. Sec., 51, Locking Road, Weston-super-Mare.

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LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION A WELCOME AT TREVETHIN.

A quarterly meeting was held at Trevethin, Pontypool, on Saturday last. The bells, a ring of eight by Gillett and Bland, were raised about three o'clock, and rung in various methods until 4.30, when service was held, the Vicar (Rev. Vaughan W. Rees) officiating, assisted by the Rev. Ivor Richards, curate of Blaenavon, who is a very keen and enthusiastic ringer.

Following the service, a bountiful tea, which had been generously provided by Mr. T. B. Pearson, the Vicar's warden, was served in the Church Rooms.

The business meeting was presided over by the Vicar, who at the outset welcomed the members to Trevethin. He hoped they would all spend a pleasant afternoon and evening and go away with happy recollections of the visit to Trevethin. He paid a fine compliment to his own ringers, who, he said, were a loyal and happy band.

Various routine items were dealt with, including reports on restorations and augmentations, and also instructors' reports.

The next quarterly meeting is to be held at Llanbradach, and it was left until the annual meeting to decide where the next Monmouthshire meeting is to be held.

Various items were commented on by the hon. secretary, including the announcement that a peal of Grandsire Caters had been rung at Cardiff during the week to honour one of the oldest association members, Mr. Jesse Pitcher, who had just celebrated his golden wedding.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens, and the ladies for their great kindness, hospitality and welcome was passed, the Hon. Secretary remarking that he was at the opening of Trevethin bells over forty years ago, and that ever since, whether it was the occasion of a practice, a peal or a meeting, the same welcome was accorded by the local ringers, whose leader is Mr. T. Lade, and who on this occasion had, as usual, done all he could to ensure a good meeting.

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In a recent article we referred to the manner in which the well-intentioned but, in our opinion, sometimes misdirected endeavours of antiquarians, in regard to church bells and bell hanging, are passed on to the public as if they were the purely expert and only proper view of the way in which restoration work should be approached. The gentlemen whose primary mission in life is to preserve ancient rings, irrespective, it sometimes seems, of whether or not they have outlived their original object and their utility, seem able to obtain the widest publicity for their recommendations, both through a variety of organisations and the public Press. They are able by the means at their command—we do not blame them for availing themselves of it—to reach the people who, so far as they are concerned, really matter and they are thus left, almost without the possibility of contradiction, to carry on their propaganda to a degree which, unless something is done to counteract it, may some day make the necessary recasting of bells, and indeed of any restoration work on modern lines, extremely difficult to promote.

The latest excursion into the realm of 'advice' in connection with church bells comes from the 'Central Council for the Care of Churches.' It has just issued its fourth report upon 'The Protection of our English Churches,' in the course of which many matters, from the distempering of walls to the use of floral decorations and the rebuilding of organs, are dealt with. We, however, are concerned only with the reference to bells, and this is the 'advice' which is given: 'In all cases where alterations to bells, bell frames or their supports are concerned the Central Council regard it as essential that the advice of an architect skilled in work of this kind be sought in the first instance, before any bell founder is asked to visit the church. The hope is expressed that diocesan advisory committees will carefully recommend available architects in each locality whom they know from experience to be competent to deal with towers and bells.' This quotation is taken from 'The Times' review of the Council's Report.

It will be a sorry day indeed if all bell restorations are to wait until an architect 'skilled in work of this kind' is called in. We say it with no disrespect to the profession, but, with extremely few exceptions, architects do not know the first thing about bell hanging. Bell hanging is not an architect's job at all; it is an engineering job, and the sooner those folk who are so ready to give advice realise this the better. The Central Council for the Care of Churches may be competent to express an opinion upon the æsthetic taste displayed in the

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erection of memorial tablets or stained glass windows, but it is quite obvious that their knowledge in regard to bells is of an extremely limited kind. Where is the architect who could be called in and, without the aid of a bell founder, say whether it was possible to retune a bell; how many architects, without consulting a bell hanger, could tell a Parochial Church Council how to rectify a bad going ring of bells, and what the possible cost would be; and how many could competently design a bell frame throwing the minimum of stress upon a tower while retaining the necessary circle for the ropes and the proper facilities for ringing the bells? These are some of the simplest problems which bell founders have to deal with, but unless an architect has proved his competency in those things he certainly cannot be said to be 'skilled in work of this kind.' Bell hanging is not simply a case of putting girders into a stone structure to carry certain dead weights. As we have said before, bells are moving machinery and the man to be called in in the first instance is the bell engineer. The free advice which is issuing in such a prolific stream just now through various channels—although it may be largely from one source—will eventually have a reaction on bell restoration work unless something is done to qualify it. Cannot the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers take some step to reach 'those who matter' and tell them the bald truth about these things?

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| GEORGE ORCHARD 5 | FRANK PONTING Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 4, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 6000 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

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| ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... Treble | HAROLD F. MARTIN 6 |
| SIDNEY T. HOLT 2 | WILLIAM RANFORD 7 |
| * ARTHUR J. MARTIN 3 | CHARLES CAMM 8 |
| * MISS AMY JOHNSON 4 | CYRIL TANSSELL 9 |
| DENNIS R. MORRIS 5 | HARRY PRICE Tenor |

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob Royal. 100th peal as conductor. Mr. H. Price has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

TODMORDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 24, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE UNITARIAN CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

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| *ALWYN TAYLOR Treble | *HAROLD HOWARTH 5 |
| FRANK FIELDEN 2 | JOHN NASH 6 |
| JAMES INGHAM 3 | WILLIAM HORAN 7 |
| *CHARLES TAYLOR 4 | FRANK NOTTALL Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM HORAN.

* First peal and first attempt.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 27, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

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| KENTH HART Treble | ALFRED W. GROVES 5 |
| JACK M. CRIPPS 2 | ALEC RICHARDSON 6 |
| KENNETH SNELLING 3 | HERBERT MARKWELL 7 |
| FREDERICK C. J. TURNER 4 | OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 29, 1930, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

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| ALBERT RAINBIRD Treble | ROBERT HEAZEL 5 |
| FRANK G. RINGE 2 | ERNEST J. BUTLER 6 |
| *PHILIP BOUTON 3 | ALBERT PRYKE 7 |
| GEORGE R. PYE 4 | CHARLES PRYKE Tenor |

Conducted by FRANK G. RINGE.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal as conductor.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 29, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

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| EDWIN BARNETT Treble | CYRIL BRETT-SMITH 5 |
| OSCAR GILBEY 2 | PERCY SPICE 6 |
| TOM BRETT-SMITH 3 | ROBERT BRETT-SMITH 7 |
| JOHN J. LAMB 4 | THOMAS GROOMERIDGE Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by R. BRETT-SMITH

Rung as a compliment to Cyril Brett-Smith on his 24th birthday.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, October 2, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| *PERCY RICHARDS Treble | CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 5 |
| THOMAS HEMMING 2 | *SIDNEY G. THOMPSON 6 |
| WILLIAM POTTER 3 | HECTOR G. BIRD 7 |
| WALTER MASTERS 4 | HAROLD V. COOPER Tenor |

Composed by W. MATTHEWS.

Conducted by C. SKIDMORE.

* First peal on eight bells.

EYE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, October 3, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

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| ALBERT G. HARRISON Treble | DAVID WHITING 5 |
| ALPHEUS J. BERRY 2 | DEREK LOCKWOOD 6 |
| PERCY L. JOHNSON 3 | GARNEAM A. BLAXCELL 7 |
| REGINALD V. JOHNSON 4 | NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

PUTNEY, LONDON.

ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN'S ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 1, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

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| *CHARLES E. G. MOODY ... Treble | †EDWARD CASSELL, SEN. ... 5 |
| WILLIAM H. BALL 2 | WILLIAM T. ELSON 6 |
| WILLIAM H. WORSLEY ... 3 | WALTER MALINS 7 |
| †CHARLES W. OTTLEY ... 4 | JOSEPH HERBERT Tenor |

Composed by W. T. ELSON.

Conducted by W. MALINS.

* First peal. † First peal and first attempt. ‡ First in the method. The first peal of Double Norwich by the local band and first attempt. Rung to celebrate the birthday of Mr. Thomas Bolton and his 25th year as Master of the above association.

WEST HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

G. LINDOFF'S SIX-PART, No. 10.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

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| JOHN H. SWINFIELD Treble | W. RICHARDSON DRAGE ... 5 |
| MAURICE SWINFIELD 2 | J. ALFRED BARRATT 6 |
| JOSEPH BAILEY 3 | JAMES GEORGE 7 |
| JAMES S. HUTCHBY 4 | FREDERICK BROWN Tenor |

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Olive Barratt, sister of the sixth ringer, also a wedding peal for Mr. Frank Bennett, of Brighton.

CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 4, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

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| DAVID G. TAYLOR Treble | ALFRED J. WYATT 5 |
| GEORGE SIBLEY 2 | *EDWIN C. PITMAN 6 |
| ARTHUR H. REED 3 | JAMES HUNT 7 |
| VICTOR CRABB 4 | FRED LANGFORD Tenor |

Conducted by J. HUNT.

* First peal. Rung to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. Proles' wedding, which took place on this date in 1890. Mr. Proles is the local captain of the ringers.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 4, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

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| CHARLES H. WEBB Treble | PERCY L. HARRISON 5 |
| WILLIAM WILLSON 2 | COLIN HARRISON 6 |
| THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 3 | JOHN OLDHAM 7 |
| REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 4 | FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

Rung to commemorate the 80th birthday of the 'father' of the Hinckley District Branch of the M.C.A., Mr. Harry Briggs, of Stoney Stanton. Mr. John Oldham's 150th peal.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 4, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

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| SAMUEL WARNE Treble | FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... 5 |
| ALBERT WIFFEN 2 | WILLIAM KREBLE 6 |
| LEWIS W. WIFFEN 3 | WALTER ARNOLD 7 |
| PERCY GREEN 4 | ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by WILLIAM KREBLE

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Arnold. First peal on the bells since rehanging by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. It was intended to ring London, but through illness of one of the original band the above was rung instead.

COCKERNOUTH, CUMBERLAND.
THE CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 4, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

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

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| WILLIAM NORMAN Treble | JOHN CASSON 5 |
| ALFRED EILBECK 2 | WILFRED BOWE 6 |
| WILLIAM H. COOK 3 | WILLIAM T. HOLMES 7 |
| FRED TICKLE 4 | GEORGE W. TEMBEY Tenor |

Composed by W. ESCOULT. Conducted by GEORGE W. TEMBEY.
Rung to celebrate the jubilee of Canon Parker, who has been Vicar of the above church for fifty years. First peal as conductor.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 4, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, STRANTON.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

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| *LAWRENCE GREENHOW ... Treble | FREDERICK ROBSON 5 |
| ERNEST BURNETT 2 | †HAROLD ROBSON 6 |
| WILLIAM PILLAR 3 | SIDNEY BREEZE 7 |
| ROBERT WEBSTER 4 | †E. CLENNETT ROBSON ... Tenor |

Conducted by E. BURNETT.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire. The ringer of the treble was proposed a member before starting the peal.

BURY, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 4, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute.

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 13 cwt.

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| FRED F. RIGBY Treble | TITUS BARLOW 5 |
| ROBERT WALLWORK 2 | WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6 |
| THOMAS WALLWORK 3 | *HERBERT DAVENPORT ... 7 |
| LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 4 | THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM R. MADGWICK.

* First peal in the method away from the treble. First Surprise peal on the bells. Rung as a farewell peal for the Rector, the Rev. J. C. Hill.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 4, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;
Tenor 11½ cwt.

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| EDWARD ASHEY Treble | RONALD W. R. PICTON ... 5 |
| MADRICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 2 | †STANLEY E. EDWARDS ... 6 |
| STEPHEN H. HOARE 3 | †RICHARD G. BELL 7 |
| *HARRY L. LONG 4 | HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor |

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

* First Surprise peal inside. † First Surprise peal. Rung on the occasion of the opening of the Haig Cottages at Bushey by Major-General Sir Frederick Maurice, K.C.M.G., C.B., and the dedication of the British Legion standard.

SHAROW, NEAR RIPON, YORKSHIRE.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 4, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' TEN-PART, No. 1. Tenor 13 cwt.

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| *HORACE BENSON Treble | THOMAS METCALFE 5 |
| CHARLES E. HOWROYD ... 2 | JAMES W. NEESAM 6 |
| FREDERICK TINGLE 3 | †RICHARD DUFFIELD 7 |
| JAMES METCALFE 4 | †EDWARD HUDSON Tenor |

Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in the method. The quarterly peal for the association, as arranged at the annual meeting. The ringers of the treble, 3rd, 4th and 7th are of the Ripon Cathedral band, of the 5th from Middlesbrough, 6th from Thirsk, the other two of Sharow.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 4, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt.

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| *FREDERICK W. C. CURTIS ... Treble | WILLIAM E. BASON 5 |
| FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 2 | BERTIE J. HOWCHIN 6 |
| †CHARLES E. LOVETT 3 | †GEORGE BAILEY 7 |
| GEORGE MAYERS 4 | †WALTER R. FARROW ... Tenor |

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILLIAM E. BASON.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples.

ASHEHEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 4, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 8 lb.

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| ALAN R. PINK Treble | GEORGE COOK 5 |
| JOHN HOYLE 2 | †WILLIAM G. NEWBURY ... 6 |
| *†ARTHUR C. OTWAY 3 | GEORGE MARRINER 7 |
| †ARTHUR SMITH 4 | ALBERT HARMAN Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN

* Fiftieth peal for the association. † First peal in the method with an inside bell.

BUNGAY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 4, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt.

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| CHARLES F. SAYER Treble | *ROBERT GAUL 5 |
| EDWIN R. GOATE 2 | CHARLES LOMBE 6 |
| CHARLES BAILEY 3 | JAMES SPALDING 7 |
| GEORGE HOWLETT 4 | WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... Tenor |

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

* First peal.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WYCHBOLD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-WYCH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 11½ cwt.

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| *MICHAEL A. MATTHEWS ... Treble | FREDERICK SUMMERTON ... 4 |
| †ARTHUR J. MARTIN 2 | WALTER H. RAXTER 5 |
| CHARLES HARRISON 3 | HUBERT SPARKS Tenor |

Conducted by W. H. RAXTER.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. A farewell peal to the Vicar (Rev. G. W. M. Stranack).

RUTCOMBE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different compositions. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

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| JOHN HOUSE Treble | *EDWARD J. AVERY 4 |
| JEFFERY TOSSELL 2 | *GEORGE GILLING 5 |
| CHARLES FIELD 3 | CHARLES R. LILLEY Tenor |

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal. First peal of Minor on the bells.

COMPTON MARTIN, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 2, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, Snowdon's calling. Tenor 15½ cwt.

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| *SIDNEY ROWE Treble | †ERNEST TOSSELL 4 |
| JEFFERY TOSSELL 2 | CHARLES R. LILLEY 5 |
| CHARLES FIELD 3 | FRED TOSSELL Tenor |

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

SHAW, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NEWBURY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 4, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.).

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| HENRY T. E. CURTIS ... Treble | ERNEST W. SMITH ... 4 |
| *ALFRED J. WHITTLE ... 2 | HENRY W. CURTIS ... 5 |
| TOM CURTIS ... 3 | *GEORGE J. PIPER ... Tenor |

Conducted by HENRY W. CURTIS.

* First peal. First peal on the bells since augmented to six. Ringers of 1 and 6 are local men. The band were afterwards entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Curtis.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 4, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven varied extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

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| *CHARLES WOODS ... Treble | † WILLIAM ALDERMAN ... 4 |
| JOHN J. JUTSON ... 2 | WILLIAM ROSE ... 5 |
| FREDERICK COOK ... 3 | STANLEY THOMPSON ... Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Rung in connection with the harvest festival.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(ELLOR DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 4, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Single Oxford, Double Court, Single Court. Tenor 21 cwt.

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| *WILLIAM H. SUTTON ... Treble | JOHN CURRY ... 4 |
| *ARTHUR GROUND ... 2 | JOHN G. AMES ... 5 |
| GEORGE LADD ... 3 | HORACE M. DAY ... Tenor |

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal in seven methods. Rung on the eve of the harvest festival and to celebrate the 96th birthday of Mr. Geo. W. Hensman, a vice-president of the branch, and also the 17th birthday of the daughter of the conductor, Miss A. Day.

ASTON ABBOTS, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 4, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.).

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| *WILLIAM INSLEY ... Treble | FREDERICK J. PLUMMER ... 4 |
| FREDERICK VICARS ... 2 | GEORGE W. HELEY ... 5 |
| † HENRY B. WHITNEY ... 3 | ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... Tenor |

Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal on the bells. Rung on the eve of the harvest festival.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 4, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF NORTHUMBERLAND SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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| *WILLIAM DURBAN ... Treble | JAMES BASSETT ... 4 |
| WALTER MARSHALL ... 2 | ALBERT RELFE ... 5 |
| ANDREW MARSHALL ... 3 | JAMES WAGHORN ... Tenor |

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

* First peal of Treble Bob. A wedding peal for Mr. J. Edwards and Miss C. Marshall, sister of the ringers of 2 and 3, who were married earlier in the day at the above church. In this peal were used seven of the eight different callings, which in this method bring 5-6 together behind always the right way. This information was derived from a table prepared by 'The Mad Hatter,' which shows all the callings in all the Treble Bob Minor methods by which this musical feature may be had.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On Sunday, October 5th, for evening harvest festival service, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: G. Johnson 1, H. Wittering 2, W. Brown 3, W. Lawrence (conductor) 4, F. Turner 5, W. Bradford 6.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION TOUR.
WELSHPOOL, MONTGOMERY.

On Saturday, September 20, 1930, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6152 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

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| JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... Treble | GABRIEL LINDOFF ... 5 |
| EDWIN BARNETT ... 2 | WILLIAM HENLEY ... 6 |
| GEORGE MARTIN ... 3 | EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... 7 |
| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 4 | JAMES H. RIDING ... Tenor |

Composed by J. J. PARKER (Farnham Royal).

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

The first Surprise peal in the county. Messrs. Evans, Barnett and Henley were provisionally elected life members of the association on entering the belfry.

CLUN, SHROPSHIRE.

On Sunday, September 21, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

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| EDWIN BARNETT ... Treble | GABRIEL LINDOFF ... 5 |
| JOHN EVANS ... 2 | EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... 6 |
| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 3 | WILLIAM HENLEY ... 7 |
| GEORGE MARTIN ... 4 | JAMES H. RIDING ... Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JAMES H. RIDING.

First Surprise peal on the bells, and rung for the anniversary of the dedication of the new octave, September 18th, 1914. The visitors were elected members of the St. George's Society of Clun.

WELSHPOOL, MONTGOMERY.

On Monday, September 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

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| GEORGE G. LINDOFF ... Treble | EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... 5 |
| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 2 | GEORGE MARTIN ... 6 |
| JAMES H. RIDING ... 3 | WILLIAM HENLEY ... 7 |
| JOHN EVANS ... 4 | GABRIEL LINDOFF ... Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

First peal in the method in the county.

MACHYNLLETH, MERIONETH.

On Monday, September 22, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 8½ cwt.

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| EDWIN BARNETT ... Treble | WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 5 |
| JAMES H. RIDING ... 2 | EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... 6 |
| WILLIAM HENLEY ... 3 | GABRIEL LINDOFF ... 7 |
| GEORGE MARTIN ... 4 | JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

First Surprise peal in the county, and first of Major on the bells.

MACHYNLLETH, MERIONETH.

On Tuesday, September 23, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA.

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

Tenor 8½ cwt.

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| GEORGE G. LINDOFF ... Treble | JOHN EVANS ... 5 |
| WILLIAM HENLEY ... 2 | GABRIEL LINDOFF ... 6 |
| EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... 3 | GEORGE MARTIN ... 7 |
| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 4 | JAMES H. RIDING ... Tenor |

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JAMES H. RIDING.

First peal in the method in the county. Rung muffled in memory of Miss Howell, of Penhelig, a benefactress to the bells fund of 1911, who was buried the same day.

LLANBADARU FAWR, CARDIGANSHIRE.

On Tuesday, September 23, 1930, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE ANCIENT CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PADARU.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).

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| EDWIN BARNETT ... Treble | GEORGE MARTIN ... 5 |
| JAMES H. RIDING ... 2 | GABRIEL LINDOFF ... 6 |
| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 3 | WILLIAM HENLEY ... 7 |
| GEORGE R. PYE ... 4 | JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

The first peal of Major in the county.

LLANBADARU FAWR, CARDIGANSHIRE.

On Wednesday, September 24, 1930, in Three Hours and Five-and-a-Half Minutes.

AT THE ANCIENT CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PADARU,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).

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| GEORGE G. LINDOFF Treble | GEORGE R. PYE 5 |
| GEORGE MARTIN 2 | WILLIAM HENLEY 6 |
| JOHN EVANS 3 | JAMES H. RIDING 7 |
| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4 | EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... Tenor |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JAMES H. RIDING.

First peal in the method in the county.

BARMOUTH, MERIONETH.

On Wednesday, September 24, 1930, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

AT THE NEW CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 22 cwt. 15 lb.

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| JOHN EVANS Treble | GEORGE MARTIN 5 |
| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2 | EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 6 |
| GEORGE R. PYE 3 | JAMES H. SHEPHERD 7 |
| GABRIEL LINDOFF 4 | JAMES H. RIDING Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

The first peal of Major on the bells.

PORTMADOC, CARNARVONSHIRE.

On Thursday, September 25, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| EDWIN BARNETT Treble | JOHN EVANS 5 |
| GEORGE MARTIN 2 | WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 6 |
| JAMES H. RIDING 3 | WILLIAM HENLEY 7 |
| GEORGE R. PYE 4 | GABRIEL LINDOFF Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

The first Surprise peal on the bells. A wedding peal for Mr. Frank Bennett, who was married at Brighton the same day. The tourists sent him a signed card of greeting.

BARMOUTH, MERIONETH.

On Thursday, September 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

AT THE NEW CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt. 15 lb.

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| EDWIN BARNETT Treble | WILLIAM HENLEY 5 |
| GEORGE R. PYE 2 | GABRIEL LINDOFF 6 |
| GEORGE G. LINDOFF 3 | EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 7 |
| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4 | JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* 250th peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

LLANGOLLEN, DENBIGH.

On Friday, September 26, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. COLLEN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 17½ cwt. in F.

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| EDWIN BARNETT Treble | GEORGE R. PYE 5 |
| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2 | EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 6 |
| GEORGE MARTIN 3 | WILLIAM HENLEY 7 |
| GABRIEL LINDOFF 4 | JAMES H. RIDING Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

A morning peal, Cambridge Major, was attempted at Dolgelly Church and lost after ringing 2 hrs. 20 mins.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.

On Saturday, September 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

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| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... Treble | GEORGE R. PYE 5 |
| GEORGE MARTIN 2 | GABRIEL LINDOFF 6 |
| JOHN EVANS 3 | EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 7 |
| JAMES H. RIDING 4 | WILLIAM HENLEY Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

The tourists arrived at Oswestry Station at 10.20 and left at 1.50. A thanksgiving peal rung for the harvest festival.

ELLESMERE, SHROPSHIRE.

On Saturday, September 27, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

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| GEORGE G. LINDOFF Treble | GEORGE MARTIN 5 |
| GEORGE R. PYE 2 | GABRIEL LINDOFF 6 |
| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3 | WILLIAM HENLEY 7 |
| EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 4 | JAMES H. RIDING Tenor |

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JAMES H. RIDING.

The first peal in the method on the bells, an ancient octave by Rudhall, of Gloucester, 1727.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The following peals were rung for the Herts County Association during a holiday at Leverstock Green:—

LEVERSTOCK GREEN.

On Sunday, September 28, 1930, in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes.

IN THE SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

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| JACK BRAY 1-2 | WALTER AYRE 1-6 |
| W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM ... 3-4 | H. E. C. GOODENOUGH ... 7-8 |

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by W. AYRE.

* First peal in the method in hand.

APSLEY END.

On Monday, September 29, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| WALTER AYRE Treble | STEPHEN H. HOARE 4 |
| W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM ... 2 | AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 5 |
| JACK STOPP 3 | JACK BRAY Tenor |

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES.

Conducted by W. AYRE.

* First peal of Cambridge Minor. First Surprise peal on the bells.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN.

On Wednesday, October 1, 1930, in Three Hours.

AT THE SCHOOL HOUSE,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

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| MRS. J. BRAY 1-2 | WALTER AYRE 5-6 |
| JACK BRAY 3-4 | W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM ... 7-8 |
| | H. E. C. GOODENOUGH ... 9-10 |

Composed and Conducted by W. AYRE.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN.

On Friday, October 3, 1930, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor size 15 in C.

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| *MRS. J. BRAY 1-2 | WALTER AYRE 5-6 |
| W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM ... 3-4 | *JACK BRAY 7-8 |

Conducted by W. AYRE.

* First peal of Triples in hand.

DEATH OF A TOTTENHAM VETERAN.

LONG AND VALUED SERVICES AT ALL HALLOWS' CHURCH.

A wide circle of ringers, especially of an older generation, will learn with regret that Henry A. Barnott, of Tottenham, has passed from among us. At the beginning of August he was taken ill and died suddenly early in the morning of September 27th.

For fifty-six years he was a regular member of the Tottenham All Hallows' Society, and for most of that time the bells owed their splendid condition to his care and attention. Deceased had rung 96 peals, mostly in the earlier half of his ringing career. His enjoyment in peal ringing was the company of his ringing friends and the assistance he gave to his own band. Therefore he was never interested in running up a long score. His capabilities as a ringer are known to all who met him. Steady and reliable in ringing, willing and glad to help in anything arranged, the value of his service in the tower of the church he loved so well cannot be estimated truly until his loss has been felt. He died on the eve of his 74th birthday. On the evening of the day of the funeral at Tottenham Cemetery an age 'touch' of the 'whole pull and stand' was rung, and representatives from various neighbouring towers attended for half-muffled ringing.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. DEVIZES BRANCH.

The quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at the Parish Church of All Saints, Westbury, Wilts, on Saturday. Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m., and, later, the Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. C. Alexander, M.A., Rural Dean, who is also an honorary member of the Guild). Mr. Jefferies was at the organ.

A collection was taken at the close of the service on behalf of the Lord Mayor of Bath's appeal for the building fund of the new Royal United Hospital, Bath, and realised £1 5s.

Tea followed in the Church Institute, to which thirty sat down, including the Vicar, the curate (the Rev. H. Mock), and the organist. At the business meeting, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham presided, and referred to the part of his holiday he spent in North Devon, and the ringing done there.

Letters received from the secretary of the Guild, the Rev. F. L. Edwards, were read in reference to the late Mr. T. Hervey Beams, and informing the branch that the badge of the Guild had been fixed to the war memorial in Salisbury Cathedral.

Mr. George Pearce, of Warminster, was elected a member of the Guild, and 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.—This was acknowledged by the Vicar.

It was proposed to hold the next meetings at Potterne in November and Warminster in December.

Ringers were present from Westbury, Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Trowbridge, Melksham, Warminster, Swindon, Stratton, Bratton, Rowde, Holt, North Bradley and Weston (Bath). Touches of Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich and Oxford Treble Bob were rung during the afternoon and evening. A word of thanks is due to the Ringing Master, Mr. S. Hillier, and his assistant, Mr. J. Francis, for the excellent arrangements for everyone to have a ring.

BROMLEY PARISH CHURCH BELLS.

Contributions to the fund for the restoration of Bromley Parish Church bells are invited. The estimated cost of the work is £250, and subscriptions towards this amount will be gratefully received and acknowledged by:—

Mr. I. Emery, leader and steeplekeeper, 49, Wellington Road, Bromley, Kent; or

Mr. P. J. Spice, secretary, 5, Horsley Road, Bromley, Kent.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The autumn meeting was held at Enville on Saturday, September 27th. Upon arrival the party were met by the Rector, the Rev. W. F. O'Neil Fisher, who extended a hearty welcome and, later, proceeded to describe the interior of the church, which was particularly interesting. Very little can be said in favour of the bells, for they are a poor lot, especially the tenor (dated 1626). However, they were made good use of during the afternoon and evening. A short service was held in church, with an address by the Rector. Ten was laid at the Cat Inn, to which forty sat down.

The Rev. C. H. Barker proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for his address and use of the bells, also to the organist for his kindly assistance at the service, to which the Rector briefly replied.

Courses of Grandsire Triples and Caters and Stedman Triples were rung on the handbells.

The next meeting is arranged to take place at All Saints' Church, West Bromwich, on January 10th.

A NEWPORT PEAL TABLET.

A handsome peal tablet has recently been placed in the north wall of the belfry of St. Thomas' Church, Newport, Isle of Wight, to record two well-struck performances rung in 1923 and 1930 respectively by the Newport Society of Church Bellringers, conducted by Mr. H. Barton. It consists of a slate slab, 30in. by 22in., polished to a dark colour, with the lettering incised and enamelled in white, the whole well spaced and carved with good character letters.

The Vicar, the Rev. Canon C. H. Thompson, M.A., in accepting the gift for the church from the donor, Mr. W. H. G. Scott, consented to its being placed in a position to match a similar record of two peals rung there in 1923, conducted by Mr. G. Williams. He expressed his appreciation of the ringers' work in the belfry, and said he was pleased to do anything he could for them.

This tablet states that the local company rang Stedman Triples for the first time in May, 1923, and a peal of Grandsire Triples on June 3rd, 1930, on the birthday of King George V., as a thankoffering upon His Majesty's recovery from a serious illness. Full particulars of this performance were forwarded to the King, and were duly acknowledged by a personal letter from His Majesty, which is to be framed and hung in the tower with a photograph of the team who took part in the joy peal.

These peal records form a most appropriate connecting link with those of the old Carishbrook and Newport Society of a century ago.

W. H. F.

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PICTURES OF CHURCH TOWERS FOR
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.

After many years of service as hon. secretary of the Rossendale Branch of the Lancashire Association, Mr. J. H. Haydock has relinquished the post and is succeeded by Mr. Jack Bradwell, whose address is 8, Regent Street, Bacup. There is to be a meeting of the branch at Haslingden to-morrow.

Twenty years ago to-morrow the first clerical ten-bell peal was rung, when a party of parsons scored a peal of Stedman Caters at Warwick.

Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire was rung for the first time on October 12th, 1754, when it was called at Shoreditch by George Partrick. One of the ringers was Francis Wood, grandfather of Matt Wood, who a hundred years and more later became a foremost London ringer.

This is a long span to cover three generations. We do not know when Francis Wood was born, but he died in 1780, leaving a family of eight boys and two girls. One of the former, who was ten years old at his father's death, afterwards became the father of Matthew Wood, who was born in 1826, and died in 1912. The three generations thus covered at least 160 years of ringing.

A band that met at 4.30 on Saturday at Bocking for a peal started at four o'clock—by the church clock.

A peal was rung at Stoney Stanton on Saturday to commemorate the 80th birthday of Mr. Harry Briggs, of Stoney Stanton, 'father' of the Hinckley District of the Midland Counties Association. Mr. Briggs and Mr. Wm. Jones, another Stoney Stanton 'youth,' heard the peal. Each is looking forward to celebrating his diamond wedding. That of Mr. and Mrs. Briggs will occur (D.V.) next February.

His many friends in Suffolk and Norfolk ringing circles will regret to hear that Mr. E. F. Poppy, of Eye, has suffered a great bereavement by the death of his wife.

JAMES WASHBROOK'S GRAVE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I would like to support the letter written by 'A Novice,' re James Washbrook's grave. As one who knew him personally, I think something should be done to mark his last resting-place, and I appeal to the general secretary and committee of the Lancashire Association to take this matter up, and also to get some ringer to spend a little time so that the grave shall not be neglected. When the time comes for a little subscription I am willing to give my share.

LANCASTRIAN.

MERTON COLLEGE BELLS.

The bells at Merton College, Oxford, have been rehung by Mr. R. White, of Appleton, and on Thursday of last week a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung by W. F. Judge (conductor) 1, W. Blake 2, W. G. Collett 3, W. H. Wilkins 4, R. A. Post 5, W. Simmonds 6, H. Miles 7, R. White 8.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

SUGGESTED RAISING OF ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION.

Bottesford, which stands on the extreme edge of Leicestershire, and very close to the borders of both Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire, was the scene of the second quarterly meeting of the Midland Counties Association on Saturday. The Church of St. Mary is ranked as one of the noblest parish churches in the country, and, indeed, is worthy of a visit if only to view the noted monuments in the chancel, which make it a sort of miniature Westminster Abbey. The chancel is 60ft. long and 27ft. broad, and underwent considerable repairs in the early 16th century, under the direction of Thomas, first Earl of Rutland, for the reception of the coffins and monumental remains of his ancestors, which he moved from Belvoir Priory and other monastic foundations after the dissolution. The first Earl was buried in a vault which he formed under the chancel in 1543, and it continued to be the burial place of the Manners family till the completion of the mausoleum at Belvoir in 1828-9. The monuments are many and varied, and are of great interest to archaeologists and other visitors. To ringers, the splendid tower and crocheted spire, rising to a height of 222ft., is the chief attraction, and the now magnificently restored ring of eight bells—tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.—is a source of delight to all who hear them. The new ringing gallery, too, is an ideal belfry, being extremely light and airy, and everything up to a modern ringer's idea of perfection.

Ringers arrived early, and the first touch was Stedman Triples, called by E. Bartram. This was followed by an excellent course of London Surprise Major, in which the writer had the pleasure of ringing the tenor, with the genial Rupert R. by his side on the 7th. Then followed touches and courses of most of the standard and Surprise methods. The committee, under the presidency of Mr. E. Denison Taylor, met at 3.30 p.m., and carried out their routine and other duties, including certain recommendations to the general meeting.

Tea was served at the Rutland Cafe in a rather airy marquee, eminently suitable to the 'Fresh Air Brigade.' Some forty or more members and friends sat down from Burton, Derby, Loughborough, Leicester, Nottingham, Melton, etc., and were pleased to welcome friends of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild from Grantham, Surfleet and other places nearby.

PRESIDENT'S BRIEF REVIEW.

The general meeting immediately followed, the chair being taken by Mr. E. Denison Taylor (president), supported by Mr. W. Wallace (hon. treasurer) and Mr. E. Morris (general hon. secretary). In opening the meeting, the President first mentioned how pleased he was to see such a good number present, as for most members of the M.C.A. Bottesford was rather inaccessible. He stated that the quarter's peals were well up to the average, some thirty having been rung, including several Stedman Triples by the 'Wednesdayites,' Stedman Cinques at St. Margaret's and Cambridge Royal at St. John's, Leicester. He also wished to congratulate the conductor of the aforesaid 'Wednesdayites'—Maurice Swinfield—on his splendid record of calling 100 peals, each a consecutive different composition.

Mr. Taylor then spoke of the great loss sustained, not only by the M.C.A., but by the Exercise at large, by the death of Mr. Arthur Craven, who, as they all knew, was a ringer of exceptional ability. He read the following extract from the forthcoming book, 'History and Art of Ringing,' which will soon be published, by the M.C.A. hon. secretary, Mr. Ernest Morris, viz.: 'Arthur Craven, of Sheffield, an eminent ringer, produced many excellent and well practised methods, among which might be named Yorkshire, Pudsey, Belgrave, Rutland, Ipswich, Kent, Lancashire, Palatine Surprise, and a host of others on the higher numbers of Royal and Maximus. He also produced many original compositions of Treble Bob Major, with qualities hitherto undiscovered; and other method compositions of merit.'

Mr. Taylor asked the members to stand in silence for a moment to the respected memory of Mr. Craven.

MEMORIAL TO LATE PRESIDENT.

Arising out of the minutes was the question of the suggested memorial to the late president of the M.C.A., Alderman R. R. Chambers, B.A., J.P., and the Hon. Secretary explained that unfortunately, owing to the distance, and not being very well, Mrs. Chambers could not attend their meeting that day. She had, however, after consultation with her brother, and the Vicar of Littleover—where it is proposed to place the memorial—sent on two suggestions of worth, both ornamental and useful. They were an almsdish, which could be made to suit any price available, and for a chalice, to be a replica of an ancient silver one now in use.

After discussion, the committee recommended the latter, and, if sufficient funds were available, a small brass tablet recording the fact. It was suggested that an appeal to all towers in the area be immediately sent out, the local secretaries to look after their respective districts. This suggestion met with the approval of all present, and will be proceeded with at once.

The Hon. Treasurer then reported that the National Savings Certificates held in trust for the association by the late president had now been converted by the solicitors for the estate of the late Mr. Chambers, and during the next week a cheque amounting to £110

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THE AIR DISASTER.

BELLS' NATIONAL TRIBUTE TO THE DEAD.

At many churches on Sunday, after receipt of the news of the terrible disaster to the airship R 101, the bells were rung half-muffled for the evening service.

The ringing at St. Martin's, Birmingham, was in the nature of a national tribute to the dead, for at this church the bells were broadcast, and the plaintive notes of the half-muffled clappers had a most impressive effect as the finely struck touch of Stedman Cinques ended in some perfect rounds.

At Twickenham, on Sunday morning, the Vicar (Rev. W. P. Cole Sheane) visited the ringing chamber and expressed his grief at the calamity, and at his request the bells were rung half-muffled for the service by Miss P. Giles, Miss J. Stapleton, Miss E. Rabbits, Messrs. E. A. Morris, G. Bradford, R. J. Strutt, L. A. Brown and Wm. H. Hollier.

THE BIRMINGHAM BROADCAST.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The best thanks of the Exercise are due to the members of St. Martin's company, Birmingham, for giving a national expression of sympathy and respect in connection with the appalling disaster to the airship R 101.

Regarding the actual broadcast, those who took part in it are to be heartily congratulated on the splendid striking throughout the touch.

Ringings of this description will do more to enlist the sympathy and understanding of the general public than anything else, and also it demonstrates the importance of keeping the bells well up when broadcasting, thus giving the microphone a chance. Rapid ringing has a tendency to 'choke' the microphone, and makes it next to impossible for the listener to distinguish the different tones of the bells.—Yours faithfully,

Derby.

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

A special meeting of the East Derbyshire and Notts Association was held on Saturday, October 4th, at Old Brampton, Chesterfield, on the invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. R. O. Wilson. The six bells, in excellent order and of pleasing tone, were raised shortly after three o'clock, and rung until 4.30, when service was held in church, conducted by the Vicar, an eloquent address being delivered by the Rev. W. S. Brownlee, Rector of Holy Trinity Church, Chesterfield. Tea was provided by local ladies, and a good number enjoyed an excellent meal. A vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. T. Clarke and seconded by Mr. J. Machin, to the Vicar for his invitation and use of the bells, and to Rev. W. S. Brownlee for his interesting address, was replied to by both clergymen, the Vicar extending an invitation to visit his church in the 'real' summer, when the country is seen at its best.

Further use was made of the bells until 8 p.m., the methods rung varying from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor. Members were present from Ashover, Crich, Mansfield Woodhouse, South Normanton, Sutton-in-Ashfield and Morton, and it was pleasing to see several visitors for the first time.

This is the last of a series of summer meetings, which have been excellently attended, and there is no doubt the standard of ringing has greatly improved recently.

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16s. 8d. would be sent to the present trustees, Messrs. W. Willson and W. Wallace. It would be necessary to consider how these funds were to be invested, and local committees are asked to bring this matter to the notice of their districts, and report on same at the next meeting in January, 1931.

Grants from the Bell Repair Fund suggested by the committee were, after reconsideration and reversing, given to Syston, where the eight bells are being retuned and rehung, also to Appleby Magna, where six bells are being overhauled.

New members elected since the last quarterly meeting, viz., 10 ringing, 4 life and 3 honorary, were duly confirmed.

THE ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION.

The Hon. Secretary informed the members that in considering the annual report, cost of printing, price, etc., the committee had passed a resolution that in future the annual subscription should be raised from 1s. to 1s. 6d., and that a report be given gratis to all members fully paid, instead of making a charge of 6d. per copy as now. This would ensure a greater return than the present system; but as no rule could be altered until the annual meeting at Easter, it was to be retrospective as from January next. In the meantime, the committee referred this matter to each local district for discussion, and asked that resolutions be sent in to the general hon. secretary before the next quarterly meeting in January, when the matter of printing annual reports will be settled.

No other business arising, hearty votes of thanks to the Rector of Bottesford for the use of bells, and to the local committee for arranging the meeting, were duly passed. A vote of thanks was also given to Mr. E. Denison Taylor for presiding. Further ringing was then indulged in until, all too soon, train and bus called a halt to an enjoyable afternoon's gathering.

E. M.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PEAL RINGERS TO BE ASKED FOR BOOKING FEES.

The 53rd annual festival of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held at Newcastle-on-Tyne on September 27th. The festival service, in the choir of the Cathedral, was well attended, the service being intoned by Canon Stephenson, of St. Mary's, Gateshead. The Right Rev. Bishop Wood, Suffragan Bishop of Newcastle, gave a most inspiring address on the ministry of the ringers in the service of the Church.

After an excellent lunch at the Crown Hotel, the annual meeting was held, the president, Mr. E. E. Ferry, being in the chair, supported by Bishop Wood, Canon Stephenson, and the Rev. F. R. Hedley.

The loyal toast having been duly honoured, Mr. Arthur Payne proposed the toast of 'The Bishops and clergy of the two dioceses.' The Bishop's humorous reply evoked peals of laughter.

Apologies for absence from the Bishop of Newcastle, the Vicar of Newcastle, the Rev. Preb. A. B. Wynne Willson, Canon Boot, the Rev. J. Hudson Barker, and Mr. C. L. Routledge, were read by the secretary.

Mr. J. W. Parker, treasurer, submitted his cash statement, showing over £22 in hand, which was considered very satisfactory.

The secretary, Mr. G. S. Taylor, then read his annual report, in the course of which he stated that of the four districts of the association the Eastern and the Southern had been most active, ten meetings in all having been arranged, and he hoped that the Northern and Western would follow their example next year, as these district meetings, along with the association meetings, were by far the best means of keeping up the interest of the members and improving the ringing.

A very satisfactory report had also been received from Mr. Geo. Siddle, the secretary of the Wednesday Guild.

The peals rung by the association numbered 33, as against 21 last year. Mr. W. H. Barber had conducted 23 of these, and Mr. T. T. Gofton 5. Specially notable peals were one of Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major, the first by the association; a peal of Stedman Cinques, to celebrate the 70th birthday of Mr. Wm. Story, ex-president of the association; a peal of five Spliced Major Methods and one of New Cambridge Surprise Major, the first by the association; and a peal of Grandsire Caters on handbells rung in a coal mine. Master R. S. Stratford, aged 12, had rung the 2nd in a peal of London Surprise Major, and Mr. Adam Dens had rung his 100th peal.

SERVICE RINGING CERTIFICATES.

The certificates for Sunday service ringing had been won by St. Ignatius', Sunderland, and St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, for the 8-12-bell towers, and Holy Trinity, Darlington, and All Saints', Hurworth, for the 6-bell towers.

The Secretary said he was pleased to state that the Right Rev. the Bishop of Jarrow and the Right Rev. Bishop Wood had consented to their names being added to the list of patrons. Reference was also made to the death of the Rev. Albert Simpson, Vicar of Evenwood, in April last, a clerical ringer, who would be much missed; and to the presentation to Mr. Thomas Metcalfe on the completion of 21 years' service as secretary and treasurer of the neighbouring association, the Cleveland and North Yorkshire.

A hearty vote of thanks to the officers for their work during the year was proposed by Mr. Wm. Story, and carried with acclamation.

Mr. E. E. Ferry was then re-elected president, Mr. J. Anderson vice-president for the Northern District, Mr. W. N. Park for the Southern, Mr. R. L. Patterson for the Eastern, and Mr. W. F. Pattison for the Western District.

Mr. J. W. Parker was re-elected hon. treasurer, Mr. J. F. Bird auditor, Mr. C. L. Routledge editorial secretary, and Mr. G. S. Taylor secretary. The secretary for the Northern District is Mr. J. Davison, for the Southern Mr. J. T. Titt, for the Eastern Mr. F. Robson, and for the Western Mr. H. Tyson.

The peal referees, Messrs. Barber, J. A. Gofton, Keen, J. W. Parker and C. Todd, were re-elected.

The second peal book had been completed during the year, and there was considerable discussion as to the best means of recording the 275 peals yet to enter, but Mr. H. G. Frampton, of Newcastle Cathedral, kindly offered to write up 25 of them in a new book, and Mr. J. T. Titt, of Darlington, offered to write up a further quantity, and the hearty thanks of the meeting were accorded to these gentlemen.

In order to form a fund to defray the cost of writing up further peals, it was decided to ask all members ringing peals in future to pay 3d. per peal, the conductor to be responsible for collecting the amount.

The Chairman announced that the pre-Lent meeting would be held at Heighington, the pre-Whitsun meeting at Rothbury, and the summer meeting at Consett and Blackhill.

Ringings on the bells of the Cathedral, St. John's, Newcastle, and St. Mary's, Gateshead, concluded a very successful festival.

THE RESTORATION OF ST. IVES CHURCH.

BELLS DEDICATED.

On the eve of Palm Sunday, 1918, a British aeroplane, flying over St. Ives, Huntingdonshire, dashed into the Parish Church, smashed the spire, and fell through the roof into the north aisle. The pilot was killed, and extraordinary destruction done to the fabric of the church. During the years which have since elapsed the work of restoration has been steadily carried on. First the three roofs were reinstated. This part of the work was completed two years after the disaster at a cost of £8,000. Eight years after the spire was finished at a further cost of £3,600, and now the bells and tower clock have been restored at a cost of £750. It has all represented great labour and no small sacrifices on the part of the parishioners.

The new bells and clock were dedicated by the Bishop of Ely at a service of thanksgiving on Thursday of last week, when a great congregation, representative of all classes and denominations in the town, gathered within the walls for the ceremony. The prayers offered by the Bishop included the following:—

'We beseech Thee to sanctify and bless these bells, which we now offer to Thee, that at the sound thereof the devotion of Thy servants may be awakened, and their hearts moved to enter into Thy Sanctuary, that they may hear and receive Thy Holy Word, be refreshed by Thy Sacraments, and comforted by Thy grace: through Jesus Christ our Lord.'

'Blessed be Thy Name, O Lord our God, that it hath pleased Thee to put into the hearts of Thy servants to repair the fabric of Thy holy habitation to Thy worship and service. Bless, we humbly beseech Thee, all those by whose pains, care and cost, this work hath been done. Bless their families and their substance. Remember them concerning this; wipe out this kindness that they have showed for the House of their God: and grant all who shall enjoy the blessing of this place may use it right thankfully to the glory of Thy Name: through Jesus Christ our Lord.'

After the dedication the Te Deum was sung, and the Bishop preached an inspiring sermon of congratulation, warning and confident hope upon the restoration of the church.

After the service a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung by members of the Ely Diocesan Association: T. Chinery (Cambridge) 1, J. W. Ward (Molbourn) 2, B. D. Buttress (Fulbourn) 3, C. I. Robinson (Over) 4, G. L. Perkins (Hemingford Abbots) 5, T. R. Dennis (Cambridge) 6, A. G. Rivers (Dry Drayton) (conductor) 7, F. Warrington (Over) 8. On Sunday evening the bells were again rung by members of the association for services, touches of Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob being brought round.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Foundry, carried out the work of restoring the peal.

The old bells, which were cast by Henry Penn, of Peterborough, in 1725, were considered a very unmusical set of bells, and too heavy for the pillars supporting the tower, and ringing was discontinued for many years on account of the excessive movement. After the spire had been rebuilt it was decided to hang the bells at a lower level, and to recast the whole peal.

The new tenor, in G, now weighs 12 cwt. 4 lb., as compared with 18 cwt. 7 lb., and the total weight of the peal 51½ cwt., as compared with 77½ cwt. The bells now hang 14ft. below the eills of the sound openings, the foundation members being only 6ft. above the first floor level. Ringing is therefore carried on from the ground floor level, and the movement in the tower is so slight as to be negligible.

The only inscription on the new bells consists of the names of the Vicar and churchwardens, which appear on the tenor only, as follows: 'Oscar Wade Wilde, Vicar; Reginald Martin Osborne, Edward Anderson, Churchwardens.'

As regards tone and go, the new peal leaves nothing to be desired, and although the loss in weight is deplored by the older inhabitants of St. Ives, the musical qualities of the new peal far outweigh any objections in this direction.

TENTERDEN RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, September 6th, the ringers of Tenterden, together with a few invited friends, including Mr. A. C. Kay, the district secretary, visited North Kent for their annual outing. Leaving Tenterden at eight o'clock by charabanc, Dartford was reached before ten o'clock, and the bells were soon going to Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major and Double Norwich. The following towers were then visited according to plan, viz.: Crayford, St. John's and Christ Church, Erith, Woolwich, Greenwich and Chislehurst. Touches in one or other of the foregoing methods were rung in each of the towers. Lunch was had at Crayford, tea at Greenwich, and the charabanc ran into Tenterden as the clock was striking midnight. Thus came the end of a perfect day. The best thanks of all the party are due to the hon. secretary, Mr. Battin, for collecting the money and making all the necessary arrangements for spending such an enjoyable day, and they also take this opportunity of thanking the incumbents who so kindly granted permission for ringing, and the many local ringers who met the visitors at their towers, thus affording opportunities for renewing acquaintances and for a pull together.

CHANGE RINGING IN GLASGOW.

BAND BEING FORMED AT ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL.

After a lapse of many years, change ringing was heard again in Glasgow on Saturday, September 27th, when ringers from Edinburgh, Paisley, and Prestwick were present at a meeting at St. Mary's Cathedral. The bells are a fine ring of ten, installed by Taylor and Co. in 1901, the weight of the tenor being 35 cwt. They were rung regularly for a time before 1914, but since the war attempts to revive ringing have failed owing to complaints of excessive noise in the immediate vicinity of the Cathedral, and, except for a few months in 1922, when Mr. J. E. Sykes and one or two other ringers were in Glasgow, change ringing has been in complete abeyance.

Last year, however, the bells were overhauled by Taylor and Co., and the windows in the bell chamber and the spire boarded up and covered with Cahot's quilt, and a band is now being formed under the leadership of Mr. S. H. Wood.

The following ringers were present on Saturday: Messrs. W. C. S. Heathcote, C. Cleveland Ellis, J. Marshall, H. Mann and W. Jenkins, Misses Whitson and Taylor (Edinburgh), Mr. E. Astley (Prestwick), Messrs. A. E. Wrecks and R. J. Thom (Paisley), and Mr. S. H. Wood (Glasgow). The Very Rev. A. G. Seymour (Provost of the Cathedral) and Mr. T. Spens (secretary of the vestry) were also present in the belfry to welcome the visitors and express their pleasure at hearing the bells rung once more. Touches of Stedman and Grand-sire Triples and a course of Grand-sire Caters were rung, and some of the local beginners had their first experience of ringing 'rounds.'

Ten was served in the Synod Hall, followed by handbell ringing, and later in the evening the party went on to Paisley, where touches of Bob Major, Treble Bob, Stedman and Grand-sire brought to a close a most successful and enjoyable meeting.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

CUP CONTEST AT EAST MARKHAM.

On Saturday, September 27th, the third annual contest for the Crawford silver cup was held by the North Notts Association at East Markham, when at 3 p.m. four companies of ringers assembled at St. John-the-Baptist's Church to compete for this handsome trophy. It was given by Mr. Arthur Crawford, of Rampton, in memory of his father, Mr. Charles Crawford, of Lancham, who for 36 years was a faithful member of the association and died on April 17th, 1925. Mr. Charles Crawford was in his early life actively connected with East Markham, and partly by his great effort in 1895 an old peal of four bells was returned, rehung and augmented to a delightful ring of six. Later, he did great work in helping on the art of change ringing in a very wide area.

It was very disappointing to hear at the last minute the Sutton-on-Trent band were unable to get enough men to compete for the cup. The halloing for the order of ringing resulted as follows: East Markham, Ordsall, South Anston and Shireoaks.

The contest finished shortly after five o'clock, when a short service was conducted by the Rev. R. E. Rogerson, with Miss E. Rose playing the organ.

An excellent tea was served, for which the members wish to thank all the lady workers concerned in providing it.

The Rev. R. E. Rogerson presided over the business meeting, supported by Rev. A. Doxey, Mr. J. R. Brearley, Mrs. C. Crawford, Mrs. A. E. Rowsell, Mrs. A. Crawford, Mr. G. Booth, Mr. C. J. Hempsall, Mr. H. Haigh (hon. treasurer), and members from Anston, Everton, Edwinstowe, Gamston, Ordsall, Cuckney, West Retford, Sutton-on-Trent, Shireoaks, Treeton, with a full company of local ringers.

The Chairman announced the result of the contest as follows: No. 1, East Markham, total faults 195; No. 2, Ordsall, 94; No. 3, Anston, 115; No. 4, Shireoaks, 165. Ordsall were thus the winners.

Mrs. A. E. Rowsell, in presenting the cup, remarked that she was very pleased to see that East Markham had competed, and wished them better luck next time.

Mr. R. W. Stockdale, in receiving the cup, said he did not know how the judge had made Ordsall the winners, for Anston had rung very well.—Mr. J. R. Brearley, the judge, then made a few remarks as to the ringing.

It was very disappointing that no new members were elected, and the association still appeals for a great revival in Sunday service ringing.

Mr. H. Haigh proposed, and Mr. H. Hall seconded, that Ordsall be visited on November 9th, when they hoped to see the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson in the very best of health again. They were all very sorry he was not able to come and hear his ringers win the cup.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. R. E. Rogerson for all he had done in making the meeting such a success, and to the churchwardens.—The Vicar suitably replied, and on behalf of the association thanked the judge, who had motored from Bolderstone, near Sheffield.

Mr. H. Haigh then thanked Mrs. A. E. Rowsell for presenting the cup, and said that the members were always very pleased to see her and Mrs. C. Crawford with them at these meetings.

Afterwards the ringers again visited the tower, when some very good touches were rung.

A WINTER PROGRAMME INAUGURATED.

SUCCESSFUL GUILDFORD GUILD GATHERING.

The Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild contains about two dozen towers, and for the purpose of combined practices is divided into five sub-districts. Last Saturday the Cranleigh Sub-District began its winter's activities when, at the invitation of Mr. R. Whittington (the organiser) and Mrs. Whittington, members of the associated towers, with the organisers of the other sub-districts and the Master and general hon. secretary of the Guild, met at Cranleigh and spent a successful and enjoyable afternoon and evening.

Cranleigh Church has a very old foundation, and, according to authority, at one time had a full staff, including three Canons, whose stalls in the chancel are still to be seen. That may have been in the days of the Canterbury Pilgrims, for the Pilgrim's Way lay along the side of the Downs not far distant. The glories of Cranleigh may have departed, but its church remains. The broad spaces and the massive Norman pillars set an air of strength and quiet in the place that belongs alone to noble churches.

At the time of Edward VI.—halfway through the 16th century—Cranleigh had 'iiij belles hanging in the steeple the best waiteh xvij. c. and the reaste one under another according to the rate.' All these bells must have been recast, for the oldest of the present peal bear later dates, some of them having come from the Eldridges' foundry at Chertsey. The present eight are a mixed and not very tameful lot, with a tenor about 19 cwt., but the local ringers have long had a loyal and regular service band, with the name of Charman conspicuous for many years.

Saturday's proceedings began with an hour's ringing, and then a service was held, conducted by the Rector of Cranleigh, the curate reading the lesson and the Rector of Bramley giving an address. The choirboys were present, and one of the Dunsford ringers acted as organist.

Afterwards Mr. and Mrs. Whittington kindly entertained the clergy, ringers and choirboys to tea in the Church Room, a bountiful meal being greatly enjoyed.

Subsequently the winter's programme was discussed, and the thanks of the visitors to Mr. and Mrs. Whittington and their helpers was voiced by the Master. Thanks were also accorded to the clergy, and, after some handbell ringing, the tower was again visited. Most of the ringers present came from six-bell towers, and several of them rang their first course and touches on eight. Beginners were helped through Grand-sire Doubles and Bob Minor. Bob Major, Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major were also rung.

The combined practices have been arranged as follows: At Ewhurst, October 16th, November 20th, December 18th, January 19th, February 16th, March 16th, April 20th; at Bramley, November 6th, January 5th, March 2nd; at Womersley, December 11th, February 12th and April 9th; while there are practices at Cranleigh every Wednesday. Ringers will be welcomed at all these meetings.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern District was held at Bridlington on Saturday, September 27th, the fine peal of eight bells being at the disposal of members, by courtesy of the Rector, the Rev. Canon Topham. There was only a moderate attendance, the following towers being represented: Goole, Howdon, Hull, Market Weighton, Selby and Withernsea.

Mr. F. Cryer presided at the business meeting, at which two new members were elected, viz., Miss N. Dalton, of Withernsea, and Mr. W. Applegate, of Pontefract (All Saints).

The next quarterly meeting will be held at Selby in December. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the use of the bells, and to the curate, the Rev. A. M. Seile, for his cordial welcome in the unavoidable absence of the Rector.

ONE OF HIS NINE LIVES.

In a car crash on the South Road, near the entrance to Durham City Golf Club, on Sunday week, Mr. David Vincent, a well-known North Country ringer, and his family, of Fulwell, Sunderland, had a remarkable escape from serious injury. With Mrs. Vincent and their two children (aged three years and nine months), Mr. Vincent was driving homeward when he was involved in a violent collision with another car, as a result of which Mr. Vincent's car was thrown on its side on to the footpath and completely wrecked. Both off-side wheels were ripped off, and the front of the car stove in. The occupants were imprisoned in the car, but when liberated were found to be little the worse for their alarming experience. Mr. Vincent had a cut finger, his wife was badly bruised, but the children were unhurt. The driver of the other car escaped with a cut above the eye. 'Just one of Vincent's nine lives,' is the laconic comment of the wrecked car owner.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's, on Sunday, September 21st, before evensong, 720 Westminster Surprise: H. Wright 1, L. Camp 2, C. Harrington 3, G. Camp 4, E. Stich 5, A. Bradley (conductor) 6. 720 London Surprise: L. Camp 1, G. Camp 2, C. Harrington 3, H. Wright 4, E. Stich 5, A. Bradley (conductor) 6.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**CASTLE HEDINGHAM REVISITED AFTER 13 YEARS.**

A most successful and well attended meeting of the Northern Division was held at Castle Hedingham on Saturday, September 27th, when between 30 and 40 members, representing twelve parishes, were present. Various touches on the peal of six were rung until four o'clock, when a service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. Horne, M.A.) Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Association, read the lesson, and the Vicar gave a most interesting and instructive address. The choir and organist also attended, which made the service everything that could be desired.

A tea and business meeting followed at the Bell Hotel, at which the Vicar took the chair, supported by the Master, the District Master (Mr. A. A. Saunders), the district secretary (Mr. F. Ridgwell) and Mr. W. J. Nevard (District Master, North-Eastern Division). Two new ringing members were elected and five probationers (all of Castle Hedingham).

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Coggeshall on Saturday, November 15th.

Mr. Howard thanked the Vicar for the warm welcome and helpful address he had given. He also thanked the choir, the organist, and the organ blower. He added it had been his wish for a long time to hold a meeting at Castle Hedingham, and he felt sure this would mean re-establishing change ringing there.

The Vicar, in reply, said he was pleased to welcome the association. In Castle Hedingham they had an enthusiastic band of young ringers, and with the help of members of the association he had no doubt they would make good progress. Now they had started they meant to keep it going. He was very pleased all the young ringers had joined the association.

The bells of Sible Hedingham Church, in addition to those at Castle Hedingham, were available, and during the evening several visitors took advantage of this opportunity and rang touches in various methods on them. This is the first meeting to be held at Castle Hedingham since June, 1917, and everyone present would appreciate what these district meetings mean to those who are learning the art of change ringing and to the Exercise in general.

WEDNESDAY MEETING.

A meeting was held at Potter's Street on Wednesday, October 1st, when members were present from Harlow, Sawbridgeworth, Bishop's Stortford, Walthamstow, Broxley, Melbourn, Roydon, Nazeing and North Weald. The local band were also in attendance. The bells were rung throughout the afternoon, and at 5 p.m. service was held in the church, conducted by the Rev. F. H. Lane (who is a very keen ringer and rings regularly with the Bishop's Stortford band). After service, a tea was provided in the nearby Church Rooms.

Following tea, Mr. George Dent voiced a vote of thanks to the Rev. F. H. Lane for the duties he had performed in church, etc., to the organist, and also to the blower.

Mr. F. Bird moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Dent for the splendid tea which he had so courteously provided (free of charge), and to the ladies (who were the wives of the local band) who had prepared and served the meal.

It was decided to hold the next mid-week meeting at Sawbridgeworth on Wednesday, October 22nd. The bells were rung during the evening.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Southampton District was held at Netley Abbey on Saturday, October 4th. The methods rung on the bells during the afternoon and evening ranged from Grandsire and Stedman Triples up to and including London and Bristol Surprise. Tea and business meeting took place at a local cafe, the Rector of Dibden being in the chair. The Vicar of Netley was unable to be present. Several ringers from St. Mary's, Southampton, were elected to the Guild, and it was decided to hold a combined practice at St. Michael's, Southampton, on Tuesday, November 4th, at 6.30 p.m.

Mr. G. Williams called the Vicar's attention to the condition of the bell frame, which requires the bell hanger's attention.

Members present were from North Stoneham, Overton, Dibden, Portsmouth, Southampton, Bishopstoke, Titchfield and Winchester, and Mr. Trimmer, of Croydon.

DEATH OF GENEROUS BELL DONOR.

It is with great regret we have to announce the death of Mr. Benjamin Wilson, of Horbury, Yorks, who died on Saturday, September 20th, and was interred in Horbury Cemetery on Tuesday, September 23rd. He was an hon. life member of the Yorkshire Association and in 1900 he gave a tenor and treble to SS. Peter and Leonard's Church, and paid for the recasting of the old 4th bell.

Prior to the funeral, 720 Bob Minor was rung with the bells deeply muffled: G. Hunt 1, H. Rowley (conductor) 2, E. Pickles 3, G. W. Pickles 4, J. Milner 5, G. Goldstraw 6, W. H. Mitchell 7; and in the evening 800 Bob Major: H. Pickles 1, G. Hunt 2, H. Rowley (conductor) 3, E. Pickles 4, A. White 5, J. Milner 6, G. Goldstraw 7, G. W. Pickles 8.—On Sunday, September 28th, as a last token of respect and esteem, 816 Bob Major: H. Pickles 1, G. Hunt 2, H. Rowley (conductor) 3, E. Pickles 4, W. H. Mitchell 5, J. Milner 6, G. Goldstraw 7, G. W. Pickles 8.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

DONCASTER.—For harvest festival, at St. George's Parish Church, on October 5th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 48 mins.: G. Hawksworth (conductor) 1, E. Baldwin 2, J. Holmes 3, W. Betley 4, C. Holmes 5, W. Lloyd 6, F. Newsome 7, H. Baldwin 8.

SUTTON COLDFIELD.—On Sunday, October 5th, at Holy Trinity Church, for morning service, on the occasion of the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,280 changes) in 47 mins.: E. Pickering 1, W. H. Hall 2, W. H. Funge 3, C. Williams 4, J. W. Reynolds 5, W. G. Anker 6, G. E. Swann (conductor) 7, F. R. Trinder 8.

ARMLEY, LEEDS.—At Christ Church, for morning service, on October 5th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): A. G. Gaunt 1, J. Hey 2, H. Lofthouse 3, G. Moorhouse 4, J. Thackray 5, A. Fieldhouse 6, J. W. Benten (first quarter-peal) 7, J. W. Moorhouse (conductor) 8.

DERBY.—On Sunday, September 21st, for evening service, at the Church of St. Andrew, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal (1,240 changes) in 49 mins.: H. Ince 1, G. Ward 2, C. E. Hart 3, A. H. Ward (conductor) 4, E. H. Clarke 5, J. Bailey 6, Geo. Frebrey (composer) 7, W. Wallace 8, P. H. Tate 9, A. Braines 10. Longest length in the method by all excepting the ringers of the fourth and tenor.

FAKENHAM.—On Sunday, September 14th, for harvest festival, a touch of 1,056 changes of Bob Major before morning service, and 720 changes before evening service: P. H. Alfrey 1, C. Simms (longest length) 2, Miss J. Cooke 3, G. Dye 4, C. S. Tuthill 5, G. Cooke 6, F. Gant 7, R. Cooke (conductor) 8. A farewell compliment to F. Gant.

FAIRFORD, GLOS.—On Sunday, September 7th, at St. Mary's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 46 mins., with 7.6.8 covering: W. A. Law, aged 15 years (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Hope (conductor) 2, J. Peyman 3, H. R. Cooper (first quarter-peal inside) 4, J. Smith 5, S. J. Worsfold 6, E. Gardiner 7, W. Wail 8.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.—At St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: Cyril J. Hibbert 1, E. Warwick 2, R. Warwick 3, E. T. Sneller 4, W. Hibbert, jun. (conductor) 5, Kingsley Burt (first quarter-peal inside) 6, W. Hibbert, sen., 7, W. Warwick 8.

RINGERS' WEDDING AT NORWICH.

On Thursday, September 18th, at All Saints' Church, Norwich, the wedding took place of Mr. Lawrence Cyril Denham, only son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Denham, of Norwich, and Miss Winifred Rose Browne, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Browne, also of Norwich. Both the bride and bridegroom are ringers at All Saints' Church and ardent churchworkers in other directions. The service was fully choral, the hymn, 'The Voice that breathed o'er Eden' being sung as the bride with her father moved up the aisle. The bride was attired in a gown of white satin with Brussels net veil and orange blossoms, and carried a sheaf of lilies and white heather. The eight bridesmaids wore georgette frocks and carried bouquets of chrysanthemums. The Rev. N. S. M. Roxby officiated, and there was a very large congregation of friends of the bride and bridegroom. The service included Psalm 128 and the hymns, 'O Perfect Love, all human thought transcending,' and 'Lead us, Heavenly Father, lead us.' The bride was given away by her father, and the Rev. N. S. M. Roxby gave an address. Other appropriate music was rendered on the organ, and as the bridal procession returned to the south door Mendelssohn's Wedding March was played and the bells were rung in rounds and 'fired' by fellow-members of the All Saints' company.

A reception was afterwards held at the Samson and Hercules House, at which the Rev. N. S. M. Roxby and a number of friends of the family were present. Later the happy couple, amid many congratulations and good wishes, left for the honeymoon, which was spent on the East Coast.

The wedding presents were numerous and beautiful, including a sideboard from the Vicar and friends at St. John's Church, Timberhill, a mirror from the 13th Boy Scouts, of which the bridegroom was Scoutmaster, and a dinner wagon from the Pixies, of which the bride was leader.

During the evening nearly 2,000 changes of Stedman Doubles were rung to celebrate the event, and afterwards some handbell ringing at the bride's home. The bride and bridegroom have the best wishes of their ringing colleagues for their future health, wealth and prosperity.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. John's Church, Lytham (6 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells ready 3 p.m. A good attendance requested. Visitors welcome. — C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 118, Dickson Road, Blackpool.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Leeds on Saturday, October 11th. Bells available at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Half fares up to 2s. paid to members at this meeting. All ringers welcome. Please notify early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The annual commemoration dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association will be held at the Windmill Hotel, Blossom Street, York, on Saturday, Oct. 11th, at 6 p.m. prompt. By the courtesy of the Very Rev. the Dean of York the fine ring of 12 at the Minster will be available for ringing during the afternoon.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—A combined meeting of the Southern and Central Districts will be held at St. Laurence's, Reading, on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Ringing at St. Laurence's 3 to 4.30. Service. Preacher: Canon G. F. Coleridge. Tea and meeting at St. Laurence's Parish Hall. Ringing at St. Mary's 6.45 to 8.—H. F. Mills, Cairneyhill, Bridgefield, Farnham, Surrey.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Cranbrook on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea (9d. per head) in the Parish Room 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.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30. All ringing friends welcome.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Hornchurch on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—Meeting at Lower Beeding, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (by kind invitation). — A. D. Stone, Hon. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Croston on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells available from 2.30.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—The next meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (10) available at 1.45. Tea arrangements will be made. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A meeting will be held at Stockbridge on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Longstock (5) 2.30. Service in the church at 4.30. Tea, 5 o'clock, in the Town Hall.—C. A. Smith, Dis. Sec., King's Somborne, Hants.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Mid-Norton Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Wanstrow on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—G. M. Hasell, Hon. Sec. (pro. tem.), 11, Council Houses, Timsbury, near Bath.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. —The meeting arranged to be held at Willington is cancelled, on account of the airship disaster.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Halse (6 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow at the New Inn.—P. Merson, Bishops Hull.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The meeting arranged to be held at Butterwick to-morrow, Saturday, October 11th, is unavoidably postponed.—J. Phillips, Hon. Sec., The School House, Butterwick, near Boston, Lincs.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL GUILD.—Chippenham Branch will hold their quarterly meeting at Colerne (8 bells) on Saturday, the 11th inst. Bells open from 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea after.—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., 38, Downing Street, The Woodlands, Chippenham.

OXHEY, OXHEY, OXHEY, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells open from 3.30 till 8. Tea at Sherwood's, confectioner, Aldenham Road, at 5.30. Cheap tickets by train or motor coach from all parts.—C. H. Horton, Aldenham Road, Bushey. City 4270.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Grassendale on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Preacher: Canon Twitchett, Diocesan Secretary. Tea and meeting to follow.—Claude I. Davies, Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James', Haslingden, to-morrow (Saturday), Oct. 11th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting 6.30. Expecting a good attendance.—Jack Bradwell, Branch Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Cradley on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock.—R. Thomas, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Wallasey, to-morrow (Saturday), Oct. 11th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea at 6.30.—Harry Brocklebank, 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Cawthorne to-morrow, Saturday, October 11th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Tea provided at Holt's Cafe.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec., 61, Beech Road, Wath-on-Dearne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Prestwich Parish Church on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Preacher: The Rector (Canon Cooper). Tea, 5.15 p.m., at the Co-op. Café, at 1s. 3d. per head. Meeting in the Institute after. Names to be sent to Mr. R. H. Bent, 3, Glebelands Road, Prestwich, not later than the 15th. Expecting a good turn up.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Uckfield on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Tower open 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday previous to meeting? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting of the above Guild will be held at Hothfield on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden, Kent.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Not being able to arrange the next quarterly meeting at Woodford, I have arranged for it to be held at Lowick on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting to follow.—J. Nickerson, Branch Sec., Halford Street, Thrapston.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—A meeting will be held at Kilsale on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells (8) ready at 2.30.—C. F. Bailey, 20, Haylings Road, Leiston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Standish on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells available at 3 p.m. A good attendance requested.—James W. Grounds, Hon. Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Ely District will be held at Ickleton on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcomed. Please notify Mr. P. Webb, Ickleton, near Great Chesterford, Essex, for tea.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Deeping St. Nicholas on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by Oct. 13th?—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Southern District will be held at Barnard Castle on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. A good attendance is requested at this meeting. All ringers welcome.—J. Titi, Hon. Dis. Sec., 71, Surtees Street, Darlington.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Curdrige on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in the Reading Room. Will those requiring tea kindly inform me by Wednesday, 15th? All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

EPSOM, SURREY.—Re-opening of Christ Church bells, after rehanging by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Service 3.30 p.m. Preacher, the Assistant Bishop of Guildford. Tea provided at 5 o'clock to those who notify the Rev. L. W. Mylrea, Christ Church Vicarage, Epsom (Telephone Epsom 9302), not later than Tuesday, Oct. 14th. All ringers welcome.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—The next meeting will be held at Staveley on Saturday, Oct. 18th. All ringers will be welcome. Tea, 1s. each, to those who notify Mr. F. E. Parsons, 10, Bell House Lane, Lowgates, Staveley, not later than Oct. 15th.—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ditcheat on Saturday, October 18th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in the Church Room at 5.—E. F. Creed, Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Nuttall on Oct. 18th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Come and try this 'nobby' peal and also look your methods up.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Sawbridgeworth on Wednesday, Oct. 22nd, at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m.—C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Milton-next-Gravesend, Kent.—The dedication service of the restored peal of six bells and two new trebles at the Parish Church, Milton-next-Gravesend, will be held on Thursday, Oct. 23rd, at 7.30 p.m. Dedication by the Right Rev. the Dean of Rochester (Dr. R. T. Talbot, D.D.). All ringers welcome. The tower will be open after the service, followed by a social in the Schoolroom, arranged by the Ladies' Committee (free). To facilitate catering arrangements, will all who intend to be present please drop a postcard before Monday, Oct. 20th, to Fred M. Mitchell, 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend?

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By the kind permission of the Rev. E. D. Bowser, the autumn meeting will be held at Upper Deal on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service. Half fares up to 2s. will be paid to members attending this meeting. Will those intending to be present please notify me on or before Thursday, Oct. 23rd?—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—An opportunity for further ringing on the newly augmented peal at Irchester will be offered on Saturday, Oct. 25th, when a quarterly meeting will be held there. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those who hope to be present for tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, Oct. 21st?—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The annual party will be held at Balderstone on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by social evening. Tickets, 2s. each, obtainable from local secretaries.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chilvers Coton (Nuneaton) on Saturday, Oct. 25th (not 18th, as previously arranged). Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church to be conducted by the Vicar (Rev. J. A. B. Davies, M.A.) at 4.30. Tea, at 5 o'clock, in Coventry Road School, 1s. each. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Epping Upland on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting follows.—C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Rochester Cathedral on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service in Cathedral at 4 p.m. Tea at City Café at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Those intending to be present at tea must kindly let me know by Tuesday, 21st.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern.—Book this date! Hitchin (8), Oct. 25th. Particulars later.—Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Lewisham, on Saturday, Nov. 1st (not on Oct. 25th, as suggested). Further particulars next week.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Axbridge Deanery, under the auspices of the above association, will, on Saturday, Nov. 15th, hold their first annual dinner, concert and dance at the Cairo Hotel, near the Marine Lake, Weston-super-Mare. The hall is noted for its spacious ballroom and lounges, which will be available. Speeches will be very limited. The bells of Weston-super-Mare, Uphill, Bleadon and Kewstoke will be available. Bed and breakfast for those desiring to stay can be arranged for 6s. 6d. inclusive. Any friends invited, tickets 3s. 6d. inclusive, may be obtained from L. G. Tanner, Local Hon. Sec., 51, Locking Road, Weston-super-Mare.

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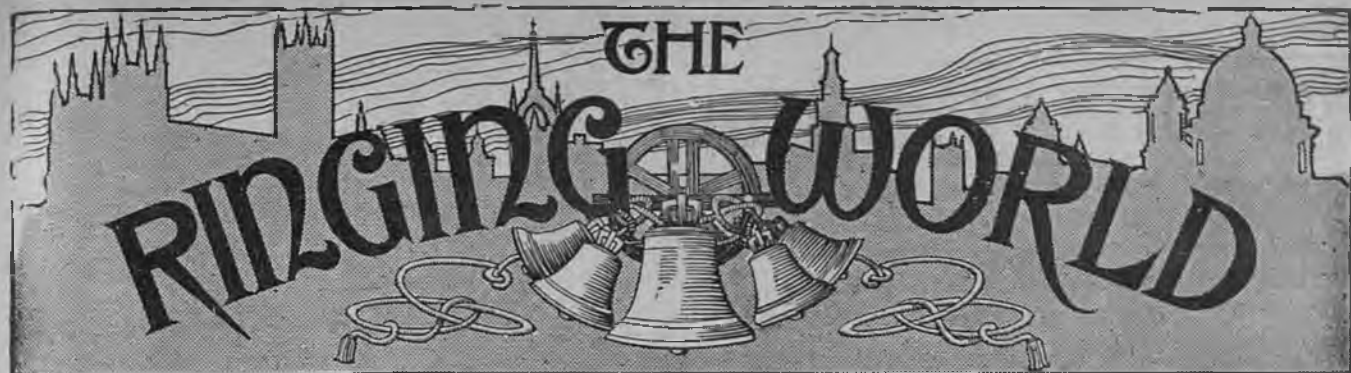
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Speaking at the Yorkshire Commemoration Dinner at York on Saturday the President confided to the members that the future prosperity of the association is a matter of serious concern to the officers. The Yorkshire Association was one of the first, it is still one of the greatest of the provincial organisations, but its future, if it is to maintain its traditions, depends upon the loyalty of the members. They have a splendid source of inspiration in the work of the men who are now but a memory, but, who, as the President remarked, laid the foundations of the association by self-sacrificing efforts. This spirit is surely not lacking to-day among Yorkshire ringers, yet it would be a great encouragement to those who are responsible for the present success and for the future prosperity of the association, if their efforts were more widely backed up and their labours rewarded by a more active support. 'We want to see more new faces at our gatherings,' remarked one official; 'unless we do, this commemoration will die out as the old members disappear.' That statement referred to the annual dinner, but it is a similar feeling in regard to the future that is, apparently, giving the association's officials food for serious thought.

In one direction the President threw out a suggestion which will doubtless be much discussed. The northern part of the county has always been a difficult problem for the county organisation. It has never effectually covered this area, where the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association has operated for many years. The gesture of the President was towards a united association for the whole county on some terms by which the smaller society would retain its identity. It is delicate ground, which would need careful exploration, but if it is likely to promote the interests of ringing and the progress of the

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Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* First peal in the method. The conductor's 50th twelve-bell peal.
Rung with half-muffled clappers as a tribute to the memory of the
victims of the R 101 airship disaster.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Sunday, October 12, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. in C sharp.

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| FRED HAYES Treble | *RALPH H. BIGGS 7 |
| *FRANK WEST 2 | *WILLIAM HERLEY 8 |
| RALPH COLES 3 | F. DONALD BOREHAM 9 |
| FRANK BOREHAM 4 | P.S. CECIL A. SMITH 10 |
| JAMES W. WILKINS 5 | EDWARD R. COLES 11 |
| GEORGE WHITE 6 | CAPT. J. H. R. FREEBORN Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by FRED HAYES.

* First peal on twelve bells. Rung to celebrate the consecration on
the preceding day of the new Church of St. Francis, High Wycombe,
by the Bishop of the diocese, assisted by the Bishop of Buckingham
and Bishop Shaw. This new daughter church is presented to the
parish of High Wycombe by Mrs. Field, as a memorial to her late
husband, the Rev. J. Field, at a cost of upwards of £20,000.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 11, 1930, in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

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| C. HENRY WEBB Treble | *ERNEST G. HIBBINS 6 |
| ALFRED BALLARD 2 | PERCY HARRISON 7 |
| C. FERGUSON HOWITT 3 | FREDERICK H. DEXTER 8 |
| ALBERT H. WARD 4 | ERNEST MORRIS 9 |
| E. HARRY STONELEY 5 | FRANK E. PERVIN Tenor |

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Royal in the method. F. E. Pervin has now rung
each bell in this tower to a peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled to
the revered memory of the 48 members of the crew of the ill-fated
airship R 101, who were buried at Cardington, Beds, on this day.

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RIPON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 11, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. WILFRID AND PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in E.

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| FRANCIS E. DAWE Treble | ALBERT J. HUGHES 6 |
| MRS. J. COTTERELL 2 | ALBERT C. FEARNLEY 7 |
| JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 3 | PERCY J. JOHNSON 8 |
| FRANK E. HAYNES 4 | RUPERT RICHARDSON 9 |
| JAMES COTTERELL 5 | EDWARD RICKITT Tenor |

Composed by JOHN COX Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

First peal of Caters on the bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the 48 men who perished in the disaster to the airship R 101, the peal being in progress while the bodies made their last journey from Westminster Hall to Cardington.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 11, 1930, in Three Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F.

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| JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble | RAYMOND OVERY 6 |
| ALFRED H. POLLING 2 | MAURICE SMITHER 7 |
| CHARLES N. BURDOCK 3 | ARTHUR J. BARTLETT 8 |
| WILLIAM J. ROBINSON 4 | WILLIAM T. BEESON 9 |
| C. ERNEST SMITH 5 | RICHARD HAYES Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING

First peal of Stedman Caters for the Guild by a resident band. Rung with the bells half-muffled in honour of the 48 victims of the disaster to the airship R 101.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 27, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

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| * HAROLD E. PENNACK Treble | HERBERT DEVONISH 5 |
| PERCY GREEN 2 | DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS 6 |
| † HARRY E. BOWERS 3 | GEORGE GREEN 7 |
| THOMAS LINCOLN 4 | * ALBERT E. COOMBS Tenor |

Conducted by PERCY GREEN.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. Arranged for the esteemed secretary of the S.E. Division of the Essex Association.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 4, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

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| STEDMAN H. SYMONDS Treble | * LENNARD PRYKE 5 |
| FREDERICK L. LEEKS 2 | MAURICE T. SYMONDS 6 |
| * WILFRED JARVIS 3 | FRANK A. TURNER 7 |
| ARTHUR SYMONDS 4 | WM. R. J. POULSON Tenor |

Composed by G. H. HARDY. Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

* First in the method. Rung on the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Symonds.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, October 4, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

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| MRS. PATTENDEN Treble | * ALBERT E. BEANEY 5 |
| FREDERICK G. BURDEN 2 | CYRIL W. A. BROWN 6 |
| CHARLES W. PLAYER 3 | KENNETH PATTENDEN 7 |
| WILLIAM BUTTON 4 | ALFRED BLACKMAN Tenor |

Conducted by K. PATTENDEN.

* First peal away from 'cover.' Rung for the wedding of Miss Doris Bliss to Mr. Thomas G. Brown, of the local band; which took place the same day.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST SOCIETY.)

On Sunday, October 5, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

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| MISS FLORRIE WYMAN Treble | ROBERT SWIFT 5 |
| GEORGE OLLIVER 2 | CECIL NICE 6 |
| NELSON ELLIOTT 3 | GEORGE ELLIS 7 |
| KENNETH SNELLING 4 | OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor |

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

First peal of New Cambridge by all the band. Rung on the eve of the 50th anniversary of the installation of the bells.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

On Tuesday, October 7, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

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| ALBERT W. COLES Treble | * HAROLD J. POOLE 5 |
| CHARLES T. COLES 2 | JAMES BENNETT 6 |
| GEORGE M. KILBY 3 | HARRY KILBY 7 |
| GEORGE R. PYE 4 | WILLIAM PYE Tenor |

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise. The above peal contains 2,944 changes of London, 608 Bristol, 736 Cambridge, 736 Superlative. The Cambridge and Superlative were rung in alternate courses.

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 7, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt. in A flat.

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| ALBERT G. HARRISON Treble | NOLAN GOLDEN 5 |
| PERCY L. JOHNSON 2 | DAVID WHITING 6 |
| ALPHRUS J. BERRY 3 | ERIC G. BENNETT 7 |
| CHARLES F. GOODMAN 4 | GEORGE ARCHER Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of the crew of the ill-fated R 101, Chief Wireless Operator S. T. Keeley's parents being respected inhabitants of the village. The ringers also had in mind the loss sustained by Mr. Ernest F. Poppy, of Stoke Ash, and the Norwich Diocesan Association by the death of the Rev. A. G. Blyth, for 50 years an active member.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 7, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

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| HERBERT KNIGHT Treble | WILLIAM KNIGHT 5 |
| ALFRED E. REEVES 2 | HENRY PRING 6 |
| MRS. R. J. WILKINS 3 | JOHN A. BURFORD 7 |
| WILLIAM A. CAVE 4 | JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor |

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by A. E. REEVES.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of those who lost their lives in H.M. Airship R 101.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 8, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

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| DR. E. L. TAYLOR Treble | * H. B. BAKER 5 |
| P. TURLEY 2 | H. D. FORD 6 |
| * W. TURLEY 3 | * F. PAIGE 7 |
| H. J. FORD 4 | R. COLLINS Tenor |

Conducted by P. TURLEY.

* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor First peal on the bells by a local band.

CASTLE CARY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 9, 1930, 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 15 cwt.

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| FREDERICK TARGETT... ..Treble | HERBERT W. PEARCE ... 5 |
| RONALD G. BECK 2 | JOSEPH T. DYKE... .. 6 |
| *THOMAS SNELL 3 | *ERNEST F. CREED ... 7 |
| WILLIAM C. SHUTE 4 | †GEORGE CREEDTenor |

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal of Triples 'inside.' † First peal on eight bells.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 11, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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| HOLT'S TEN-PART. | Tenor 8½ cwt. |
| WALTER W. WARWICK ...Treble | CYRIL J. HIBBERT ... 5 |
| ROBERT W. WARWICK... .. 2 | WILLIAM HIBBERT, JUN. ... 6 |
| RICHARD T. HIBBERT 3 | WILLIAM HIBBERT ... 7 |
| EDWARD T. SNELLER 4 | WILLIAM J. FIELDTenor |

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 11, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, WATERMOOR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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| THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. | Tenor 20 cwt. |
| FRANCIS J. LEWIS, SEN. Treble | CHARLES J. GARDINER ... 5 |
| *HERBERT L. COOK 2 | JOHN AUSTIN 6 |
| WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ... 3 | WILFRED H. HAYWARD ... 7 |
| H. CHARLES BOND 4 | *H. T. JACK ROBERTS... ..Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

* First peal of Stedman. Especially arranged and rung to mark the dedication festival of Cirencester Parish Church.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 11, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

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| DENNIS R. MORRISTreble | ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... 5 |
| ARTHUR J. MARTIN 2 | WILLIAM RANFORD ... 6 |
| SIDNEY T. HOLT 3 | CYRIL TANSSELL 7 |
| HAROLD F. MARTIN 4 | CHARLES CAMMTenor |

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 11, 1930, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

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| *WILLIAM G. WHITING ...Treble | GEORGE BENNETT ... 5 |
| †ALBERT E. WHITING... .. 2 | ERNEST E. LANHAM ... 6 |
| GEORGE PRYKE 3 | T. WILLIAM LAST ... 7 |
| JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... 4 | GEORGE WHITINGTenor |

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by G. WHITING.

* First peal. † First peal on an inside bell. The conductor has now called a peal from each bell in this tower.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 11, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

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| LEWIS W. WIFFEN ...Treble | PERCY GREEN 5 |
| *BERNARD W. PETTITT ... 2 | WALTER ARNOLD... .. 6 |
| OLAVE BROYD 3 | WILLIAM KEEBLE 7 |
| ERNEST BRIGHT 4 | ALBERT CATTERWELL ...Tenor |

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.
* First peal in the method inside. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to those who perished in R 101.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 11, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| *STANLEY SLANEY ...Treble | EDWARD C. GOBEY ... 5 |
| CHARLES MASON 2 | JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 6 |
| ARTHUR BRAINES 3 | *ERNEST WAGSTAFF ... 7 |
| THOMAS BETTISON 4 | JOHN FLINT... ..Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN FLINT.
* First peal of Surprise. Rung with half-muffled clappers to the memory of the officers and men of R 101.

EAST MEON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 11, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

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| ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ...Treble | FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 5 |
| CHARLES E. BASSETT 2 | TOWER R. TAYLOR ... 6 |
| D. CECIL WILLIAMS 3 | FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 7 |
| FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... 4 | ALAN R. PINKTenor |

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by FREDR. W. ROGERS
Rung with half-muffled clappers as a token of respect to the victims in the R 101 disaster.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 11, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

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| JAMES WOODGATT ...Treble | WILLIAM LEWIS 5 |
| CHARLES G. BOWKETT ... 2 | EDWARD WATKINS 6 |
| REGINALD WOODGATT... .. 3 | WILLIAM PAGE 7 |
| JOHN J. JEFFERIES 4 | ERIC CRUMPTenor |

Conducted by W. PAGE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute to the memory of the victims of the R 101 disaster. The bells were rung very slowly to emphasise the muffling. First peal of Grandsire on the bells.

POOLE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 11, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt, 1 qr. 20 lb.

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| *MISS NORA HODGE ...Treble | WILLIAM SHUTE 5 |
| †ARTHUR G. ROSE 2 | EDWARD G. L. COWARD ... 6 |
| †MISS MARCIA WHITE ... 3 | †CYRIL F. TURNER 7 |
| †JIM RALPH 4 | *EDWARD J. DOELTenor |

Conducted by C. F. TURNER.

* First peal † First peal in the method and first peal as conductor. Rung half-muffled in sympathy for the victims of the R 101 disaster.

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WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 11, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

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| EDWARD LANKESTER Treble | THOMAS LOCK 5 |
| GEORGE R. PYE 2 | WILLIAM PYE 6 |
| GEORGE M. KILBY 3 | HARRY KILBY 7 |
| ALBERT G. HARRISON 4 | JAMES BENNETT Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to those who lost their lives in the R 101. The ringer of the 4th hails from Diss, Norfolk.

CHURCH STRETTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 11, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb.

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| *JOHN W. GRIFFITHS Treble | RICHARD T. HOLDING 5 |
| HARRY F. HOLDING 2 | JAMES H. RIDING 6 |
| HARRY OVERTON 3 | RICHARD D. LANGFORD 7 |
| ARTHUR PRITCHARD 4 | EDWARD V. RODENBURST Tenor |

Composed by T. R. WORSLEY. Conducted by J. H. RIDING.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal in the method on the bells.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 11, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

A TRANSPOSITION OF WASHBROOK'S (SIX-SINGLES) PEAL.

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

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| ALEXANDER EVANS Treble | NORMAN COOMES 5 |
| ALFRED E. REEVES 2 | WILLIAM A. CAVE 6 |
| HENRY PRING 3 | JOSEPH T. DYKE 7 |
| HERBERT KNIGHT 4 | URIAH W. BRAVEN Tenor |

Arranged and Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

Rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to the victims of R 101 airship disaster.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 12, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES

Tenor 18½ cwt.

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| JOHN FITTON Treble | WILLIAM HORAN 5 |
| HAROLD HAMAR 2 | GEORGE STAFF 6 |
| JOHN H. C. MASSEY 3 | *ALBERT BUCKLEY 7 |
| WALTER STAFF 4 | HERBERT DEVONPORT Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by GEORGE STAFF.

Rung with the bells fully muffled in memory of the men of the R 101. * First peal in method. Ringer of 5th from Crosstone, tenor from Todmorden, the rest are service ringers at Milnrow.

SIX BELL PEALS.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 4, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

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| MISS CECIL HEPBURN Treble | WALTER T. WILSON 4 |
| THOMAS GARLEY 2 | WILLIAM SHELFORD 5 |
| CYRIL NICHOLS 3 | E. MAURICE ATKINS Tenor |

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

The peal was rung to celebrate the 21st birthday of the ringer of the fifth, whose first peal containing more than one method it was. It was also a harvest thanksgiving peal, the festival services taking place on the following day.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 5, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-One 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.

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| FRANK LAWRENCE Treble | SIDNEY T. HOLT 4 |
| *DENNIS R. MORRIS 2 | WILLIAM RANFORD 5 |
| ROBERT G. KNOWLES 3 | CHARLES CAMM Tenor |

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

* First peal in seven methods inside. Rung for the harvest festival.

BODENHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, October 5, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 15 cwt.

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| *THOMAS RUSHTON Treble | A. ROLAND BILLINGS 4 |
| *EDWARD C. RUSHTON 2 | JAMES P. HVEIT 5 |
| JOHN D. WORSEY 3 | ALLEN JONES Tenor |

Conducted by J. D. WORSEY.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of the patron saint, for evening service.

MORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 8, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Cross,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent, Oxford, Plain Bob and 720 of Cambridge. Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

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| WILLIAM SWAIN Treble | BERNARD WHEELER 4 |
| ERNEST MALLENDER 2 | FRED CLARKE 5 |
| VAUGHAN COX 3 | *FRED W. KNOWLES Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM SWAIN.

* 50th peal. Rung as a compliment to Fred Clarke on attaining his 21st birthday. After the peal he entertained the band and friends to supper.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 9, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Plain Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob, and one of Oxford Treble Bob, each called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| CHARLES A. ANDREWS Treble | STANLEY G. MOSS 4 |
| CHARLES HONEYWOOD 2 | GEORGE THOMSON 5 |
| CHARLES ELLIS 3 | WALTER HONEYWOOD Tenor |

Conducted by WALTER HONEYWOOD.

The ringers of the 3rd and 5th hail from Harwich. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

LLANGARREN, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 9, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Deinst,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings.

Tenor 11 cwt.

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| HENRY WEALE Treble | JOHN J. WEBB 4 |
| CORNELIUS J. PARTRIDGE 2 | WILLIAM POSTON 5 |
| FRANK VOYCE 3 | ALFRED T. POULTON Tenor |

Conducted by W. POSTON.

Arranged for C. J. Partridge, of Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts, on the bells of his native village.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.—On Thursday evening, September 25th, at St. Peter's, for harvest festival, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Barrow 1, E. Morris 2, W. A. Skinner 3, G. Straw 4, A. Disney 5, F. H. Dexter (conductor) 6, W. H. Clarke 7, F. A. Graham 8.

ELMDON, ESSEX.—On September 20th, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor in 51 mins.: R. J. Negus 1, F. Hammond 2, S. Bard 3, F. Fox 4, J. H. Negus (conductor) 5, G. Hoy 6. Rung to celebrate the wedding of one of the members of the local band, Mr. E. Hayes.

KEMPSTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, October 9, 1930, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 1,440 of Oxford, 1,440 of Kent and 2,160 of Plain Bob.
Tenor 18 cwt.

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| FRANK C. TYSOE Treble | PERCY C. BONNETT 4 |
| *CYRIL PRINDIVILLE 2 | SIDNEY FOSKETT 5 |
| *NORMAN J. INSKIP 3 | PEARL INSKIP Tenor |

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in sympathy for the R 101 disaster. * First peal.

LEYTONSTONE.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 10, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

720 each of Beverley, London, Wells, York, Durham, Ipswich and Cambridge.
Tenor 14 cwt.

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| ROBERT MOLTON Treble | WILLIAM H. THEOBALD 4 |
| JOHN MOULE 2 | GEORGE DAWSON 5 |
| ALFRED PRIOR 3 | EDWARD D. SMITH Tenor |

Conducted by EDWARD D. SMITH.

Rung with bells fully muffled to the memory of the late Harry Turble, who died on Monday, October 6th. Also to those who lost their lives in the airship disaster.

CHOLSEY, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BERKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 11, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

14 six-scores, with ten different callings, and nine 240's of A. Pittman's arrangement.

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| *GILBERT R. KENT Treble | DAN H. WOODLEY 4 |
| JOHN NOBES 2 | PERCY W. FLETCHER 5 |
| FRANK W. BUNCE 3 | WILLIAM G. WILKINS Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN NOBES.

* First peal. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to all those who perished in the disaster to the airship R 101.

MADELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 11, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

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| ERIC B. ALLMAN Treble | JOHN BRASSINGTON 4 |
| JOHN PARKER 2 | ARTHUR ALLMAN 5 |
| JOHN MATTHEWS 3 | ALBERT CRAWLEY Tenor |

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the crew of the R 101. It was the conductor's 140th peal, and rung on the 28th anniversary of his first peal. The band wish to thank the Rev. Dr. Griffin for his hospitality after the peal. First peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., the 'go' being excellent.

NORTON CANES, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 11, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings.

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| HAROLD L. FLAVELL Treble | ERIC SANT 4 |
| JOSEPH FLAVELL 2 | ALFRED FALLON 5 |
| ALBERT D. COLLINS 3 | *ROBERT S. GIBBS Tenor |

Conducted by ALBERT D. COLLINS.

* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect and sympathy to the crew of the ill-fated airship R 101, and also to the miners who lost their lives in the Grove Pit disaster at Norton Canes. This was the first peal on the bells.

MORTON, Lincs.—On Saturday, September 27th, a quarter-peal of Minor (1,360 Single Oxford, Single Court and Plain Bob), as a birthday compliment to H. Gibbard: A. Scott 1, G. Booth 2, J. Machin 3, C. Scott 4, H. Gibbard 5, J. Machin (conductor) 6.

BROMHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 11, 1930, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OWEN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 23 cwt.

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| LEWIS CHAPMAN Treble | CHARLES MORTIMER 4 |
| AMOS SMART 2 | PEARL INSKIP 5 |
| GEORGE LINES 3 | ANDERSON Y. TYLER Tenor |

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.

Rung half-muffled in memory of the victims of the R 101 disaster.

HANDBELL PEAL.

STOCKPORT.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 11, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, HEAVILY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5004 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

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

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

DEVON GUILD.

SUGGESTED COLLECTIONS FOR INSTRUCTION FUND.

A quarterly meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild was held at Brixham on Saturday week, ringers being present from Exeter, Dawlish, Buckfastleigh, Torquay, Cockington, Paignton, etc., as well as from the local company. The bells were well utilised during the afternoon, and a service was conducted by the Rev. W. E. Jenner, who, as he usually does, gave an excellent address. After tea in the schoolroom, the business meeting was presided over by Mr. F. J. Laxton, the chairman. Reference was made to the death of the Rev. A. V. Cox, formerly of Paignton, and father of a well-known member of the Guild.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar of Brixham for the use of the bells, to the Rev. W. E. Jenner for conducting the service, and to the organist and choirboys.

Kingsteignton and Wolborough were chosen for the annual meeting, which takes place on Saturday, January 24th.

A suggestion arose that collections should be taken at services and should be devoted to the Instruction Fund, and, after discussion, it was agreed to make a recommendation to the general committee.

Six new members from Brixham, one from Churston, and two full performing members from Colaton were elected.

The business concluded, a move was again made to the tower, where touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung. Churston bells were also available for the visitors during the afternoon and evening. The attendance was moderate, partly owing to the fact that another branch meeting was being held the same day.

WEDDING BELLS AT WEST BROMWICH.

On Saturday, Sept. 27th, the marriage took place at Christ Church, West Bromwich, of Mr. Arthur Edward Reeves and Miss Ada Uden. The ceremony was performed by the Vicar, Mr. Reeves, who has been a member of the Christ Church band, is going to reside in Boolle. The bride is a very much respected churchworker. The honeymoon is being spent at Scarborough. After the ceremony, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 53 mins.: E. Whitehead 1, L. Griffiths 2, P. Troth 3, F. Pickering 4, J. Walker 5, J. Screen (conductor) 6, J. Jagger 7, J. N. Read 8. The ringers were afterwards entertained at the Dun Cow, the home of the bridegroom's parents, a very happy time being spent. The health of the newly-married couple was proposed by Mr. J. Walker, supported by Mr. J. Screen, and drunk with musical honours. During the evening there was tune ringing and change ringing on handbells, and a very pleasant time was spent.

CRANLEIGH'S ANCIENT STALLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In the report published in your issue of October 10th, of the meeting at Cranleigh, a small inaccuracy has crept in. The stalls, to which the report refers as stalls for three Canons, are situate in the sanctuary. They are an excellent example of ancient sedilia, literally seats for the use of the priest, deacon and sub-deacon during High Mass, at the time of the sermon, or while the clerks and people sing their parts of the office. Cranleigh may in old days have been a collegiate church, in which case the canons' stalls were in the choir. A fine example of such stalls may be seen in the old collegiate Church of All Saints, Maidstone.—Yours, etc.

A. C. HAZELDEN.

THE LATE JAMES WASHBROOK'S GRAVE.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Through your valuable paper I beg to thank all those who have written you on the matter. The Lancashire Association are on the spot, and could be entrusted to carry out the job in an efficient manner. And I am of the opinion that if they decide to undertake it, they will not commit themselves to any financial liability. And you, I feel sure, sir, would be only too willing to help on the scheme.—Yours,

A NOVICE.

HANDBELL MUSIC.**HOW TO ARRANGE YOUR OWN.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—With reference to the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn's letter in your issue of the 3rd inst., may I be allowed to state how my family and myself have given quite a number of 'turns' at concerts, etc.? The applause shows appreciation.

Two octaves require 15 bells. This is the number we generally use. Anyone with a smattering of music can arrange the music for himself as follows: Obtain four small manuscript music books. In the first write only the notes of the four smallest bells; in the second, only the notes of the next four; in the third, only the notes of the next four; in the fourth, only the notes of the three largest bells. The first three books are written in the treble and the fourth in the bass clefs.

Transpose all the tunes into the key of G (particularly old favourite airs), then the top note in the first book would be above the staff, and in the fourth book the largest bell would be written in the top space. Care must be taken to put in rests correctly where the ringer has nothing to play.

I have arranged my handbell music in this way, and, in some tunes, chords occur in which seven bells are struck at one beat.

Of course, more variations can be obtained by a few accidentals and one or two smaller bells.

It does not matter what key the handbells are in, one must pretend that the top and bottom notes are G, after the manner of tonic sol fa.

The first three ringers retain two bells in each hand, striking the top one crosswise and the bottom one downwards, and the fourth manipulates the three largest.

Moral: Necessity is the mother of invention.—Yours truly,

G. E. SYMONDS.

WALKDEN'S NEW BELLS.**PROVIDED AS MEMORIALS.**

On Saturday, October 11th, the new peal of bells and Westminster chimes at Walkden, Lanes, were dedicated by the Dean of Manchester in the presence of a crowded congregation, which included about 70 ringers from 28 towers. The service was conducted by the curate, Rev. A. H. Duncan, assisted by Canon H. J. Elsee, president of the Lancashire Association, who read the lesson.

The Dean gave a very impressive address in which he referred to the remarkable way in which the peal of bells was obtained. It was mentioned at the Easter meeting that the bells were in a bad way, and a committee was formed who issued an appeal for funds on the last Sunday in April. On the second Sunday in May seven bells had been promised, as well as £150 towards the tenor bell which the late Vicar, the Rev. W. M. Smith, wanted to be subscribed for by the people of Walkden. All the bells have been given as memorials to relatives, including one given by a Nonconformist family in memory of their parents. He regretted to say that three of the donors of the bells, including the Vicar of Walkden, had died while the restoration had been in progress. The chimes had been given by the widow of a former churchwarden.

After the sermon a special hymn was sung in memory of past worshippers, beginning, 'In our day of thanksgiving one psalm let us offer.'

At the close of the service a short touch was rung by the local company, after which the bells were open for ringing.

Tea was provided in the schools through the generosity of a few friends, at which about 120 sat down.

After tea the bells were half-muffled in memory of the R 101 victims. The order of the day was 'short touches' so that everyone present could ring.

The bells are a very fine peal by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., with a tenor of 18½ cwt., and the opinion of the ringers is that they are a credit to the church and to the founders, who were represented by Mr. J. P. Fidler.

YOUNG BAND'S PROMISING START.

On Friday, October 3rd, for harvest festival at Mickleton, Glos, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), with 4, 6, 8 covering, in 50 mins.: F. Fairfax 1, H. Terry (conductor) 2, D. Kinchin 3, F. Kinchin 4, F. Tuffley 5, L. Kinchin 6, S. Loynes 7, H. Bowles 8. Much credit belongs to the ringers for the way they rang their bells, for (with the exception of the conductor) they have all learned change ringing since Easter.

John Taylor & Co.

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PICTURES OF CHURCH TOWERS FOR
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 Yorkshire dinner in commemoration of the past officers of the Yorkshire Association is a reminder that one of the greatest of the old stalwarts, Charles Henry Hattersley, died on October 21st, 1915.

Mr. F. C. Dawe has made another step towards attaining his life's ambition of ringing a peal at every cathedral where there is a ring of bells. Forty-seven years ago he made his first attempt at Ripon—on Saturday he was successful.

Mr. James Broadley, of Bradford, who, we are glad to say, is now improving in health after a rather serious illness, is one of the few ringers left who rang peals with Jasper Snowden. Mr. Broadley will be 71 on the 25th of this month, and he rang with Jasper Snowden in 1881 and 1882.

Many ringing friends will regret to hear of the death of Mr. John William Simon, aged 62, at a nursing home at Scarborough. He was for several years a well-known ringer in the Heavy Woollen District and a member of the Yorkshire Association.

One hundred and forty years ago next Tuesday a peal of 8, 148 Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung at St. Mary Abbots Church, Kingston.

The second time Holt's Original was conducted by a ringer taking part in a peal was at St. Giles' Church, Norwich, on October 23rd, 1752. The first time it was done was at St. Michael's Costany, just two months earlier. The conductor was William Dixon.

In our recent article on 'Trouble in the Tower' we stated that the tower concerned was in Essex. We are informed that it is on the other side of the border, in Suffolk.

THE 'HEAVIEST' CAMBRIDGE ROYAL.

SOUTHWARK CLAIM STILL HOLDS GOOD.

A correspondent sends us the following comparative weights of the back ten bells at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, and St. Saviour's Cathedral, Southwark, to show that the latter bells were rightly claimed as the heaviest peal rung to Cambridge Surprise Royal. He points out that the tenor at Redcliffe was only about 39 cwt. until Taylor and Co. recast it and added considerably more metal. So that, while Redcliffe is slightly the heaviest tenor rung to Cambridge Royal, Southwark, as a peal, can claim to be more than 22 cwt. heavier, in the aggregate, than the Bristol ring. Here are the weights:—

| ST. MARY REDCLIFFE. | | | | ST. SAVIOUR'S, SOUTHWARK. | | | |
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| 5. | 8 | 3 | 19 | 5. | 10 | — | 14 |
| 6. | 10 | 1 | — | 6. | 11 | — | 16 |
| 7. | 12 | 1 | 11 | 7. | 13 | 2 | 4 |
| 8. | 13 | 1 | 16 | 8. | 17 | 1 | 21 |
| 9. | 19 | 3 | 1 | 9. | 19 | — | 21 |
| 10. | 20 | 2 | 8 | 10. | 25 | 3 | 21 |
| 11. | 25 | 1 | 5 | 11. | 34 | 1 | 2 |
| 12. | 50 | 2 | 21 | 12. | 50 | — | 20 |
| Total | 176 | 2 | 6 | Total | 198 | 2 | 17 |

YORKSHIRE COMMEMORATION DINNER.

RINGERS HONOUR MEMORY OF FAMOUS MEN.

Ringers from many parts of the country made a pilgrimage to York on Saturday to join with the members of the Yorkshire Association in their ninth annual commemoration dinner to the memory of the late Jasper Whitfield Snowden (the founder) and past officers of the association. Altogether nearly a hundred ringers and friends assembled, the former having the privilege in the afternoon of ringing on the glorious bells at the Minster, with their 60 cwt. tenor, one of the finest rings ever put into an English tower. The bells were rung with half-muffled clappers, as a mark of sympathy on the death of the 48 men who lost their lives in the airship disaster, and who were buried that same afternoon.

In the evening the company assembled at the famous old coaching hostelry near the Micklegate, the Windmill Hotel, where they dined under the chairmanship of the president of the Yorkshire Association, the Rev. C. C. Marshall, of Leeds. He was supported by the Revs. R. G. Pyne (St. Cuthbert's, York) and R. M. Kelly (Huntingdon), Messrs. E. A. Young (hon. secretary of the Central Council), F. E. Dawe (London), C. F. Johnston (Croydon), Mr. P. J. Johnson (hon. secretary of the Yorkshire Association), and Mrs. Johnson, Mr. T. F. Earnshaw (president) and Mr. G. Horner (hon. secretary of the York Dinner Committee), Mrs. Earnshaw and Mrs. Horner, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Fearnley (York), Mr. J. Cotterell (hon. treasurer of the Yorks Association) and Mrs. Cotterell. Among those also present were Mr. A. Walker (Deputy Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham) and Mrs. Walker, Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary of the Middlesex County Association) and Mrs. Coles, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. secretary, Guildford Diocesan Guild) and Mrs. Goldsmith, Mr. W. H. Shuker (hon. secretary of the Lancashire Association) and Mrs. Shuker, Mr. A. A. Hughes and Mr. J. W. Rowbotham (Ancient Society of College Youths), Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson (Surfleet, Lincoln Diocesan Guild), Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Smallwood (Derby), Mr. G. Dent (Harlow, Essex), Mr. and Mrs. McGuinness (Lincoln), Mr. Parks (Darlington), Mr. W. Thomas (representing the Bristol United Guilds), Messrs. S. R. Roper (Croydon), Colin Harrison (Loughborough), A. E. Norman and F. Haynes (Birmingham), F. Cryer (Selby), Mr. and Mrs. S. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. G. Lewis, Mr. J. Holman, Mr. and Mrs. W. Bugar, Mr. J. Thorp and Mr. M. Wilson (Sheffield), Mr. T. Maude (Pudsey), Mr. S. Briggs (Rotherham), etc.

After enjoying an excellent repast, the loyal toast was honoured, and the Chairman announced that apologies for absence had been received from the Dean of York, the Bishop of Whitchy, Rev. H. Spence (Chamberlain of York Minster) and Bishop Heywood.

A MEMORIAL TO CANON NOLLOTH.

Mr. E. A. Young proposed the toast of 'Church and State.' As ringers, he said, they were closely in touch with both. In their ordinary lives they may not always feel at one with the State, but they did feel one with the Church as Sunday by Sunday they discharged their office in the belfry. As ringers they felt that they were more than a family of just two or three people. They belonged to a guild or an association, and were in touch with other similar guilds and associations, all of which were bound together by the Central Council.

The Rev. R. G. Pyne, who first responded, referred to the fact that there was a project on foot to provide at Beverley a memorial to the late Canon Nolloth, who rendered such great services to ringing, and who was largely responsible for the schemes that provided the present bells at Beverley Minster and the recasting of the bells at York Minster. One of the suggestions was that there should be a tablet of bell metal. At the time of his death, Canon Nolloth was collecting, or had collected, a great deal of material for the purpose of publishing a book on bells, but his strength did not permit him to complete the work. He wondered whether from that meeting they might send a recommendation to the Memorial Committee that someone competent should be appointed to put the manuscript into book form, and that it should be published at a nominal price as part of the memorial. He thought such a book would be welcomed by ringers all over the country, and he knew it would be something after Canon Nolloth's own heart (hear, hear). Proceeding, Mr. Pyne threw out the suggestion that all ringers should become members of the C.E.M.S. He thought it would strengthen them as a fraternity of churchworkers, and it would help churchpeople to realise that bells and bellringers were part and parcel of the work of the Church and held an honoured place. He thought, perhaps, it was a matter for the Central Council to consider how far there might be some sort of affiliation, even if only of an ex-officio nature. Mr. Pyne also suggested that there should be certificates or prizes offered by the Council to encourage progress among young ringers, and that medals for long service should be presented to older members. He would not go into details of any scheme, but he thought a long-service medal might be given for ten years' service and a bar for every subsequent five years.

The President said he thought he could assure Mr. Pyne that it would be most decidedly the wish of the members of that association if some such book could be compiled from Canon Nolloth's manuscript, that it should be published as part of the memorial to him.

The Rev. R. M. Kelly, who is a son of the late Rev. Maitland Kelly (formerly president of the Devon Guild), also responded in a brief and humorous speech.

JASPER SNOWDON.

To Mr. F. E. Dawe, who has been a member of the Yorkshire Association for over fifty years, and who personally knew Jasper Whitfield Snowden and the other men who built up the foundations of the association, was entrusted the toast to their memory. He first of all asked the company to stand for a few seconds as a mark of respect to the men of the R 101, who had been buried that day at Cardington, and to whose memory there had that day been rung a peal of Stedman Caters at Ripon.

This having been done, Mr. Dawe proceeded to remark that Yorkshire had produced many wonderful men in ringing in its time, and there was no reason why it should not do so in the future. He knew Jasper Snowden during the last four years of his life. They exchanged many letters, and he had preserved all those that he received from Jasper Snowden. The question arose, what was he going to do with them? He thought the best thing he could do would be to hand them over to the secretary of their association so that they might be perused by anyone who cared to read them. Jasper Snowden died on November 16th, 1885, and his death was the greatest bereavement the Exercise ever suffered.

Mr. Dawe asked for a show of hands by those who rang a peal with Snowden, but only Mr. Rowbotham and himself could respond.

Mr. Dawe described the effect which the news of Jasper Snowden's death had upon ringers in London, and said there were more funeral peals rung for him than for any other individual with the exception of King Edward. Mr. Dawe said that Mr. Snowden's death aroused great interest in medical circles and was the subject of an article in 'The Lancet.' The facts were that while he was away from



JASPER WHITFIELD SNOWDON.

home a favourite parrot of his died. The servants left it in its cage until he came home some few days later, and Mr. Snowden removed the dead bird. By a strange freak, some sort of powder on the bird's feathers got into a cut which he had on his hand; this resulted in typhoid fever, and he died in Leeds Fever Hospital. In his mind's eye, continued Mr. Dawe, he could still see Jasper Snowden. A man of medium height, thick set, muscularly strong, a man that you would call well knit, with piercing eyes that took in every material thing at a glance, and closely cropped hair; active, energetic and methodical in everything he did. He possessed many interesting traits of character, but Jasper Snowden told him once in confidence that his pet aversion was the man who sent him a new method and 5,000 of the abominable stuff and asked him to prove it. Among other things, he could do with very little sleep. He never went to bed until the small hours of the morning, and was always up again early, usually working on some problem. He was a great walker, and once walked from Leeds to London in five days. He did all in his power in the cause of belfry reform, which in those days was making only slow progress, and with his friend Bob Tuke he founded the Yorkshire Association and the old 'Bell News,' for which he frequently wrote articles. He was splendid company, a merry fellow, full of humour and always on the alert. He was a true historian, and his books on ringing were the most lucid that had ever been written. To him alone remained the credit of introducing coloured diagrams; as instruction in ringing, they were one of the most valuable things. When he was going to ring a peal, if he was not calling it himself, he always insisted on seeing the composition, and, if he had already rung it, another one had to be substituted. He rang all the Grandsire and Stedman Triples peals that there were, and he went in for even-hell methods, preferably Treble Bob. His system was carefully to write the composition on a playing card.

and it had to be hearts or diamonds. He used to stuff the card up his sleeve, and in the train or walking about he would pull it out to learn the composition, and push it back in his sleeve again. His ringing dress was a novelty. It was a silk garment that weighed about six ounces, and its nature was such that it would have made certain notorious town councillors squirm if they had seen him in it. Over three hundred people were at Sheffield when a presentation was made to Jasper Snowdon, for he was one of the men whom everybody loved.

'It is easy enough to be pleasant, when life passes by with a song, But the man worth while is the man who can smile when everything goes dead wrong.'

Jasper Snowdon was a man worth while.

OTHER YORKSHIRE WORTHIES.

Mr. Dawe then went on to refer to other past officers of the association. There was William Howard, an antiquarian and a very musical man; not much of a bob caller, but he composed peals of Grandfire Caters and used to send them to him (the speaker) to prove for him. Then there were William Whittaker, Bob Binns, Joe Harcastle and George Horner. They all did their bit; they were the backbone, the mainspring of scientific ringing in Yorkshire, with two well-known Sheffield men, Thomas Hattersley and his brother, Charles Henry, familiarly known as Harry Hattersley, one of the cleverest men that ever stepped into a belfry; one of the most reliable composers, splendid company, a man in every sense of the word. Then there was Charles Jackson, of Hull, one of nature's gentlemen, who called every known peal of Grandfire Triples, and George Breed, of York Minster. He was one of the finest big bell-ringers that ever stepped in shoes. He went up to London to ring the tenor at St. Saviour's, Southwark, on his (the speaker's) 21st birthday. St. Saviour's tenor at that time was something to be reckoned with; it was not the beautifully easy-going bell that it now is. To see him ring that difficult bell was like watching a bit of well-oiled machinery. Another peal in which he rang with George Breed was the first peal of Stedman Cinques in the North of England, at Sheffield. Of that company, there were now only three left, his old friends, Challis Winney and Jack Rowbotham. It was one of the finest peals it was possible to achieve. In conclusion, Mr. Dawe expressed the hope that those present would be able to meet as friends for many years to come, to honour the memory of the dear old men he had endeavoured to speak about.

The toast was honoured in silence.

Mr. P. J. Johnson submitted 'The Visitors,' and in doing so expressed the regret all felt at the absence of Canon Solloway, the well-known Vicar of Selby, to whom the Church itself owed a great debt, not merely as a friend of ringers, but for his scholarship and the work he had done in the restoration of the great Benedictine Abbey Church of Selby. He advised all the visitors who had not already been there to call at Selby to see for themselves the great restoration work that had been carried out there, and for which Canon Solloway was largely responsible. Mr. Johnson went on to refer to the numerous representatives of other societies who were present. They took the presence of these gentlemen, he said, as an indication that they desired to honour the memory of one who did more for change ringing than any single man had ever done. These visitors, many of whom had come long distances, came not merely to enjoy a convivial evening, but to add their tribute to the genius of the men who had now gone from their midst. The Yorkshire Association was greatly indebted to them for their presence that night.

Mr. Albert Walker, who first responded, thanked the Yorkshire men for the hearty welcome the visitors had received. They all joined, he said, in regretting the absence of Canon Solloway, of whom many of them had the pleasantest recollection, and they wished him a speedy recovery from his illness. Mr. Walker said he brought from Alderman Pritchett, the Presiding Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, an expression of his best wishes for a happy evening and his regret that he was unable to be present that night. In conclusion, he congratulated the York Society on the way in which they had organised that dinner.

A PRESENTATION BELL.

Mr. Cyril F. Johnston, who also replied, said that one of the things that struck him most about the career of Jasper Snowdon, who was such a great ringer, such an able man, and one who did so much for ringing before he died at a comparatively early age, was that he actually walked from Leeds to London in five days. He wondered how many of them could do that without getting knocked up before they got through. Continuing, Mr. Johnston said that recently they had a visit at the Croydon Foundry from the Rev. C. C. Marshall, their chairman, and by a coincidence it so happened that on the day of his visit they were casting the peal of bells for Burley, Leeds, which was an adjoining parish to his own. It was purely a happy coincidence, but knowing how deeply Mr. Marshall was connected with ringing and the work he had done for the Yorkshire Association, he thought they would not mind if he took that opportunity to make him a little present as a memento of the occasion. He had therefore surreptitiously brought that memento with him to hand over to Mr. Marshall. It was a model bell, inscribed, 'To the Rev. C. C. Marshall, who was present when the bells were cast for St. Matthew's Church, Burley, Leeds, on the 20th September, 1930. A memento of the occasion.'

Mr. Johnston handed the gift to Mr. Marshall amid applause, and the Chairman expressed his sincere thanks for the handsome present, which he said he would value and treasure very much. It would be used at his little cottage in Wales to ring him in from the sea when he was away in his boat and they wanted him back. It would be a pleasure to have it there to remind him of his visit to the foundry, and of the fact that he was present at the founding of the bells for almost the next parish to his own at Leeds. He should always have a unique interest in those bells, and Mr. Johnston's gift would remind him of that visit to the foundry when they were cast.

DIFFICULTIES OF A BIG AREA.

The Chairman proposed 'Continued prosperity to the Yorkshire Association,' and remarked that he had received a letter from Miss Snowdon, who, in the name of her mother and herself, sent their good wishes to that gathering, and assured them of their good wishes always for the association with which they felt themselves so closely connected by bearing the name of Snowdon (hear, hear). He was sure he would only be following the desire of those present if he reciprocated those good wishes to Mrs. and Miss Snowdon (applause). The association, continued the Chairman, started from a small beginning in 1875 under the wonderful impetus of the enthusiasm of their great founder, Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, and it had gone on to truly great things. He thought he was right in saying the Yorkshire Association now held an honoured place among the ringing societies of the land, and had earned an honoured name amongst ringers. The future rested with the present members, and it was therefore well that they should consider how the prosperity of that association could be continued. In his view they must all try to preserve and to increase the Yorkshire characteristics of their association, because he believed that was what they existed for. In the past it had been the Yorkshire characteristics which had brought honour to their association. Those who were visitors from different parts of the country would, he thought, realise that there were certain things in the Yorkshire character which were worth preserving. Yorkshiremen might be rather blunt; they might be rather bad-mannered, but that was only on the surface, because, as they all knew, behind that brusqueness there was a heart of real goodwill, and there was a thoroughness and reliability which he hoped would always be the characteristic of the members of that association, and would make them honoured wherever they went (applause). The Yorkshire Association was responsible for an extensive area. He sometimes felt that people did not always realise the difficulty of maintaining the life of the association over so wide an area, and the officers were from time to time very troubled as to what was the best way to carry on the work covering the whole of that great county. It was a very real problem, because of the difficulty there was of getting from place to place, and there was also the fact that there was working in Northern Yorkshire another honoured association, the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association. Somehow, it seemed wrong that there should be two competing associations covering that part of the county, and he could not help feeling that for the prosperity of the association they ought all to contemplate some kind of affiliation between those two societies, so that the competition between them might be done away with, and they might work together amicably, the smaller association keeping its identity, yet being part of the county association.

LOYALTY NEEDED.

They were, he continued, an association banded together for the good of the whole, and they could not have prosperity unless there was a very real spirit of loyalty. He trusted the members would always have this in the forefront of their efforts and of their thoughts. Sometimes one felt in these days that there was not the same loyalty amongst the members of the association that there was in the past. When one thought of the giants of the past, whose names they had honoured that evening, one realised how intensely loyal they were. They realised that the honour of the association rested with them; they endured a great amount of self-sacrifice to further the welfare of the association to which they belonged, and for the cause they had at heart. Those who were following them must endeavour to foster that same spirit of loyalty, and of considering the good of the whole over their individual pleasure. Then, too, continued the Chairman, the association existed for, and the continued prosperity of their association must rest upon, the very real interest which they gave to their art, and one hoped that the association which in the past had brought forth such great names would continue to do so in the future, and that the memory of the men who had gone would stir them to become pioneers of the art and to uphold the high traditions of which they were now the representatives (applause). It used to be said that in Yorkshire there was only one method rung, and that was Kent Treble Bob. There was a time, perhaps, when to a great extent that remark did apply, and one reason probably was the contests which took place in certain parts, but whatever they might say about contests, they did foster one of the essentials of change ringing—extreme care in striking. In these days, however, ringing was spread over many other methods, and he hoped that in the practice of the more intricate methods their members would continue to take that care and that pride in the striking of their bells, and especially in the rising and falling in peal. Their association existed also as a branch of church work, and that always must be kept in mind, for they would never bring full prosperity to their association unless they remembered they

were an integral part of the great Church to which they belonged and to which the bells belonged. They must remember that they were ministers of that Church, that they gave their services to it, and he hoped that, more and more, ringers would be identified with the full, free and true life of the Church of England to which they had the honour to belong (applause). The Chairman then referred to the recent death of Mr. Arthur Craven, who was one of their most eminent members—a very eminent ringer and composer, and he thought it right that they should that evening in some way express their sorrow at his death and their esteem for the work he had done for the Exercise (hear, hear).

The company thereupon rose and stood in silence for a few moments.

A vote of thanks to the artists was proposed by Mr. F. E. Dawe, and the speechmaking concluded with 'The health of the chairman,' proposed in complimentary terms by Mr. T. F. Earnshaw, and responded to by the Rev. C. C. Marshall.

The musical programme was a most enjoyable one, for much of which the Ebor Quartette was responsible. Their glees and part-songs were splendidly rendered and much appreciated by the audience. Songs were also rendered by the members of the party. The humorist was Mr. Holmes, who created great amusement by a topical song, in which he introduced the names of many of the prominent ringers present. A course of Stedman Cinques was rung on handbells, and some handbell tunes also added to the variety of the excellent programme.

Many of the visitors who had come from a distance stayed the night in York, and rang at the Minster in the morning, while some afterwards visited Esrick, Tadcaster and Selby.

INFORMATION WANTED.

One of our readers, who thoroughly enjoyed himself at York last Saturday, would be glad of a little information on the following points:—

1. Who provided the humorous singer with the information for his excellent topical song?
2. Why did not the president see all his 'children' safely to bed as in former years?
3. Will the 'silent member' from Bristol, as a result of his experiences, take more care of his bedroom key on future occasions?
4. Who was the gentleman who rang for his shaving water at 1.30 a.m.?
5. Did he get it?
6. Whether it is true that a certain 'delicate' visitor from Suffolk was negotiating with Teddy Brown for an exchange of garments?
7. Was the bell presented to the chairman tuned on the five-tone harmonic principle?
8. Was the gentleman who made the presentation sincere when he declared that the reason for his not having a wife was that he couldn't get one?
9. Any offers?
10. Was the carving knife, sharpened 'off stage' during one of the speeches, intended for cutting the yarn?
11. What kind of bar did a clerical speaker refer to as a suitable reward for long service?
12. Who was the gentleman who had the temerity to revisit, after six years, the scene of his Waterloo?
13. Did the heroes who journeyed back to London by the 3 a.m. train enjoy their journey?
14. Why was there no Yorksher Pudden?

TROUBLES IN THE TOWER.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Your leading article of September 26th should go a long way to solving the problem, but not, as you stated, in Essex. I assume it is next door in 'Silly Suffolk.' I believe Mr. Winney is right. I am afraid your correspondent 'J.W.D.' does not offer a very helpful solution of the problem. Why should he say 'complicated methods are hammered off each other'? The insinuation is there which shows he has little inclination to make progress. He, amongst many, must realise that in ringing, as in every other pursuit, there is no standing still. This is the day of progress, and if that does not happen, you must go backwards. I have 'had some.' You find a drone in more than one tower. I will leave it at that.

Now, sir, one more point. If the arrangement you suggest is approved of by Mr. Pipe's friends, with a proviso that the numbers of the stoney ringers are not added to, this would eliminate the stoney hand in time, and let the change ringers put their whole best in their work and press forward. Then they will be in time independent of any stoney men.—Yours truly,

ESSEX COLT.

LONDON RINGER'S FATALITY.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Harry Dyas, a well-known London ringer, who passed away on Friday at St. Stephen's Hospital. On September 29th Mr. Dyas, while crossing the road near his home, was knocked down by a motor vehicle and badly hurt. He was taken to hospital, where, as stated, he succumbed to his injuries.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

LARGE GATHERING AT HORNCHURCH.

No doubt the fine weather was responsible for the large number of ringers and friends who put in an appearance at Hornchurch on Saturday last for the meeting of the South-Western Division of the Essex Association, as, during the afternoon and evening, representatives totalling 69 were present, 53 of that number sitting down to tea. The towers represented were Braintree, Romford, Bushey, Maldon, All Saints', Hornchurch, Leytonstone, Wanstead, West Ham, Prittlewell, Tilbury, Woodford, Barking, Leyton, Brentwood, Grandisburgh (Suffolk), Bentley, Orsett, Erith and London. The bells were rung half-muffled prior to the service as a mark of respect to the victims of the R 101 disaster and to Mr. H. Torble, an old member of the West Ham band, who was interred in the City of London cemetery earlier in the day.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. C. K. Waller), at the conclusion of which the hymn, 'Rock of Ages,' was sung instead of one picked from the association service.

After tea, the business meeting was presided over by the Vicar, supported by the Association Master (Mr. C. H. Howard) and Mr. A. Prior (District Master).

One honorary, two life non-resident, and two resident ringing members were elected.

It was decided to hold the next meeting, the district annual, at Brentwood on November 22nd.

The meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for allowing the use of tower and bells and conducting the service, to the organist, Mr. Page, for accompanying the hymns, etc., and to Messrs. Dale and McDougal, of the Hornchurch band, for having everything in readiness. This was carried with acclamation and suitably replied to by the Vicar.

A pleasing feature of the meeting was to see Mr. J. Waghorn, sen., present. Despite his 88 years of age, he is still able to put in an appearance at some of the association meetings. A hearty welcome was also extended to the Rev. J. W. Eisdell, who was also present, and who has now taken up residence in Hornchurch.

The bells were kept going till 9 p.m. in various methods from Grandshire to London Surprise, and from 9 till 10 p.m. the time was spent by the younger members listening to the deeds of valour recounted by some of the older members present.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

GREAT MEETING AT READING.

Reading proved a popular resort for ringers on Saturday, especially for the ladies. Close on sixty put in an appearance for the meeting of the Southern and Central Districts of the Ladies' Guild, thirty of them being members of the 'fair sex.' Everyone was full of praise for the ring of twelve at St. Laurence's Church, which were 'manned' once or twice by the ladies for rounds and for a course of Stedman Cinques.

The Guild service at St. Laurence's was conducted by Canon G. F. Coleridge, who gave an inspiring address which made the members feel that they must live up to it and be faithful ministers of the Church.

The party then adjourned to the hall and enjoyed a tea arranged by Miss Blencowe and other lady members of St. Laurence's. After the tea, Mrs. Deal, vice-president of the Central District, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicars of St. Laurence's, St. Mary's and St. Peter's (Caversham), for the use of the bells, to Canon G. F. Coleridge for conducting the service and giving the address, and to the ladies who provided tea.

Miss Robinson occupied the chair for the business meeting, at which six ringing members were elected, viz., Miss Wills (Croydon), Miss K. Mills (Abingdon), and Misses Hayes, Lovett, Holloway and Belcher (Reading). Miss Hilda Taylor, of Maidenhead, was elected an honorary member, and at the age of three months holds the record of being the youngest member of the Guild. It was arranged to hold the next quarterly meeting of the Southern District at Farnham in conjunction with the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, if possible on January 24th, 1931.

The business meeting over, the members visited St. Mary's Church, where the ladies proved their skill with heavy bells by ringing a very good touch of Stedman Triples conducted by Mrs. Fletcher. The bells were half-muffled in token of respect for the heroes of R 101.

The Vicar came into the tower and greeted the ringers before they left.

Ringers from a distance were pleased to have the opportunity of congratulating him on his bells and well-kept belfry. The bells were lowered in peal, and then some of the visitors went on to St. Peter's, where a welcome awaited them, and they rang various touches of Major, including a course of Cambridge.

Ringers were present from Aldershot, Alton, Abingdon, Bath, Beaconsfield, Bristol, Bucklebury, Cookham, Croydon, Enfield, Edmonton, East Ham, Farnham, High Wycombe, Hillingdon, Maidenhead, Norwich, Oxford, Reading, Slough, West Clandon and Wokingham.

The Guild takes this opportunity of thanking all who supported the meeting.

JUBILEE OF CRAWLEY BELLS.

RINGING'S UPS AND DOWNS AT A CELEBRATED TOWER.

The jubilee of the bells at St. John-the-Baptist's Church, Crawley, Sussex, has just been reached. They were opened on October 6th, 1880, having been put in (to replace three old bells more or less cracked) by the efforts of the then Rector, the Rev. J. Barrett Lennard, who was himself a ringer. Since those days ringing history has been made at Crawley. Older members of the Exercise will recall the many performances, particularly of Superlative Surprise, including the then record of 9,312 rung on Boxing Day, 1894, accomplished by a band under the leadership of Mr. James Parker (now of Edmonton) and including such well-known names as those of Rice and Jordan, Alf Mills and Fred Deuch. In these peals James Parker was generally to be found on the seventh, with Fred Rice, something of a 'character' in his way, on the tenor. For some few years from about 1891, Crawley had one of the 'safest' Superlative companies in the country, and was a stronghold of Sussex change ringing. Then Mr. Parker went to London, others followed him, and ringing at Crawley went downhill until, in 1902, Mr. A. D. Mills formed a band, the present leader (Mr. O. Sippetts) being one of these, generally ringing the 2nd from a box 10 inches high. In 1907 a local peal of Grandsire was rung, and thence onwards, to the outbreak of war, a fair band was maintained.

After the war, ill-health, etc., prevented the older ringers taking active part, and an effort was made to raise a band of ladies, but



The Tower of St. John-the-Baptist's Church, Crawley, Sussex.

that could not be called a success. In 1923 Mr. J. Rice and Mr. A. Mills passed away, leaving only Mr. O. Sippetts and three young lads, who could ring rounds, to carry on. However, by dint of great effort, Mr. Sippetts began to get together another band, and this he did with the aid of the valuable services of Mr. A. J. Rull, of Horley, who assisted in training the new hands. Every practice saw him in the tower. When a certain amount of progress had been made, other ringers were attracted to the tower, and practice in higher methods began. At the moment, London and Bristol, as well as other Surprise methods, are rung, and although a peal has not yet been scored in the two methods named, it is hoped that it will not be long before this is achieved.

To commemorate the jubilee of the bells, a peal of New Cambridge (recorded elsewhere) was rung by members of the local branch.

The bells, in the key of F, are as follows:—

Treble.—Weight, 4 cwt. 2 qr. 13½ lb.; inscription, Glory.

2.—4 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. Sir W. W. Burrell. Honour.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

ASTON BELLS TO BE RESTORED.

The usual quarterly meeting of St. Martin's Guild was held on Saturday, October 4th, at Handsworth Parish Church, Birmingham. Ringing took place from three o'clock onwards, and at 4.30 the Guild's service was conducted by the Rector, Canon W. G. Arrow-smith, who also gave a very helpful address. Tea was served in the schoolroom, presided over by the Rector, who stated that he was particularly pleased to welcome the Guild at his church.

The business meeting followed, at which the Presiding Ringing Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, took the chair. Formal business having been disposed of, Mr. Albert Walker proposed, and it was unanimously agreed, to hold the annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner on Saturday, February 28th, 1931, as usual, and that the officers of the Guild make the necessary arrangements.

Mr. W. Davies reported that the Parochial Church Council of Aston Parish Church at their last meeting had definitely decided to proceed with the restoration of the bells.

The Chairman remarked that he was sure not only the Guild but members of the Exercise generally would be pleased to hear that this ancient peal was to be restored. In the years past the bells had always been available for peal ringing, and many notable peals had been rung on them. As the parish was a very poor one, he suggested that many ringers throughout the country would be happy to have the opportunity of subscribing towards their restoration. He therefore proposed: 'That a subscription list be opened in aid of the restoration fund, and that subscriptions be invited from members of the Exercise in general.'—This was seconded by Mr. Paddon Smith and carried unanimously.

Local representatives were requested to collect subscriptions from their members and forward to the hon. secretary.

Votes of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and schools and for his address at the service, and to Mr. Danby for having everything ready, concluded the meeting.

The annual meeting was fixed for Saturday, January 3rd, 1931, at headquarters.

THE PEAL AT ISHAM.

The composition of this peal was arranged with two Singles only, viz., at halfway and end, the halves of the 720's being arranged in corresponding positions in the two halves of the peal. This causes the row 123456 to come up at the end of each of the first six 360's, and 124356 to come up at the end of the next seven 360's. It would be interesting to learn if this is the first peal of plain Minor methods to be rung with two Singles only.

CARE AND PRESERVATION OF BELLS.

The book on the 'Care and Preservation of Church Bells,' which is now out of print, has been carefully revised and rewritten by the members of the Towers and Belfries Committee of the Central Council, and the cost of reprinting is being defrayed by private subscriptions. Tenders were invited from four printers connected with the Exercise, and that of 'The Ringing World,' being the lowest, was accepted.

It is hoped that this useful book will be on sale at an early date.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

DEPTFORD.—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, on Tuesday evening, September 30th, on the occasion of a special visit of the Bishop of Southwark and the Bishop of Woolwich for the institution and induction of the Rev. G. H. Lunn, M.A., as Vicar, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 43 mins.: F. W. Richardson 1, A. James 2, J. J. Lamb 3, W. A. Martin 4, E. B. Crowder 5, A. F. Petric 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, H. Flower 8.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Tuesday, September 30th, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes, composed by W. A. Cave): H. S. Parsons 1, H. L. Cook 2, F. J. Lewis, sen., 3, H. C. Bond 4, F. J. Lewis, jun., 5, H. Lewis 6, W. H. Hayward (conductor) 7, F. Edwards 8.

BIRKENHEAD.—At St. Mary's Parish Church, on Monday, September 29th, 720 Plain Bob Minor: H. Parry 1, W. Goodwin (first 720 'inside' and rung at first attempt) 2, W. J. Battle 3, W. Battle 4, J. F. Smith 5, J. Cooke (conductor) 6.

ALDFORD, CHESHIRE.—On Thursday, September 18th, 720 London Surprise Minor: W. Thomas 1, R. Sperring 2, H. W. Wilde 3, G. Jones 4, J. W. Clarke 5, J. Morgan 6.

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3.—4 cwt. 2 qr. 25½ lb. Praise.

4.—5 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. Thanksgiving.

5.—6 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. Joy.

6.—8 cwt. 0 qr. 9½ lb. Sir T. B. Lennard. Brotherly Love.

7.—9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. J. B. Lennard. Worship.

Tenor.—13 cwt. 3 qr. 12½ lb. R. Loder. Prayer.

THE AIRSHIP DISASTER.

MUFFLED BELLS THROUGHOUT THE LAND.

One of the expressions of national mourning and sympathy for the deaths of the gallant men who perished in the disaster to the airship R 101 has been the ringing of muffled bells throughout the country, particularly on Saturday, when the funeral took place. The peals rung are recorded in their proper columns.

It was the sad privilege of members of the Bedford District of the Bedfordshire Association to show their deep regret for those who lost their lives in the airship R 101, and their sympathy for the bereaved. Immediately at the conclusion of the burial service the two following 'touches' were brought round on the fine peal at the Parish Church of St. Mary, Cardington, with the bells half-muffled: 336 Bob Major: Miss D. Steel 1, H. Gayton 2, C. W. Clarke (conductor) 3, S. Foskett 4, P. C. Bonnett 5, W. Stapleton 6, E. Freeman 7, H. Stapleton 8; followed by 167 Grandsire Triples: F. Tysoe 1, H. Gayton 2, C. W. Clarke (conductor) 3, H. Stapleton 4, P. C. Bonnett 5, W. Stapleton 6, S. Foskett 7, E. Freeman 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

At St. Paul's Church, Bedford, during the detrainment of the bodies at Bedford and their departure to Cardington, a quarter-peal of Stedman was rung with the bells muffled, in 50 mins.: H. L. Harlow 1, Miss E. Steel 2, G. W. Harris 3, E. H. Tingey 4, H. Tysoe 5, H. Sharp 6, A. E. Sharman (conductor) 7, L. Williams 8. Further touches of Stedman and Treble Bob were rung during the afternoon, and for evensong on Sunday 514 Stedman Caters was rung.

At All Saints' Church, Leighton Buzzard, with the bells half-muffled, on Saturday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): W. Jeffs 1, F. Vickers 2, R. Butcher 3, B. Whitney 4, F. Plummer 5, J. E. Arnold (conductor) 6, J. Nicholls 7, J. Shepherd 8. During the ringing of this quarter-peal, the special train from Euston to Bedford, carrying the coffins of the dead of the R 101, passed through Leighton Buzzard station.

On Saturday evening, at the Parish Church of St. George, Doncaster, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins. with the bells half-muffled: G. Hawksworth (conductor) 1, C. Holmes 2, E. Cooper 3, J. McClusky 4, W. Lloyd 5, R. Thompson 6, F. Newsome 7, H. Baldwin 8. Also for Sunday morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Newsome 1, E. Baldwin 2, J. Holmes 3, W. Betley 4, C. Holmes 5, W. Lloyd 6, R. Thompson (conductor) 7, W. Walker 8.

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, Brith, Kent, on Saturday, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): L. J. Cullum 1, J. J. Lamb 2, H. Hovard 3, B. W. Aldridge 4, W. J. Beer 5, R. Brett Smith 6, H. A. Holden 7, F. J. Cullum, jun. (conductor) 8. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal.

On Sunday, October 12th, for morning service at Leiston, Suffolk, 1,024 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. Keeble 1, H. J. Button 2, J. M. Bailey 3, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 4, J. G. Rumsey 5, E. S. Bailey 6, L. P. Bailey 7, F. J. Smith 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled. Longest length by H. J. Button for 25 years.

At Bradwell, on October 12th, for evensong, with the clappers half-muffled, 720 Grandsire Doubles: M. Chapman 1, E. Whitlock (conductor) 2, G. French (first 720) 3, A. Coley 4, C. Alderman 5, A. Lathal 6.

At Milnrow, Lancs, on Sunday, October 12th, before morning service, with fully-muffled bells, 504 Bob Major: S. Parry 1, G. Staff (conductor) 2, W. Staff 3, J. H. C. Massey 4, S. W. Dunn 5, J. C. Bennett 6, J. B. Shaw 7, A. Sidebottom 8.

On Saturday, October 11th, at St. Mary's Church, Ringstead, Northants, 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins. with the bells fully muffled: E. E. Whitmore 1, A. Smethers 2, W. Copperwheat (first 720 inside) 3, G. H. Roberts 4, W. J. Whitmore (conductor) 5, C. M. Whitney 6.

At Sutton-on-Trent, Notts, on Friday, October 10th, in 47 mins., a quarter-peal of Minor, being 360 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine and Oxford Treble Bob, and 180 Plain Bob, rung with half-muffled clappers: H. Denman (first in four methods) 1, H. Cafferata 2, Miss K. Burchall 3, Miss G. Burchall 4, E. Midwinter 5, L. Pierrepont (conductor) 6.

At the Church of St. Giles, Stony Stratford, on Saturday, October 11th, in 50 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Clark 1, H. E. Tompkins 2, E. Yates 3, T. C. Tompkins 4, W. Neale 5, E. G. Lambert 6, H. C. Edwards (conductor) 7, T. Trasler 8. Rung with half-muffled clappers.

At Cosgrove, Northants, on Saturday, October 11th, in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: W. Crowder 1, E. C. Lambert (conductor) 2, J. Higgins 3, E. Hillyer 4, F. Johnson 5. Rung with half-muffled clappers.

At Faringdon, Berks, on Saturday, October 11th, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 52 mins. with muffled bells: E. Walker 1, F. Wheeler 2, H. Wheeler 3, H. Taylor 4, C. I. J. Pearce (conductor) 5, E. C. Hughes 6, T. Clarke 7, J. Beasley 8.

At Dover, Kent, on Friday evening, October 10th, 504 Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled. The bodies of the crew of the R 101 were landed on the Admiralty pier, Dover, on Tuesday night from the destroyer 'Tempest.' The following ringers took part in touches: G. Eagles, S. A. Wells, J. Eagles, C. George, H. J. Saunders, C. Turner (conductor), H. Whitehead and C. Hardeman.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 293rd anniversary dinner will be held at the Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, on Saturday, November 8th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. each, may be obtained until Nov. 4th from Messrs. 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, C. W. Pipe, G. N. Price, W. Prime, C. W. Roberts, W. Roughton, J. W. Rowbotham, W. Rush-ton, E. J. Sampson, A. Walker, C. F. Winney or W. T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on October 30th, St. Magnus' on the 23rd, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 28th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Prestwich Parish Church on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Preacher: The Rector (Canon Cooper). Tea, 5.15 p.m., at the Co-op. Café, at 1s. 3d. per head. Meeting in the Institute after. Expecting a good turn up.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Uckfield on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Tower open 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting of the above Guild will be held at Hothfield on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. All ringers welcome. — A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden, Kent.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—A meeting will be held at Kilsale on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells (8) ready at 2.30.—C. F. Bailey, 20, Haylings Road, Leiston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Standish on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells available at 3 p.m. A good attendance requested.—James W. Grounds, Hon. Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Ely District will be held at Ickleton on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcomed. Please notify Mr. P. Webb, Ickleton, near Great Chesterford, Essex, for tea.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

EPSOM, SURREY.—Re-opening of Christ Church bells, after rehanging by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Service 3.30 p.m. Preacher, the Assistant Bishop of Guildford. All ringers welcome.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Deeping St. Nicholas on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Curdrige on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in the Reading Room. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—The next meeting will be held at Staveley on Saturday, Oct. 18th. All ringers will be welcome. Tea, 1s. each.—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ditchat on Saturday, October 18th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in the Church Room at 5.—E. F. Creed, Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Nuttall on Oct. 18th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Come and try this 'nobby' peal and also look your methods up. — E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Terling on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells (5) available 2.30 p.m. A short service in the church at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., price 10d. each. Business meeting to follow. A National omnibus will leave Chelmsford Station at 2.15, 3.15 and 4.30 p.m. Return fare 1s. 4d. It is hoped that members will attend and help make this meeting a success.—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Sawbridgeworth on Wednesday, Oct. 22nd, at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m.—C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Milton-next-Gravesend, Kent.—The dedication service of the restored peal of six bells and two new trebles at the Parish Church, Milton-next-Gravesend, will be held on Thursday, Oct. 23rd, at 7.30 p.m. Dedication by the Right Rev. the Dean of Rochester (Dr. R. T. Talbot, D.D.). All ringers welcome. The tower will be open after the service, followed by a social in the Schoolroom, arranged by the Ladies' Committee (free). To facilitate catering arrangements, will all who intend to be present please drop a postcard before Monday, Oct. 20th, to Fred M. Mitchell, 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend?

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton District.—Quarterly meeting at Ropley, Saturday, October 25th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in the Coffee Room. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Thursday, 23rd.—B. C. Taylor, Binsted Vicarage, Alton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—The annual party will be held at Balderstone on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by social evening. Tickets, 2s. each, obtainable from local secretaries. — William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District. — The annual district meeting will be held at Rochester Cathedral on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service in Cathedral at 4 p.m. Tea at City Café at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Those intending to be present at tea must kindly let me know by Tuesday, 21st.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By the kind permission of the Rev. E. D. Bowser, the autumn meeting will be held at Upper Deal on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service. Half fares up to 2s. will be paid to members attending this meeting. Will those intending to be present please notify me on or before Thursday, Oct. 23rd?—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—An opportunity for further ringing on the newly augmented peal at Irchester will be offered on Saturday, Oct. 25th, when a quarterly meeting will be held there. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those who hope to be present for tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, Oct. 21st? — F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Chilvers Coton (Nuneaton) on Saturday, Oct. 25th (not 18th, as previously arranged). Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church to be conducted by the Vicar (Rev. J. A. B. Davies, M.A.) at 4.30. Tea, at 5 o'clock, in Coventry Road School, 1s. each. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Epping Upland on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting follows. — C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern.—Book this date! Hitchin (8), Oct. 25th. Particulars later.—Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Bristol Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Henbury on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea afterwards. Will tower secretaries please collect outstanding subscriptions for 1930? Thank you. All ringers welcome. — Harry Bennett, Branch Honorary Secretary, Highfield, Runswick Road, Brislington.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Wooburn, on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells (8) available at 3.30 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Oct. 20th.—A. D. Baker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Barton-on-Humber on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Service 3.45. Tea (1s. 6d. each) 4.15, for those who notify Mr. A. W. Hoodles, 11, Holydyke, Barton-on-Humber, by the Wednesday previous. Bells (8) available from 11 to 9.30 p.m.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 43, Etherington Street, Gainsborough.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Pitsford on Saturday, Oct. 25th. These bells have been rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify me not later than Tuesday, Oct. 21st, who require tea.—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Fairfield (Buxton) on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Church of St. Peter (6 bells, tenor 12 cwt.) available afternoon and evening. As this is the first M.C.A. meeting to be held here a good attendance is hoped for and visitors from other areas will be welcome. Tea, 1s. each, to all who notify Mr. S. Boundy, 19, Queen's Road, Buxton. There are still a few outstanding subscriptions and a number of reports to be disposed of.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Leamwood, Dore, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at The Saviour's, Bolton, on Saturday Oct. 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 25th, at Arksey. Bells (8) ready early. Names for tea to be sent to Mr. G. Clark, 10, Dawood Villas, Bentley, not later than 23rd. Will all members please make an effort to pay up outstanding subscriptions at this meeting? All ringers welcome.—Percy Gledstone, Hon. Sec., 34, Silverwood View, Conisborough.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Apsley End on Oct. 25th. Bells at 3 p.m. There will be a service, tea and meeting. All ringers welcome.—J. Puplett, Aylesbury Road, Tring.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Bath, on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, at Furzes, Southgate Street. A good attendance is requested.—T. Grant, Hon. Sec., Swainswick, Bath, Som.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Paul's Stalybridge on Sat. October 25th. Bells ready 3.30 p.m. Meeting 7.—S. Thompson, Hon. Sec., 16, Market St., Ashton-under-Lyne.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—N. and E. District.—Next meeting at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea, at 1s. each, at 5.30. Please advise me if you are coming, three days' notice will suffice.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Lewisham, on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea will be provided, but only for those who notify me by Monday, Oct. 27th.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Buckland on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea by invitation of the Rector. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, Oct. 29th.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Kirkham on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. A special invitation to Preston branch ringers is extended.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., 118, Dickson Road, Blackpool.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Immanuel Church, Oswaldtwistle, on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Axbridge Deanery, under the auspices of the above association, will, on Saturday, Nov. 15th, hold their first annual dinner, concert and dance at the Cairo Hotel, near the Marine Lake, Weston-super-Mare. The hall is noted for its spacious ballroom and lounges, which will be available. Speeches will be very limited. The bells of Weston-super-Mare, Uphill, Bleadon and Kewstoke will be available. Bed and breakfast for those desiring to stay can be arranged for 6s. 6d. inclusive. Any friends invited, tickets 3s. 6d. inclusive, may be obtained from L. G. Tanner, Local Hon. Sec., 51, Locking Road, Weston-super-Mare.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs ringing every Sunday morning from 9.45 till 10.50. All ringers are welcome.—R. Lathbury, J. Ward and E. Hibbins, who are endeavouring to get Sunday service ringing in the town.

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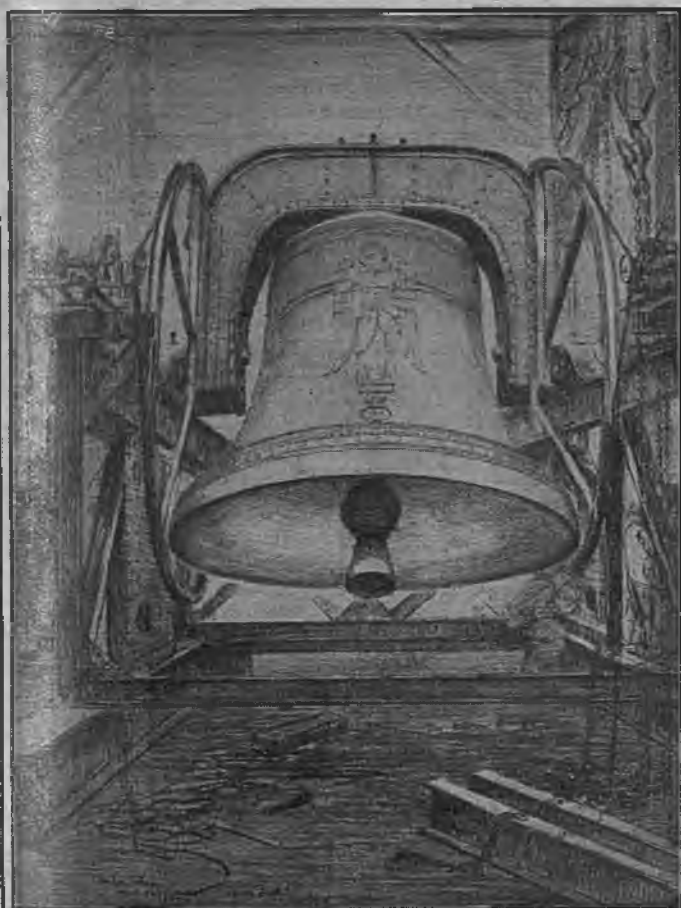
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One of the problems that constantly face the Exercise is that of obtaining and keeping recruits. It has been discussed many times and by many different sections of the ringing fraternity, but in these days of almost unlimited counter attractions there is a great difficulty first in getting young people into the belfry, and next, having got them, in keeping them there. Recently, a meeting of the Lancashire Association referred the subject to the committee to grapple with and everyone will watch with interest for the recommendations they may make. Frankly, the question is a difficult one, and it is also an important one. If the art of ringing is to be maintained, it is essential that the ranks of the Exercise shall be also maintained; yet everywhere there is a demand for beginners which cannot be satisfied.

In another column a correspondent puts forward some suggestions for helping beginners to keep their interest, and curiously enough one of his proposals is on the same lines as a suggestion made by a speaker at the York dinner, namely, that of giving badges or certificates to mark progress. This, of course, presupposes that the recruits have been obtained. Incidentally, it may be recalled that the same idea was ventilated by the Central Council, carried to the associations for an expression of opinion, and, finally, on a vote at the subsequent Council meeting, turned down. The action of the Council does not, of course, preclude any individual association from adopting a scheme of this kind, and it would be a very useful guide as to its practical worth if some active and enterprising organisation would make the experiment. Among older ringers there seems to be considerable aversion to being 'ticketed,' but there might not be the same reluctance among young ringers to wearing a badge of competence when they are at ringers' gatherings.

But while ringers may object to being labelled, we have never been quite able to understand the objection to the issue of certificates to a young ringer to mark his progress. There are hundreds of ringers up and down the country who are inordinately proud of the certificate of membership of one or more associations, and they are displayed in frames on the walls of their homes. These certificates mean nothing in themselves, except that a man has paid his subscription; why, therefore, should there be any objection to the issue of certificates showing that a ringer has really made progress in the art? Seeing that the test of membership of, at any rate, the majority of associations is the minimum of qualifications, a ringer ought to be far prouder of a certificate which vouches for his recognised competence in the art. Indeed, why should

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there not be provided on the certificate of membership not only a space for the date of election, but spaces in which could be inserted the dates on which the holder qualified for the different grades, which might be laid down as marking a ringer's progress? There might easily be arranged a uniform standard of qualification for each grade, which all associations would recognise, and whenever a reprint of certificates is next made, the necessary provision for endorsement could be made in the design. This, of course, is only a matter of detail, but we offer the suggestion as a contribution to the discussion on the encouragement of young ringers. The great and primary problem, however, is how to get these young ringers!

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| HERBERT J. SKELT ... 2 | DANIEL COOPER ... 7 |
| FRANK JENNINGS ... 3 | AMOS W. CLARK ... 8 |
| *GEORGE WILSON ... 4 | WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 9 |
| GEORGE W. STEERE ... 5 | CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor |

Composed by HENRY HALEY.

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal on ten bells.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, October 18, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

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| *HARRY GOODMAN ... Treble | BENJAMIN GODGH ... 6 |
| HARRY HILL ... 2 | HARRY HUBBLE ... 7 |
| SAMUEL J. HUGHES ... 3 | WALTER FARLEY ... 8 |
| CHARLES WM. COOPER ... 4 | HENRY GOODMAN ... 9 |
| ARTHUR E. WHITMORE ... 5 | JOHN GOODMAN ... Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Herbert J. Sheppard, the much esteemed secretary of the Guild.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 18, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes.

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 38 cwt.

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| MRS. EDITH K. FLETCHER Treble | JACK A. WAUGH ... 6 |
| JOHN G. NASH ... 2 | JOHN R. CRAMPION ... 7 |
| WALTER J. BOWDEN ... 3 | JAMES PARKER ... 8 |
| JOHN THOMAS ... 4 | GEORGE RADLEY ... 9 |
| EDWARD H. KING ... 5 | GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... Tenor |

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

CARDIFF, GLAM.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 18, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF STEOMAN CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

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| *FRANK J. BAILEY ... Treble | FRED LASBURY ... 6 |
| HARRY PAGE ... 2 | ERNEST COOMBS ... 7 |
| ERNEST STITCH ... 3 | *TOM PAGE ... 8 |
| JOHN PHILLIPS ... 4 | FRED CHAMBERLAIN ... 9 |
| ALBERT J. PITMAN ... 5 | SEYMOUR R. BAKER ... Tenor |

Composed by A. B. CARPENTER. Conducted by FRED CHAMBERLAIN

* 50th peal. Rung as a birthday peal to Mr. Ernest Coombs. It was his first peal of Stedman Caters. Rung to honour Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Baker, who celebrated their golden wedding last Friday, the band wishing them future happiness. Mr. Baker is a sidesman and a great worker for St. John's Church.

CUDHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 18, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

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| THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... Treble | FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 6 |
| JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 2 | *HARRY HOVERD ... 7 |
| HERBERT E. AUSDLEY ... 3 | CHARLES W. FRANKLIN ... 8 |
| EDWIN BARNETT, SEN ... 4 | ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 9 |
| HARRY PARKES ... 5 | THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.
First peal on the bells. * First peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BUNBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 11, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BONIFACE.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

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| *ARTHUR TILSTON ... Treble | JOHN RANGLES ... 5 |
| ROBERT SPERRING ... 2 | GEORGE R. JONES ... 6 |
| RONALD G. W. JONES ... 3 | THOMAS GRIFFITHS ... 7 |
| GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 4 | HARRY H. WOODWARD ... Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE R. JONES.

* First peal away from tenor. Rung half-muffled in memory of the R 101 victims.

WOMBOURN, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, October 11, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb.

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| W. DEVEY ... Treble | W. FARLEY ... 5 |
| S. J. HUGHES ... 2 | C. W. COOPER ... 6 |
| W. FULLWOOD ... 3 | J. GOODMAN ... 7 |
| J. PRICE ... 4 | W. GREEN ... Tenor |

Conducted by J. GOODMAN.

Quarterly peal for the Guild.

REIGATE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 11, 1930, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

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| WALTER CLAYDON ... Treble | ALFRED J. BULL ... 5 |
| JOHN BEAMS ... 2 | HARRY K. HOOPER ... 6 |
| ALFRED J. TRAPPITT ... 3 | FRANCIS T. HOAD ... 7 |
| LEONARD TIDY ... 4 | GEORGE F. HOAD ... Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by G. F. HOAD.

Rung, after meeting one short for Treble Ten, with the bells half-muffled in memory of those who lost their lives in the R 101.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(OLDHAM & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, October 14, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

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| *MISS MARIE SYKES ... Treble | WALTER HOWARTH ... 5 |
| OGDEN MOORES ... 2 | VERNON SYKES ... 6 |
| ERNEST MOORES ... 3 | CHARLES N. MARSLAND ... 7 |
| HERBERT BARLOW ... 4 | ALFRED WAITE ... Tenor |

Conducted by VERNON SYKES.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung with the bells muffled in honour of the men who lost their lives in the R 101 disaster. Miss M. Sykes, sister of the conductor, has the honour of being the first lady ringer to ring a peal on the bells at Oldham Parish Church. Ringers of 2nd, 3rd and 5th from Leesfield, 4th Glodwick, the rest Oldham.

REDDISH, LANC.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 14, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELIZABETH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| ALLEN F. BAILEY ... Treble | ERNEST BENNETT ... 5 |
| PETER LAFLIN ... 2 | † JOSEPH WILSON ... 6 |
| * WILLIAM PYE ... 3 | FREDERICK PAGE ... 7 |
| * DONALD BROWN ... 4 | HAROLD JACKSON ... Tenor |

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Stedman Triples 'inside.' Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. Page.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

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| *ALFRED J. BULL ... Treble | *REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 5 |
| *GEORGE OLLIVER ... 2 | *NELSON ELLIOTT ... 6 |
| GEORGE ELLIS ... 3 | *CECIL NICE ... 7 |
| *KENNETH SNELLING ... 4 | OLIVER SIFFETTS ... Tenor |

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by O. SIFFETTS.

* First peal in the method.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALMOND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

G. LINDOFF'S SIX-PART, NO. 11.

Tenor 17 cwt.

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| JOHN H. SWINFELD ... Treble | PERCY DUDLEY ... 5 |
| MAURICE SWINFELD ... 2 | JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... 6 |
| MISS ELIZABETH FOULK ... 3 | JAMES GEORGE ... 7 |
| JOSEPH BAILEY ... 4 | BENJAMIN GREATORREX ... Tenor |

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

KENNINGHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 17, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

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| *WALTER GIBBINS ... Treble | ERIC G. BENNETT ... 5 |
| ALPHAUS J. BERRY ... 2 | CHARLES F. GOODMAN ... 6 |
| STANLEY G. FULLER ... 3 | † NOLAN GOLDEN ... 7 |
| RAY GRANT ... 4 | STANLEY A. HOLMAN ... Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal. † First peal of Bob Triples. First peal of Triples by all except conductor, and first attempt.

CONGLETON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 18, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| THOMAS HURD ... Treble | † JACK TIPPER ... 5 |
| *JOHN WORTH ... 2 | ERNEST BENNETT ... 6 |
| † DAVID SMITH ... 3 | GEORGE W. BIDDULPH ... 7 |
| *WILFRED STEVENSON ... 4 | HARRY PARKER ... Tenor |

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by ERNEST BENNETT.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † First peal of Major. The treble ringer's 50th peal.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES
Tenor 12 cwt.

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| BRO. ARTHUR JACKSON, Kirkdale Lodge, No. 1756 | ... | Treble |
| BRO. JOHN WILKINSON, Mariner's Lodge, No. 249 | ... | 2 |
| BRO. GEORGE R. NEWTON, Temperance Lodge, No. 2714 | ... | 3 |
| BRO. J. RICHARD TAYLOR, Ribble Lodge, No. 4358 | ... | 4 |
| BRO. GEORGE LUNT, Dominion Lodge, No. 4289... | ... | 5 |
| BRO. WILLIAM TAYLOR, Coppull Lodge, No. 4232 | ... | 6 |
| BRO. ERNEST L. HUMPHRIS, Harmony Lodge, No. 220... | ... | 7 |
| BRO. HERBERT LODKIN, Equity Lodge, No. 1384 | ... | Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by BRO. GEORGE R. NEWTON.

This is the first peal in the method by a band of Freemasons. The band would like to thank Bro. Claude I. Davies, Lancastrian Lodge No. 3831, for his assistance in arranging this peal.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

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| NOLAN GOLDEN | ... | Treble | CHARLES E. LOVETT | ... | 5 |
| ALPHEDUS J. BERRY | ... | 2 | GEORGE BAILEY | ... | 6 |
| GEORGE MAYERS | ... | 3 | GEORGE ARCHER | ... | 7 |
| ERIC G. BENNETT | ... | 4 | FREDERICK SEAGER | ... | Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Mr. Seager is from Bradford, and was on holiday in the county.

GREAT BARDFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 18, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES
Tenor 16 cwt. in F sharp.

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| BASIL RIDGWELL | ... | Treble | OLAVE BROYD | ... | 5 |
| *FRANK HARRINGTON | ... | 2 | WALTER SMITH | ... | 6 |
| GEORGE PIPER | ... | 3 | JOSEPH C. JENNINGS | ... | 7 |
| BERNARD W. PETTITT | ... | 4 | ERNEST TOWNSEND | ... | Tenor |

Composed by J. WILDE. Conducted by JOSEPH C. JENNINGS.

* First peal in the method 'inside.'

CANNOCK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 18, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES
Tenor 14 cwt.

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| JOHN C. ADAMS | ... | Treble | THOMAS J. ELTON | ... | 5 |
| CHRISTOPHER WALLATER | ... | 2 | FRANCES BROTHERTON | ... | 6 |
| W. HAROLD JONES | ... | 3 | JOHN PERRY | ... | 7 |
| RICHARD J. WARRILLOW | ... | 4 | *SIDNEY ELTON | ... | Tenor |

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JOHN PERRY.

* First peal of Bob Major. Rung for the dedication festival of the church, also as a birthday compliment to W. H. Jones.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, October 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES
JOHNSON'S VARIATION. Tenor 15½ cwt.

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| RICHARD C. INGRAM | ... | Treble | MORRIS J. MORRIS | ... | 5 |
| WILLIAM J. MEERS | ... | 2 | FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH | ... | 6 |
| FRED PRICE | ... | 3 | WILLIAM DAVIES | ... | 7 |
| JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON | ... | 4 | GEORGE F. SWANN | ... | Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Davies, and also to celebrate the marriage of Mr. John Cecil Morris (only son of the ringer of the 5th) and Miss Margaret Ethel Goode, who were married at Eckington, Worcestershire, earlier in the day.

STRATHFIELD MORTIMER, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, October 18, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

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| MISS E. DORIS BLENOWE | Treble | JOHN S. TAYLOR | ... | ... | 5 |
| JAMES ABERY | ... | 2 | †PERCY J. DYKE | ... | 6 |
| CHARLES W. DENYER | ... | 3 | GEORGE GILBERT | ... | 7 |
| *PERCIVAL L. ELDRIDGE | ... | 4 | EDWARD G. FOSTER | ... | Tenor |

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Grandsire Triples with a bob boll. Mr. W. Ford (local deputy foreman) sat in the belfry throughout the peal.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES
TEURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

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| *WILLIAM J. BEER | ... | Treble | WILFRED WILLIAMS | ... | 5 |
| *DONALD G. CLIFT | ... | 2 | HORACE BELCHER | ... | 6 |
| EDWARD J. BEER | ... | 3 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS | ... | 7 |
| RONALD H. BULLEN | ... | 4 | EDWARD HADLOW | ... | Tenor |

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal of Stedman. The ringer of the 2nd was elected a member of the association previous to starting the peal.

RAWMARSH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES
J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| *ARONIE MITCHELL | ... | Treble | *ELIJAH PAMMENTER | ... | 5 |
| †FREDERICK C. WILSON | ... | 2 | ALBERT NASH | ... | 6 |
| †ARTHUR PANTHER | ... | 3 | *HARRY MORTEMORE | ... | 7 |
| †FRANK PICKERING | ... | 4 | ARTHUR GILL | ... | Tenor |

Conducted by H. MORTEMORE.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

UPTONETER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 18, 1930, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES
Tenor 20 cwt.

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| ROBERT G. LEWIS | ... | Treble | FRANK OLIVER | ... | 5 |
| JOHN H. SWINFELD | ... | 2 | CHARLES SMITH | ... | 6 |
| WILLIAM P. DEANE | ... | 3 | ARTHUR W. HALL | ... | 7 |
| FRANK COXON | ... | 4 | CHARLES H. PAGE | ... | Tenor |

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

First peal in the method on the bells, also the first peal in the method by Frank Coxon, who hails from Spondon, and was elected a life member of the association previous to starting the peal. Robert G. Lewis' 50th peal.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G

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| MISS MARY L. COFFLIN | ... | Treble | ALBAN DISNEY | ... | 5 |
| REDVERS F. ELKINGTON | ... | 2 | WILLIAM BOTTRILL | ... | 6 |
| C. FERGUSON HOWITT | ... | 3 | WILLIAM H. CLARKE | ... | 7 |
| ALFRED BALLARD | ... | 4 | FREDERICK H. DEXTER | ... | Tenor |

Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.

Arranged for Inspector W. Bottrill, of the Metropolitan Police. It was the 21st anniversary of his wedding, also the 8th anniversary of the wedding of his brother, Mr. J. Bottrill, a former Anstey ringer. The peal was rung after the marriage of Miss Mary W. Elkington to Mr. George Belden, of Groby, which took place at this church.

DRAYTON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 18, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

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| RICHARD A. POST... .. Treble | FRANCIS TAYLOR 5 |
| MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK 2 | WALTER F. JUDGE 6 |
| JONATHAN HONEY 3 | ALBERT E. LOCK 7 |
| JOHN NOBES 4 | GORDON CAUDWELL Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

First peal of Surprise by all the band with the exception of the ringer of the 6th bell.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

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| WALTER AYRE Treble | STEPHEN H. HOARE 5 |
| FREDERICK W. ELLIOTT 2 | AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 6 |
| *E. STANLEY EDWARDS 3 | FREDERICK H. CROOK 7 |
| *RONALD W. PICTON 4 | HAROLD G. CASHMORE Tenor |

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

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

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 18, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

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| MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... Treble | HENRY PRING 5 |
| *GEORGE POPNELL 2 | WILLIAM A. CAVE 6 |
| †WILLIAM H. CROCKER 3 | WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT 7 |
| ALFRED E. REEVES 4 | JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor |

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* Elected a member before starting. † First peal of Cambridge "inside."

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

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| THOMAS K. DRIVER Treble | WILLIAM HORAN 5 |
| ALBERT J. HUGHES 2 | HERBERT DAVENPORT 6 |
| WALTER STAFF 3 | RICHARD BALDERSTONE 7 |
| HAROLD EDWARDS 4 | EDWARD JENKINS Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. K. Driver, who very kindly entertained the band to tea at the conclusion of the peal.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, October 18, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

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| *MRS. PATTENDEN Treble | CYRIL W. A. BROWN 5 |
| H. S. HUMPHREY 2 | WILLIAM BOTTON 6 |
| MRS. H. BAKER 3 | CHARLES W. PLAYER 7 |
| HARRY BAKER 4 | KENNETH PATTENDEN Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by K. PATTENDEN.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor. This is believed to be the first peal of Bob Major on these bells since the days of James Barham.

BRAMSHOTT, HANTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on September 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): R. Beal, sen. (first quarter-peal) 1, W. G. Wheeler 2, C. T. West 3, C. E. Bassett (conductor) 4, G. Cluer 5, H. Mells 6. The ringers of 3rd, 4th and tenor hail from Petersfield, the remainder are local men.

HAZELBEECH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

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| GEORGE BASEFORD Treble | AMOS SMART 5 |
| ANDERSON Y. TYLER 2 | ERNEST W. TIPLER 6 |
| HARRY CHAMBERS 3 | WALTER PERKINS 7 |
| JOHN R. MAIN 4 | JAMES S. WARD Tenor |

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 13, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

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| JOHN DENNER Treble | SAMUEL OAKES 5 |
| ALFRED POTTER 2 | *ALFRED POTTER, JUN. 6 |
| BENJAMIN WELSBY 3 | JOHN POTTER 7 |
| MATTHEW BERRY 4 | ROBERT DENNER Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

* First peal. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a tribute to the memory of the Rev. W. M. Smith, the late Vicar of Walkden.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 18, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

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| ALFRED POTTER Treble | MATTHEW BERRY 5 |
| *MISS ANNIE POTTER 2 | JOHN DENNER 6 |
| BENJAMIN WELSBY 3 | JOHN POTTER 7 |
| JAMES DENNER 4 | ARTHUR BORTON Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells deeply muffled, except tenor at back stroke, as a tribute to the memory of the relatives of the donors of the bells and Westminster chimnes, and all past worshippers of the church. The above two peals were rung by special request of the church authorities, and the ringers are all members of the local band.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

FOLKINGHAM, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 11, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).

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| WILLIAM HOLMES Treble | HORACE M. DAY 4 |
| *MRS. PHILLIS HUMPHREY 2 | CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY 5 |
| JAMES H. MUSSON 3 | CHARLES WILKINSON Tenor |

Conducted by C. T. H. BRADLEY.

* First peal on an inside bell. Rung half-muffled in memory of the 48 victims who lost their lives in the airship R 101 disaster. All are Sunday service ringers at the above church, with the exception of the ringers of the treble and 4th.

MARSTON BIGGOTT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 12, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt.

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| EDWARD G. L. COWARD ... Treble | *JAMES F. HATCHLEY 4 |
| *WILFRED P. LAMBERT 2 | WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5 |
| MISS MARCIA WHITE 3 | FRANK PRICE Tenor |

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

* First peal of Minor. Miss M. White was elected a member of the association before starting.

GREAT ASHFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, October 12, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 18 six-scores of Plain Bob with twelve different callings and 24 six-scores of Grandsire, with ten different callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

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| PERCY L. JOHNSON 1 <i>Treble</i> | VICTOR C. LOCKWOOD 3 |
| ALPHABUS J. BERRY 2 | CHARLES TAYLOR 4 |
| GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL <i>Tenor</i> | |

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

Believed to be the first peal ever rung on these bells. A. J. Berry's 300th peal.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHWICH BRANCH.)

On Monday, October 13, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Plain Bob and three extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

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| *HARRY EYRES 1 <i>Treble</i> | DAVID SMITH 4 |
| *REGINALD W. WORRALL 2 | HARRY W. HOWARD 5 |
| ALBERT H. BOOTH 3 | HARRY PARKER <i>Tenor</i> |

Conducted by DAVID SMITH.

* First peal in three methods. First peal as conductor. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the victims of the R 101 disaster.

WILBY, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 14, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 42 extents with the 12 variations of calling.
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

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| *HAROLD T. BARHAM 1 <i>Treble</i> | ALPHABUS J. BERRY 3 |
| †GEORGE W. CHAPMAN 2 | ERIC G. BENNETT 4 |
| NOLAN GOLDEN <i>Tenor</i> | |

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal of Doubles and on a bob bell. First peal on the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 16, 1930, in Two Hours and Two Minutes,
At THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

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| COLIN HARRISON 1 <i>Treble</i> | DAVID S. COLLINS 4 |
| JAMES S. HUTCHBY 2 | CHARLES ALLSOPP 5 |
| JACK SADDINGTON 3 | HORACE F. E. STUBBS <i>Tenor</i> |

Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

Rung on the front six of the 'Foundry' ten.

STEEP, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 16, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob with four different callings, and 30 six-scores of Grandsire with ten different callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

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| ARTHUR WATTS 1 <i>Treble</i> | ERNEST J. MONDAY 3 |
| CYRIL S. WEST 2 | CHARLES E. BASSETT 4 |
| ALAN R. PINK <i>Tenor</i> | |

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

First peal on the bells. First peal in two methods by all the band with the exception of the conductor.

UBLEY.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 16, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different compositions. Tenor 12 cwt.

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| *CECIL MOGFORD 1 <i>Treble</i> | CHARLES FIELD 4 |
| CHARLES R. LILLEY 2 | *HAROLD BLACKER 5 |
| JEFFERY TOSSELL 3 | WILLIAM WEBB <i>Tenor</i> |

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal.

STOKE ALBANY, NORTHANTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 5 lb.

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| PERCY AMOS 1 <i>Treble</i> | J. GROFFREY GEARY 4 |
| ERNEST A. MARSH 2 | RONALD RUSSELL 5 |
| ERNEST F. PAYNE 3 | FRANK STAINFORTH <i>Tenor</i> |

Conducted by F. STAINFORTH.

Arranged for E. F. Payne, of Syston, Leicestershire, to enable him to ring a peal out of his own county.

CUCKLINTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 18, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 12 cwt.

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| JACK GRAY 1 <i>Treble</i> | FRANK PRICE 4 |
| EDWARD G. L. COWARD 2 | LEWIS G. PERRETT 5 |
| JIM RALPH 3 | WILLIAM C. SHUTE <i>Tenor</i> |

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

First peal on the bells. First peal of Kent by all except the ringer of the 2nd. The ringers of the treble and 5th were elected members of the association previous to starting.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Stedman's slow course, 1,440 Plain Bob (12 callings), 2,880 Grandsire (10 callings). Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr.

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| GEORGE P. JOHNSON 1 <i>Treble</i> | FRANK TURNER 4 |
| HERBERT W. WITTERING 2 | WILLIAM LAWRENCE 5 |
| *WALTER BROWN 3 | *WILLIAM BRAI FORD <i>Tenor</i> |

Conducted by WILLIAM LAWRENCE.

* First peal and first attempt. This peal was specially arranged for W. Bradford, who has been a ringer at the above church for 35 years. All the band are Sunday service ringers at the church. The peal was also a birthday compliment to Mr. J. W. Smith, churchwarden.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

THE FIVE-BELL TOWERS.

A meeting of the Central Division of the Sussex County Association was held at Lower Beeding on Saturday, October 11th, when representatives to the number of thirty-seven were present from the three Brighton towers (St. Peter's, St. Nicholas' and the Good Shepherd), Bolney, Coleman's Hatch, Cuckfield, East Grinstead, Keymer, Lindfield, Lower Beeding, Seaford, Turner's Hill and Warnham. The tower was open for ringing at 2.30, and at 4.30 a short service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Guy D. Cooper, who delivered an eloquent address on the words, 'Let Jesus Christ be praised,' from the well-known hymn by Caswall.

A collection taken for the benevolent fund amounted to 12s. Afterwards the company adjourned to the Plough Inn, opposite the church, where a generous tea had been prepared by the kindness of the Vicar, who expressed the great pleasure it gave him to welcome the members of the association.

The usual business meeting followed, also presided over by the Vicar, supported by the Master (Mr. J. T. Rickman). The proceedings were mostly of a routine nature, two new members being elected, viz., James William Jeffery, Cuckfield, and W. Henson, the Good Shepherd, Brighton. The election of Mr. J. Crampton, South Woodford, London, and Mr. Wilfred Williams, Erith, Kent, as non-resident members was confirmed.

Under the item 'any other business,' the question was raised as to whether more could not be done for five-bell towers. The Secretary expressed his fear that a company would not be present if a meeting was arranged, and stated further that these towers were born in mind when meetings were arranged at most suitable towers near them, which the members of the five-bell towers could easily attend.

The Master proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Lower Beeding for the hospitality he had extended both in the belfry and in the church, and for his kindness in providing the meal, which had been so thoroughly enjoyed.—This was carried by acclamation, and, the Vicar having suitably replied, the meeting concluded. The tower was again visited, and ringing continued until about 8.30, when the bells were lowered in peal, everyone being of the opinion that the meeting had been a great success. The methods rung ranged from Grandsire to Cambridge, Superlative and London Surprise Major.

DEATH OF MR. HARRY TORBLE.**AN OLD WEST HAM RINGER.**

Another ringer, well known, especially among the older generation, has passed away in the person of Mr. Harry Torble, who died on Monday, October 6th, after an illness extending over ten years. Mr. Torble was born at Eye, Suffolk, in 1865, and from there migrated to Stratford to enter the employ of the late Great Eastern Railway Company in their shops at Stratford, and soon after his arrival joined the old Bow (Stratford) Society, which brought him in touch with several well-known ringers in the vicinity, among whom were the late Messrs. W. Doran, J. Bradley, S. Hayes, J. Scholes, H. Flanders, etc., and eventually he joined the West Ham band, with whom he has been identified ever since. Although unable to take part in ringing during the past ten years he, nevertheless, still took a great interest in the art, and often paid a visit to towers in the district, where his presence was always welcomed.

He was interred in the City of London Cemetery on Saturday, October 11th, and among those present were Messrs. J. Waghorn, sen., and G. Haydon, representing the West Ham band, W. H. Theobald, the Leytonstone band, and E. J. Butler, the Essex Association.

On Tuesday, October 14th, several of his old friends met at All Saints', West Ham, and rang, as a mark of respect, half-muffled touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters, the Treble Ten, together with 'the whole pull and stand,' those taking part being Messrs. J. Davis, G. W. Faulkner, W. Miller, R. Molton, A. Reeve, E. D. Smith, W. H. Theobald, C. Hughes, E. J. Butler, G. R. Pyc, G. Haydon, A. J. Neale, F. C. Newman, J. Waghorn, sen., and E. W. Furbank.

'SILLY' SUFFOLK.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am not happy with anonymous persons. They infringe the ninth commandment. Nevertheless (to use Dr. Temple's word) I think J. W. D. admirable. There is 'a true ring' in his letter! There is a story that, when a calf got hung up in a gate in Essex, they cut off its head to release it, and it seems to me that 'Essex Calf' wants to decapitate the free will of the round ringer. Never mind, he is interesting. 'Silly Suffolk' comes from a Saxon word, Sielig, which means 'Holy.' If I recollect correctly, I read it some 40 years ago in 'Stoke Magazine' by the Rev. Charles Forlesse. Dr. Raven also quotes it in a pious expression, Sielig Suffolk.—Yours truly,

C. F. WINNEY.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**TERLING BELLS MAY BE AUGMENTED.**

It was a very happy band of ringers that paid a visit to the old church at Terling on Saturday, October 18th, for a meeting of the South-Eastern Division of the Essex Association. Thirty-one members were present from Braintree, Broomfield, Great Baddow, Chelmsford, Feering, Galleywood, Kelvedon, Maldon, Witham, Writtle, Inworth, Black Notley and Terling.

A service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. W. E. Moss), the lesson being read by Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the association.

Tea was served at the Rayleigh Arms, presided over by the Vicar, supported by the Master and District Master.

At the business meeting which followed, one ringing member was elected, and it was decided to hold the district annual meeting at Writtle on November 29th.

Mr. C. H. Howard proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, and for the warm welcome that he gave the ringers.—The Vicar, in reply, welcomed the ringers to Terling, and said he hoped that by the time they next came there would be six bells instead of five.

A touch of Grandsire Triples and 720 of Minor was rung on the handbells, and ringing on tower bells continued till 9 p.m. in various methods.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of Barnsley and District Association was held at Cawthorne on Saturday, October 11th, when the towers represented were Armley, Darfield, Darton, Felkirk, Holmthorpe, Hoylandswaine, Royston, Shelley, Wath and the local company. Ringing commenced soon after 3 p.m., the bells being half-muffled. Tea was served at Holt's Cafe, and was followed by the business meeting, which was held in the Parish Hall, Mr. J. C. Wimmis (churchwarden) presiding. A vote of condolence was passed by the members standing in silence in sympathy with the relatives of the Vicar (Rev. C. A. L. Woolley), who died rather suddenly three weeks previously, of Mr. W. Ward (aged 91), who had been sexton at Cawthorne for 50 years, and was the oldest inhabitant in the village, and also of the victims of the R 101 disaster.

Penistone was selected for the next place of meeting.

After the usual vote of thanks, the bells were kept going until about 9 p.m. in various methods, there being some very good striking.

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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 good wishes of the Exercise will go with Mr. E. Alex. Young (hon. secretary of the Central Council) and Mrs. Young when they sail to-day on the 'Winchester Castle' for a visit to South Africa. They expect to be absent from England until about April.

Central Council matters should still be addressed to Mr. Young at his new office address, 165, Rushey Green, Catford, S.E.6.

Many visitors to the W. D. Crofts dinners at Nottingham will remember Mr. John F. Adkin, the bass member of the quartet who did so much to make the programmes enjoyable. We regret to announce that he died on Friday last after much suffering. A staunch friend, he was always ready to oblige his vocal colleague, Mr. A. Coppock, in any project connected with ringing, and had sung at seven out of the eight Nottingham ringers' dinners.

To ring a peal of Bob Doubles at Wilby, Norfolk, last week, Mr. Alphaeus J. Berry cycled 42 miles along main roads, by-roads and lanes, over brecks and through meadows to reach this church, situated in the 'wilds' of Norfolk. There's enthusiasm for you!

We have not had long to wait for the peal of London Surprise at Crawley, Sussex. Before our article on the jubilee of the bells was in print last week, the peal had been rung.

A tower of now departed glories is St. John's, Waterloo Road, London. There was a period when peals were rung there nearly every week, but the bells are now silent and unringable. The first peal on them was rung 105 years ago to-day by the College Youths.

On October 24th, 1807, a peal of 15,120 Bob Major was rung at St. Paul's, Oldham.

To-morrow is the anniversary of the first peal of Stedman Triples, which was rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on October 25th, 1731. The rival company at St. Michael Coslany disputed its accuracy and rang a peal on December 6th.

The first peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal was rung at Wakefield on October 26th, 1822.

The first 'double-handed' handbell peal was rung at Sheffield on October 30th, 1811, the method being Oxford Treble Bob Major.

As announced in the peal columns, the first peal on the light ring of ten at Cudham Church, Kent, has been rung by members of the Kent Association. The conductor was well advised to make the peal one of Kent Treble Bob owing to the excessive noise in the ringing chamber, as he had to shout his loudest to make the 'bobs' heard. It is to be hoped that this difficulty will be remedied, and that some attention will be given to the ventilation of the belfry, the space being small, and there being no window. Even the trap door has to be shut down so that the treble ringer may stand on it. The ringers must have welcomed 'that's all' so as to raise the trap and let fresh air in.

It is reported that the ringers of Harmondsworth, Middlesex, have gone on strike following a complaint by the Church Council that some of the ringers go home instead of attending service.

The ringers want an apology before they resume their duties, as, the captain says, most of the men attend at least one of the services on Sunday, and they contend the Church Council have no cause to complain.

BELLS REHUNG AT EPSOM.

TWO ASSOCIATIONS AT REOPENING.

Forty years ago this year a ring of eight bells was placed in the new tower of Christ Church, Epsom, and they were opened with a peal of Stedman Triples, conducted by J. W. Washbrook. Of the band that took part only the Rev. Canon Coleridge survives. Last Saturday a festival service was held at Christ Church for the reopening of the bells after restoration, and a large gathering of ringers assembled for the event. There was also a numerous congregation of parishioners, and the Boy Scouts attended, bringing their colours with them. The service began with a procession from the chancel to the western tower, where the new Assistant Bishop of Guildford (Rt. Rev. C. H. Golding-Bird, D.D.) offered the appropriate prayers. Modified evensong followed, the service being conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. L. Mylrea.

Bishop Golding-Bird, who was senior chaplain to the Australian Forces in the war, and has since held a bishopric which covered the islands of the Indian Ocean, preached a sermon, in which he enlarged upon the privileges enjoyed by worshippers in this country, and graphically compared them with the conditions prevailing in the islands of his former see. He recalled especially an event which happened exactly a year before when he landed on a small coral island 300 miles from the coast, and conducted a service for the 80 or 90 inhabitants—men engaged in digging and shipping guano—in a hastily provided 'church' made by raffia, and upon which had been written, 'Church of Christ. Welcome, Lord Bishop.'

After the service, visiting ringers to the number of about 60 were entertained to a beautiful tea at the Church Hall by the bell founders (Messrs. Gillett and Johnston) and the Vicar and churchwardens. The Assistant Bishop supported the Vicar, who was in the chair, and before leaving expressed his pleasure at coming among ringers, and reminded them of their duties as workers in the Church.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. secretary of the Guildford Diocesan Guild) proposed a vote of thanks to the donors of the tea. He congratulated the parish upon having had their bells restored, and said that, from what he knew of the work of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, he was sure they had made an excellent job of the restoration. He also welcomed the opportunity of that reopening as affording another occasion for displaying the friendly feeling that existed between the Surrey Association and the Guildford Diocesan Guild. Although their areas overlapped, there had always been the most amicable relationship between the two, and they carried on their work not as rivals but as friends who had the same cause at heart and the same goal in view.

The Vicar, who first replied, thanked Mr. C. H. Kippen, of the Surrey Association, for his help in connection with the scheme. It was he who first called their attention to the need for the restoration, and who afterwards told them exactly what was wrong. The bells, said the Vicar, would not have gone on as long as they did if they had not had such an excellent captain as Mr. J. Crawford to look after them, and they would realise how devoted Mr. Crawford was when he told them that he walked five miles to ring and five miles back again every Sunday. The Vicar thanked Messrs. Gillett and Johnston for the work they had done, and their bell hanger, Mr. Newson, for the way he had carried out the job.

Mr. C. F. Johnston also replied, and remarked that he had specially pleasant recollections of Christ Church, Epsom, as it was there he rang his first peal of Stedman Triples. He said it was a very rare occurrence for two associations to be officially concerned in the reopening of a peal of bells. Among old members of the Surrey Association there was some doubt as to what was likely to happen when the Guildford Diocesan Guild came into being, with something like 400 members, three years ago, but so far as he could see there had ever since been between the two associations a spirit of co-operation and goodwill, and the Guildford Guild and Surrey Association were working amicably together over the same territory.

The Rural Dean (Rev. C. R. P. Muir, Vicar of St. Martin's, Epsom) also spoke. Christ Church, he said, had come through some difficult years with flying colours, and they had that day reached the culmination of another great achievement. The speaker told an amusing story of an Epsom lady to whom he spoke about a church bell. She said she loved the bell, and when he asked her why, she replied that it reminded her that 'They're off' (laughter).

Mr. C. H. Kippen (hon. secretary of the Surrey Association) also congratulated the authorities of Christ Church upon having successfully carried out the restoration, and said he was sure the founders had made an excellent job of it.

The Vicar said the parish had not much money, and was now faced with a big scheme for the repair of the church roof. The bells had been restored by the many small gifts of generous subscribers, and he was thankful to say they were now in a position to pay the bell founders (applause).

The ringers then returned to the tower, where ringing from rounds to the Surprise methods, and including a touch of spiced Cambridge and Superlative Surprise, was indulged in, everyone finding the bells go like the proverbial tops. Among those present was Mr. J. Beams, of Ewell, who was also present at the original opening of the bells.

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THE BELLS OF EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.

'THE RETURN OF THE NATIVES.'

In our peal columns last week was the record of a peal of Grand-sire Triples rung at East Ilsley, Berks. This was the consummation of a long-cherished wish and ambition of ex-Sergt.-Major W. Hibbert and his brother 'R.T.H.' For a long time past it has been said: 'If we could get young Bill from Coventry and Uncle from Reading we could ring a first-class peal'—and we did.

The father of R. T. and W. Hibbert started change ringing in this tower about 1885 on the poor old ring of five bells, and tried very hard for many years to get a treble added. In 1920 it was decided to add this bell, and by the kindness of friends and the hard work of others money was raised to complete the octave. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank took the old bells to Whitechapel, tuned them, and added three of the finest little bells that were ever hung in a steeple, the result being a very beautiful little eight, and an ideal place to ring (round the beautiful old Norman font) and to hear bells.



St. Mary's Church, East Ilsley, Berks.

The church is a good specimen of a village church of mixed styles, the south aisle being Early English, the nave transition Norman, the north aisle, about 1820, being the poorest portion of the building.

The bell inscriptions and weights are:—

- 1.—Tieble.—Ring we merrily unto God our strength. 3 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.
- 2.—Glory to God. In Thankfulness. M. & S. 1921. 3 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.
- 3.—1914 + 1918. M. & S. 1921. 4 cwt. 0 qr. 22 lb.
- 4.—Prayso ye the Lord. 1589. J. C. 3 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.
- 5.—3 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.
- 6.—This bell was made 1612. Recast M. & S., 1921. 4 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

7.—W. R. Carr. 1700. 6 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

Tenor.—Richard Whitwick gave this bell. 1625. 8 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

The 3rd has in quarters the initials of the 21 men of the village who gave their lives in the Great War.

It is worthy of note that four of the band who rang in the peal on October 11th went to the village school together upwards of forty-five years ago, and the other four about seventeen years ago.

R. F. H.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DISTRICT SECRETARY'S RESIGNATION.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In fairness to all members of the Ely Archdeaconry of the Ely Diocesan Association, I am sorry to say I cannot carry on the duties of district secretary and to do the job as it should be done. My duties sometimes prevent me attending the meetings, as in the case at Ickleton on Saturday. I trust that my successor will be able to carry on to a greater success, and that members will give him (or her) their continued support. In closing, I thank you for publishing the reports of our meetings in 'The Ringing World,' also Mr. A. G. Rivers for his kindness.—Yours truly,

F. WARRINGTON.

(Continued from previous column.)

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have strengthened the foundations of the bell frame by inserting two iron girders, which have been anchored to the tower walls. The frame itself has also been strengthened, and the bells hung on ball bearings. The tenor is just under 12 cwt. The turret clock has been overhauled and cleaned and the dials redecorated.

'ADVICE ON BELLS.'

To the Editor.

DEAR Sir,—Referring to your leading article of October 10th, in which you say that the 'Central Council for the Care of Churches' recommend that an architect 'skilled in work of this kind' be called in for bell restorations before the bell founder, I give you an instance of what has really happened in our diocese.

In 1927 the bells of a parish church in my district were under restoration, the three front bells being rehung in a new iron frame, and a new treble added. When I heard of the work, I had a conversation with the Vicar and recommended a well-known firm of bell founders for the work. He told me that this firm were going to cast the treble, and that the diocesan architect had been called in to inspect the steeple. So far, so good, but the snag came when the Vicar told me that the architect was going to get someone known to him to rehang the bells, whom he could trust better than the bell-hangers.

I visited the work whilst in progress, and called the Vicar's attention to certain matters. However, he thought it best not to interfere with the work until it was finished. The day came for the dedication of the bells, and I selected a good band for the opening ring.

Imagine my dismay on climbing aloft shortly before the service to find that the 2nd and 4th bells had been changed over in their respective positions in the tower, and the ropes carried down to the opposite side of the ringing chamber. A roller had been fixed on the top of the first floor, a second roller in the middle of the intermediate chamber under the bells, and a third one on the floor under the bells to carry the ropes for the 2nd and 4th bells. So that a ringer was expected to stand on one side of the tower to ring a bell on the other side over three rollers, the first four bells being hung in an upper tier above the back two. We tried to ring, but found it an almost impossible task to raise them and ring 120.

I told the churchwardens not to make any payment, and myself wrote the architect. The bells were changed over and some improvements effected which made the bells go better, but the job was spoilt as the iron frame had been partially cut through on each side to allow the bells to rise through the frame. In this case no one was to blame except the architect, who took upon himself the responsibility of giving a skilled job of bell hanging to a local firm of builders, who would doubtless have made a satisfactory job if they had been put to fix together stone and mortar.

I do not think it desirable to mention the names of the principals in this unfortunate episode, but, let it be a warning to others.

A DISTRICT RINGING MASTER.

NORTH STAFFORD AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

GIFTS TO NORTON BELFRY.

A very successful meeting of the above association was held at Norton on Saturday, October 11th, attended by fifty-four members from Bucknall, Biddulph, Brownedge, Burslem, Cheadle, Kingsley, Lawton, Spondon, Swynerton, Wolstanton, Uttoxeter and Norton. The first part of the proceedings consisted of a short service in the belfry, conducted by the Rector of Norton (Rev. J. G. Hamlet), who also unveiled a marble tablet presented by Mr. John Bourne, of Burslem, which recorded the names of the ringers of Norton who had worked so assiduously in helping to obtain the necessary funds for the recasting of the six bells at Norton Church, and also the thirty years' faithful service rendered by Mr. John E. Wheeldon as leader of the ringers of that tower, July 15th, 1900-1930. An oak table was also unveiled, which was presented by Mr. Henry Finney, of Audley, for the use of the ringers in the belfry.

Mr. J. E. Wheeldon, on behalf of the ringers, thanked the two donors for the beautiful gifts, which he could assure them were greatly appreciated.

The Rector then said how delighted he was to extend a hearty welcome to such a large gathering of loyal churchworkers as had assembled there that afternoon, and he sincerely hoped that the same happy relations existed in the various towers from which they came as obtained between his own ringers at Norton and himself, for he considered ringing was a very important part of Church life. He was very glad to have that opportunity of expressing the high appreciation not only of himself, but of the whole parish of Norton, who were very proud of their bells.

Mr. George Walker, an old ringer, expressed his great pleasure at the way the younger generation of ringers, under the able leadership of Mr. J. E. Wheeldon, were keeping alive the noble art of change ringing. He wished them every success, and exhorted them to continue in this important and fascinating part of the work of the Church.

Tea was afterwards partaken of in the Church Institute, during which the Lawton ringers regaled the company with musical selections on the handbells, which was quite a new feature and very much appreciated. The tower was afterwards revisited, where ringing was indulged in until 8.30, which brought to a close one of the most enjoyable meetings of the year.

J. E. W.

WHAT TO DO WITH OUR BEGINNERS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—At the recent meeting of the Lancashire Association held at Liverpool, the subject, 'What to do with our beginners,' was on the agenda, but owing to the shortage of time the discussion had to be limited, and, in the end, it was decided to leave it to the committee to overhaul the whole question.

I would like to put forward a few points of my own with the hope that the committee will keep them in mind whilst discussing this most important question. The chief bone of contention seems to be the association's rule which says that a ringer, to qualify for membership, must ring 120 changes. I have no hesitation in saying that as regards this rule the average conductor could get a beginner through 120 changes before he knows his way up and down the belfry steps, but by doing so you have not laid one brick which goes to build up the foundation of a change ringer. Instead of altering this rule I would wipe it out entirely. It is not always observed, and it is not much good when it is observed. Now, what have I in its place?

This: When a beginner comes to the belfry to learn to be a change ringer, I would admit him into the association right away, pointing out to him all the advantages, and get his entrance fee. When he can ring, to the satisfaction of his conductor, a service touch in any method, I would award him the badge or certificate (badge preferred, because he could carry it with him to meetings, etc.) of a third-class ringer.

When he can ring a service touch in the standard methods I would award him a 2nd class, and when he rings one or more Surprise methods, then he should be entitled to be acknowledged as a first-class ringer. He should himself pay for these badges, which should be available for a very small sum.

I would apply the same thing to conductors. Conduct one peal, 3rd class; conduct all the standard methods, 2nd class; conduct one Surprise method, 1st class conductor. If these small badges were worn at meetings it would be a great help in organising ringing.

In my experience with beginners, which has been very extensive, I find that the most important thing of all is that you must keep moving. You must have a goal to aim at, and when that is reached there must be another. 'You cannot stand still; if you are not going forward, then you are going backward.' It is only the hardened ringer who can withstand the pitfalls and the very disheartening process of going back to the beginning again and still remain a ringer. The young fellow will not, and I believe that this is the chief cause of so many promising ringers being lost. Give the young ringer plenty to do, plenty to aim at, plenty of fields to conquer, and something to show that he has succeeded, and you will not only keep him, but you will have others wishing to follow his example.—Yours truly,

H. LUDKIN.

Hough Green, Widnes.

FIRST STEPS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Is it true to say that all 'stone' ringers are content with ringing call changes? Has it ever occurred to 'Essex Colt' that in ringing, as in every other art or profession, one must start from the bottom of the ladder? From rounds and call changes, to hunting a treble, and on to Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman and so on. No one should be content with ringing call changes, but no man can be expected to jump from rounds to Stedman and Double Norwich, and that is what a great many like 'Essex Colt' expect one to do. If a recruit cannot start at the point where these more efficient ones have reached, is it fair to call him a drone? The real root of the trouble is that a great many of these Stedman and Double Norwich ringers (particularly the old hands) are afraid that they might have to put themselves about a bit to keep some of these young recruits interested. To go back to ringing Grandsire and Plain Bob themselves might lower their dignity.—Yours, etc.,

WALK FIRST, THEN RUN.

P.S.—I will remind 'Essex Colt' that in Mr. Jasper W. Snowdon's books of tuition, all recruits to the art are taught to ring Grandsire and plain methods before learning Stedman and Treble Bob.

OVER (CAMBS) RINGERS' SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Over (Cambs) Society was held in the vestry of the Parish Church on Monday, October 13th, the president (the Vicar) occupying the chair. The secretary, Mr. W. I. Ginn, presented the accounts for the past season, which were duly passed, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Rev. F. G. Weston; vice-presidents, Mr. H. Edwards and Mr. H. Asplin (churchwardens); secretary, Mr. W. I. Ginn; treasurer, Mr. F. C. Ginn; captain, Mr. A. J. Ginn; vice-captain, Mr. F. Warington.

The Vicar (Rev. F. G. Weston) thanked the ringers for their services during the past year, and congratulated them on their successes.—Mr. A. J. Ginn suitably replied.

Mr. B. Wayman resigned the vice-captaincy, owing to business reasons, to the regret of his fellow-ringers.

ANOTHER ATTEMPT ON 12-BELL RECORD.

The Ancient Society of Painswick Youths will make a further attempt on the twelve-bell record length on Saturday, November 8th, starting at 8 a.m.

THE PEAL OF MINOR AT ISHAM.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In my opinion (for what it is worth) the kind of peal rung recently at Isham should strongly be discouraged.—Yours truly,
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

PRESENTATION TO THE SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL BELFRY INTERESTING PEAL RECALLED.

A very pleasant gathering took place recently in the ringing chamber of Sheffield Cathedral, when Mr. J. W. Rowbotham, of London, one of the oldest and most respected members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, paid a visit to his native city and presented a framed record to the Cathedral company of his first peal rung 53 years ago at the then Parish Church of Sheffield.

Mr. Rowbotham, in his younger days, was apprenticed to the late Mr. Thomas Hattersley, a Sheffield stalwart and well-known ringer of his day, from whom he obtained his first insight into the art of change ringing.

He, however, was not destined to stay long in Sheffield, for he quickly transferred to London to make his name and fortune, but during the short time available he advanced so far in the art as to become competent to ring a peal of Grandsire Caters with his master.

In addition to this being Mr. Rowbotham's first peal, it also has an historical standing owing to the fact that one of the participants was the late Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, and it was this very visit of Mr. Snowdon's that induced him to consult Mr. Hattersley with a view to fostering the Yorkshire Association, which had just recently been formed. That this effort was successful is now a matter of history.

The record is beautifully written and illuminated on parchment, which is enclosed and sealed in an excellent fumed oak frame, whereby it is rendered dustproof and practically airtight, so that it will withstand the ravages of time.

In making the presentation, Mr. Rowbotham thanked the Cathedral company for allowing him to do so, and for the privilege of placing on record his first peal in the tower in which he was taught to ring. He knew that space was now most valuable owing to the many peal boards already erected containing famous and historical peals of the years gone by, and he especially considered it an honour to add his to the famous collection.

Mr. S. F. Palmer, on behalf of the Cathedral company, warmly thanked Mr. Rowbotham for his most generous gift, and for his kindly thought in wishing to do honour to the tower that gave him birth into the ringing world. In accepting the gift, Mr. Palmer stated he was voicing the appreciation of the whole of his colleagues, who were united with him in expressing their gratitude for the beautiful work presented to them.

An adjournment was then made to the local meeting room, where a very pleasant hour was spent, in the course of which Mr. Rowbotham related reminiscences of his early association with the men who helped to lay the foundation of the high standard of ringing the Exercise has now reached.

The following is a copy of the record:—

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Founded A.D. 1637.

St. Peter, Sheffield.

On Saturday, November 4th, 1876.

A Peal of Grandsire Caters

was rung upon the bells of the above church, comprising 5,021 changes in 3 hrs. 33 mins., by the following members of this society:—

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| 1. Charles Bower. | 6. Samuel Nadin. |
| 2. George Potter. | 7. George Wilson, sen. |
| 3. John W. Rowbotham. | 8. Charles Steer. |
| 4. Jasper W. Snowdon. | 9. Thomas Hattersley. |
| 5. William Booth. | 10. George Wilson, jun. |

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by Thomas Hattersley.
Tenor 41 cwt.

PROGRESS!

At Burescombe, Devon, on Sunday afternoon, October 5th, says the 'Somerset County Gazette,' members of the local band of ringers executed in 2 hrs. 16 mins. a peal of 360 call changes in the method of Bob Minor. This is held to be the longest peal and the first length of Minor ever rung on the bells. All the calling was done by the captain from rope sight, and the duties of marker and time-keeper were discharged by Mr. G. H. Okewell with his usual efficiency.

DUFFIELD.—For evening service, on Sunday, September 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): C. Draper 1, Miss F. Hartle 2, Miss E. Foulk 3, M. Marshall 4, R. Boulton 5, S. Dawson 6, G. Tandy 7, C. Draper 8.

THE ISLEWORTH BELL SCHEME.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION'S EFFORT TO COMPLETE THE FUND.

To the Editor.

Sir,—A year or two ago the South and West Branch of the Middlesex County Association decided to try and raise a fund to give two new trebles to Isleworth Parish Church. The western suburbs of London are badly off for ten-bell towers. After you leave Kensington and Fulham you do not come across one till you reach Kingston, which is out of the Middlesex district, or Hillingdon, which is right away on the west border of the county. We thought that a ten-bell tower somewhere in the neighbourhood of Acton or Ealing would be an advantage both to our association and the Exercise at large and help the promotion of change ringing. There was more than one tower which might be suitable: Acton, where there was at that time a regular and enthusiastic band under the late Robert Holloway, and where peal attempts were allowed quite frequently. The tower and situation were quite suitable, but the bells were deemed not good enough. St. Mary's, Ealing, was thought of. The eight were recently rehung and retuned by Taylor. Quite a good peal, but a weak tower. Christ Church, Ealing, has got by far the best and strongest tower in the district; a good peal, too, of the old style tuning, but rather too high in note to make a satisfactory ten. Besides, the architect who some years ago carried out some very costly internal decorations to the church, put the organ in such a position that no bell can be got in or out of the tower without pulling the organ to pieces.

That left All Saints', Isleworth, not so good in situation as these others, but in most other respects a good place for a peal of ten. The tenor is only 18 cwt., but it is deep in tone. The bells were restored by Taylor some years ago, they are hung in an iron frame, go well, and are very musical outside. Besides these were other reasons why it would be a grateful thing for us to try and get two new bells there. For a long time it has been unofficially the headquarters of the branch. Every year the annual meeting is held at the church, and then and always the clergy and churchwardens have treated the association with the utmost kindness and courtesy.

The fund was started and met with quite a lot of success. A large sum of money was raised, and then, when the end was nearly in sight, things, as is usual, slackened off a bit. Now we want to finish the job, and we want a few more pounds. We are making an appeal to the Exercise at large to help us.

It will be a good thing for ringing in general if we ringers show by a gift that we appreciate the kindness we receive at the hands of so many towers where we visit. If any reader of 'The Ringing World' can spare something, will he forward it to Mr. Hollier or to Mr. Bridges, the treasurer of the fund.

For the Middlesex Association (S. and W. Branch),

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE, 52, Lammas Park Road,
Vice-president.

MR. BRIDGES, Manager, Barclays Bank, Isleworth
Branch, Isleworth, Treasurer.

WM. H. HOLLIER, 29, Duke Road, London, W.4,
Hon. Secretary to the Fund.

DEDICATION OF A PEAL BOARD AT TETTENHALL

On Saturday, October 11th, a peal tablet was unveiled and dedicated in the belfry of the Collegiate Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Tettenhall, recording two peals of Grandsire Triples rung by Sunday service ringers of this church. The unveiling was carried out by Mr. H. J. Lockley, the donor of the board. The Vicar (Rev. W. Goode), after dedicating the board, said how pleased he was that the ringers had succeeded in ringing two peals, as four of those taking part in them had been taught how to handle a bell since they had had their new bells.

Mr. R. Pickering expressed the thanks of the band to Mr. Lockley for giving the board, and to the Vicar and churchwardens for kindly defraying the cost of painting the same, the writing having been splendidly done in gold leaf on a black ground.

Besides the Vicar, those attending the ceremony were the Rev. J. G. Campbell (curate), Major W. L. Foster (churchwarden), Rev. C. H. Barker, Mr. H. Knight (hon. secretary), and Mr. W. A. Cooper (Ringing Master of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford). Members of the society also attended from Wolverhampton, Walsall, Coseley, Brewood and the local band, with a local ringer who has had to give up ringing owing to illness, and whose name is recorded in the belfry, viz., Mr. J. H. Rowe.

The ringing which took place afterwards included touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major, the clappers being half-muffled as a token of respect to the victims of the ill-fated R 101, and of the Grove Pit disaster at Norton Canes.

A splendid tea was partaken of at the Mitre Inn, Lower Green, provided by the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. T. Lockett. After tea, handbell ringing was the order. Grandsire and Stedman Triples, with Doubles for the younger ones, and Plain and Kent Treble Bob Minor were rung. Altogether a very enjoyable afternoon and evening were spent.

THE LATE MR. HARRY DYAS.

The funeral of Mr. Harry Dyas, of Kensington, whose death as the result of being knocked down by a motor-car we recorded last week, took place in the Kensington new cemetery at Gunnersbury, the first part of the service being held in St. Peter's Church, Cranley Gardens. The committal prayers were said by a pious priest from St. James', Norlands, who himself cast the earth upon the coffin, and after the sorrowing widow and children (a son and daughter) had taken a last look at the coffin, Messrs. Bolton, Elson, Pasmore and Winney rung handbells over the grave. There were about 30 wreaths.

Mr. Harry Dyas was formerly one of the staff of the Royal Mews, and a great lover of horses. He was an imposing figure when in Court dress and seated on the box of one of the King's carriages, and when he retired from service he was granted a royal pension.

Mr. Dyas started his ringing at St. Andrew's, Wells Street, and he became a keen service ringer, taking more delight in this than in peal ringing, although he had rung approximately 50 peals, half of them Stedman Triples, Caters and Treble Bob Royal being among the remainder. His last peal was at Clerkenwell for the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Henden, and he rang his last quarter-peal at St. Paul's, Bath Road, on St. Matthew's Day, for the evensong, which he attended.

By his own wish, horses were used to draw the hearse and carriages at the funeral.

At St. Andrew's, Wells Street, on Thursday, by kind permission of the Vicar, the 'whole pull and stand' was rung half-muffled as a last tribute to the deceased, who was caretaker of the bells. One of the band recited the De profundis (with 'Rest Eternal,' etc., at the end in place of Gloria, Patri) before the ringing. A touch of Stedman Triples was also rung. C. F. W.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD, PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.

A well-attended meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at Curdridge on Saturday last, when forty members and friends were present from Curdridge, Gosport, North Stoneham, Petersfield, Portsmouth (St. Mary's and St. Thomas'), Southampton, Shedfield, Swanmore, Titchfield, Ryde, Wickham, Bishopstoke, Lymington, Overton and Winchester.

Full use was made of the bells during the afternoon, when a short service was held in the church, at which the Vicar (Rev. A. H. Starry) officiated. An excellent tea was served in the reading room, after which the business meeting was held.

The election of the following non-resident members was confirmed: Miss I. L. Hastie (Dorking), Mrs. A. E. Lock (Abingdon), and Messrs. A. J. Bartlett (Chiddingfold), R. Overy (Haslemere) and E. J. Munday (Rogate). Two full members from Steep and one from Swanmore were elected ringing members.

It was decided to hold the annual meeting at Portsmouth Cathedral on Saturday, January 24th, 1931. It was decided that the following resolution be forwarded to the Central Committee: 'That all non-resident ringers, on joining the Guild as compounding members, be presented with a copy of the Guild certificate.'

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for allowing the use of the bells and being present at the meeting, after which a further visit was made to the tower, the methods rung including Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge and Bristol Surprise Major.

STREATHAM RINGERS VISIT THE FEN DISTRICT.

A very pleasant and enjoyable outing was spent recently by St. Leonard's, Streatham, ringers during a visit to the Fen District. On arriving at Peterborough, a visit to its magnificent Cathedral was much appreciated, but it is much to be regretted that the heavy peal of six are unringable owing to the weak state of the tower. In the afternoon a visit was paid to St. Mary's Church, where Mr. Jutson, of the local band, soon had everything in readiness for a pull on this handy ring of six, which were rung in Minor and Doubles. The next move was by bus to Whittlesey, Cambs (about seven miles distant) to ring on the recently augmented peal of eight at St. Andrew's Church (where the captain of the visitors first learnt to pull a bell thirty years ago). Touches of Grandsire Triples were rung here. The thanks of the visitors are due to the Vicars of St. Mary's, Peterborough, and St. Andrew's, Whittlesey, for the use of the bells and the welcome given them. London was reached on the return about midnight.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. YOUNG RINGERS AND FRESH METHODS.

A very successful meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Cranbrook on Saturday, October 11th, and was attended by about thirty members, the following towers being represented, viz.: Benenden, Horsmonden, Hawkhurst, Lamberhurst, Sevenoaks, Penshurst, Tenterden, Staplehurst, Tunbridge Wells, and the local members. The bells were half-muffled as a mark of respect to the memory of the crew of the R 101, and some good practice was obtained, several members scoring their first touch in various methods.

Service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. H. S. C. Swingle), assisted by the curate (who is learning to ring), and an excellent address was given by the Vicar. Capt. E. R. Lewis, one of the churchwardens and an hon. member of the association, was present. Tea was partaken of in the Parish Room, and at the business meeting the Vicar presided. One honorary, two non-resident life members, and several practising members were elected.

Mr. F. White urged members to look up methods that they were unable to practice at home, and come to these meetings and ask those in charge for an opportunity to practice them. This would always be granted and every assistance given. He said it was better to try and fail than not to try at all.

The District Secretary said he thought that most young ringers were nervous of tackling a fresh method at the meetings for fear of not being successful. He could assure them that the best ringers made mistakes and broke down, so it was no disgrace, and there were always members willing to help them through a touch.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar, curate, organist, churchwarden, Mr. White and the rest of the local members for the various parts they had taken in the meeting, to which they replied, terminated the meeting, and the members adjourned to the tower.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A well-attended meeting of the Wirral Branch was held at St. Nicholas' Church, Wallasey, on Saturday, October 11th. As this was the day appointed for the funeral of the R 101 victims, the flag on the tower was at half-mast and the bells half-muffled. Service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. A. S. Roscamp), who made appropriate reference to the disaster, and in place of the usual psalm and hymns, Psalm 23 and the hymns, 'Jesus, Lover of my soul,' and 'How bright those glorious spirits shine,' were sung.

The address was given by the Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards, hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, who was on a visit to Wallasey.

The Vicar gave the ringers a very warm welcome to St. Nicholas', where, he said, he was always very pleased to see them.

An excellent tea was provided, and much enjoyed. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for his kind welcome, and also to Mr. Edwards for his address.

THE R 101.

The following touches were among those rung in memory of the victims of the disaster to the airship.

At Chichester Cathedral, on Sunday, for morning service, at the Cathedral, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 52 mins.: T. Doick 1, W. Falconer 2, H. J. Tucker (conductor) 3, F. B. Tompkins 4, G. Marshall 5, J. H. Blake 6, W. E. Titchhurst 7, F. Arthur 8.

At Warkton, Northants, on Sunday, October 12th, in 43 mins., with half-muffled clappers, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): G. W. Clark 1, H. Patrick 2, H. O. Mutton 3, R. W. Lawrence 4, B. P. Morris (conductor) 5.

At Eyam, Derbyshire, on Monday, October 6th, two 720's of Bob Minor with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute to the officers and members of R 101: W. Dane 1, C. Marples 2, P. Barker 3, T. Facer 4, Rev. W. P. Wright (conductor) 5, K. Facer 6.

At Wicken, Northants, on Saturday, October 11th, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples from Holt's Original: J. A. Green 1, T. Roberts 2, H. Ridgway 3, F. Walton 4, F. Case 5, L. Smith 6, A. J. Green (conductor) 7, G. Foddy 8.

On Sunday, October 12th, at Christ Church, Macclesfield, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 49 mins.: W. Gayes 1, A. Chaliunor 2, F. Roman 3, A. V. Rees (first quarter-peal away from treble) 4, W. Stevenson (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, J. Tipper 6, J. Worth 7, J. Waumsley 8.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows', on Sunday, October 19th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. J. Ellis 1, F. Corney 2, J. Bird 3, E. D. Lilleywhite 4, W. H. Seabrook 5, H. Ellis 6, J. Waugh 7, E. A. Hull 8.

GODALMING, SURREY.—On Sunday evening, October 12th, after evening service for harvest festival, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. H. Pamment 1, E. Etheridge 2, C. J. Pugsley 3, V. H. Smith 4, G. Tomsett 5, C. Hazelden 6, C. E. Smith (conductor) 7, G. Savage (longest touch) 8. Ringers of 1, 3, 4, 7 and 8 belong to local band.

LEICESTER.—On Sunday, October 12th, for harvest festival at St. Margaret's, 1,259 Grandsire Caters in 52 mins.: E. Tanser 1, G. Humphreys 2, E. Morris (composer) 3, T. Bent 4, E. G. Hibbins (Cambridge) 5, W. Tanser 6, L. Johnson 7, E. Cattell 8, G. S. Morris (conductor) 9, J. Morris 10.

ERDINGTON.—On Sunday, October 12th, at St. Barnabas' Parish Church, for evening service, on the occasion of the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,280 changes) in 45 mins.: W. J. Meers 1, F. S. Sanders 2, Miss O. M. Sanders 3, G. F. Swann 4, J. Preston 5, J. W. Pemberton (conductor) 6, G. F. Garrison 7, J. E. Pywell 8.

NORTHAMPTON.—At St. Giles' Church, on Sunday, October 12th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Royal (1,260 changes) in 55 mins.: J. Dove 1, A. Parker 2, T. Law 3, F. Rollins 4, E. Sibley 5, J. C. Dean 6, F. Hopper 7, J. Housman 8, F. Wilford 9, J. J. Taylor (conductor) 10.

EDGBASTON.—On Sunday, October 12th, for morning service at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 42 mins.: W. Dowler 1, E. J. Cole (first quarter-peal) 2, J. Atkins 3, W. Mumford 4, G. E. Fearn 5, E. Boylin 6, H. Wilbers (conductor) 7, T. Russell 8.

BOCKING.—On Sunday, October 12th, at the Parish Church, 1,312 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: S. Warne 1, Miss E. E. Pettitt 2, A. Wiffen 3, W. G. Melbourne 4, H. T. Reason 5, F. Ely 6, W. H. Hammond 7, L. W. Wiffen (conductor) 8.

CROYDON.—At the Parish Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on Sunday, October 5th, for harvest festival evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 48 mins.: E. Acock (first in the method) 1, A. W. Clark 2, R. Davis 3, G. H. Humphries 4, J. Rumble, jun., 5, A. J. Cawley 6, D. Cooper (conductor) 7, H. G. Pratt 8. Also on Sunday, September 21st, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 52 mins.: J. Rumble, sen., 1, F. E. Mitchell (first in the method) 2, F. Talbot 3, J. E. Cooper 4, H. G. Pratt 5, R. Davies 6, D. Cooper (conductor) 7, J. Rumble, jun., 8.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—At the Parish Church, for morning service, on Sunday, October 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: E. Ansell 1, R. Hayden 2, F. Springham 3, H. M. White 4, H. Bull 5, W. W. Tucker 6, F. Bird (conductor) 7, W. Wilkinson 8. Also a birthday compliment to Mr. P. Springham, steeplekeeper.

HOW CHANGE RINGING CAME TO YATELEY.

RINGERS ENTERTAINED.

Recently the local band of bellringers at Yateley, Hants, were the guests of Mrs. Stilwell, of Thriftswood, Yateley, who very kindly entertained them to supper at the White Lion Hotel. After doing justice to the capital courses served up, Mr. S. J. Riddell, president of the band, proposed the health of Mrs. Stilwell, remarking that for over fifty years a great interest had always been taken in bellringing by the Stilwell family, and many kind and useful things had been done by them for the benefit of change ringing. He was sure that Mrs. Stilwell would be pleased to know that among the strong company present were Mr. W. B. Tree and Mr. J. R. Bunch, who were two of the first in Yateley to take up change ringing, and without whose efforts the art might have been lost to the parish. They commenced 42 years ago, under the tuition of the late Mr. Henry White, of Basingstoke, whose services for six months were generously defrayed by the late Mr. John Pakenham Stilwell, who was for many years president of the Winchester Diocesan Guild of Ringers, and who also gave three bells to the church. It was very pleasing to see in the room four grandchildren of that great supporter of the Guild in its early days, together with Mr. H. Oswald from overseas. The health of Mrs. Stilwell and family was received with acclamation and accorded musical honours.

Major J. G. Stilwell responded. He said that they were always pleased to assist the Yateley band, and, like his grandfather, he considered that a good company of ringers was a splendid asset to any church and parish. They had in Yateley one of the strongest bands in the Basingstoke district. He felt that, although they had to thank the older ringers for introducing the art of campanology into the village, the success of the present band was mainly due to their president, Mr. S. J. Riddell, who gave a tremendous amount of his time in teaching beginners.

The handbells were then produced, and some capital old English and Scotch melodies were played by the handbell section, and Grandsire and Stedman were rung, the whole company taking part in turns.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 293rd anniversary dinner will be held at the Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, on Saturday, November 8th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. each, may be obtained until Nov. 4th from Messrs. 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, C. W. Pipe, G. N. Price, W. Prime, C. W. Roberts, W. Roughton, J. W. Rowbotham, W. Rush-ton, E. J. Sampson, A. Walker, C. F. Winney or W. T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4. Towers open for ringing: Southwark Cathedral 2 to 2.50, St. Magnus' and St. Andrew's, Holborn, 2.30 to 4.30. St. Lawrence Jewry 2.45 to 4.30. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5 o'clock.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on October 30th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 28th (nomination night); both at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton District.—Quarterly meeting at Ropley, Saturday, October 25th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in the Coffee Room. — B. C. Taylor, Binsted Vicarage, Alton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The annual party will be held at Balderstone on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by social evening. Tickets, 2s. each, obtainable from local secretaries. — William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Rochester Cathedral on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service in Cathedral at 4 p.m. Tea at City Café at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. — Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By the kind permission of the Rev. E. D. Bowser, the autumn meeting will be held at Upper Deal on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service. Half fares up to 2s. will be paid to members attending this meeting.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—An opportunity for further ringing on the newly augmented peal at Irchester will be offered on Saturday, Oct. 25th, when a quarterly meeting will be held there. 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.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chilvers Coton (Nuneaton) on Saturday, Oct. 25th (not 18th, as previously arranged). Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church to be conducted by the Vicar (Rev. J. A. B. Davies, M.A.) at 4.30. Tea, at 5 o'clock, in Coventry Road School, 1s. each. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Epping Upland on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting follows.—C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Henbury on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea afterwards. Will tower secretaries please collect outstanding subscriptions for 1930? Thank you. All ringers welcome.—Harry Bennett, Branch Honorary Secretary, Highfield, Runswick Road, Brislington.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Wooburn, on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells (8) available at 3.30 p.m.—A. D. Baker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Barton-on-Humber on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Service 3.45. Tea (1s. 6d. each) 4.15. Bells (8) available from 11 to 9.30 p.m.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 43, Etherington Street, Gainsborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Fairfield (Buxton) on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Church of St. Peter (6 bells, tenor 12 cwt.) available afternoon and evening. As this is the first M.C.A. meeting to be held here a good attendance is hoped for and visitors from other areas will be welcome. Tea, 1s. each, to all who notify Mr. S. Boundy, 19, Queen's Road, Buxton. There are still a few outstanding subscriptions and a number of reports to be disposed of.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Leamwood, Dore, Sheffield.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Batley to-morrow (Saturday, October 25th). Usual arrangements.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Apsley End on Oct. 25th. Bells at 3 p.m. There will be a service, tea and meeting. All ringers welcome.—J. Puplett, Aylesbury Road, Tring.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Paul's Stalybridge on Sat. October 25th. Bells ready 3.30 p.m. Meeting 7.—S. Thompson, Hon. Sec., 16, Market St., Ashton-under-Lyne.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Hitchin, on Saturday, Oct. 25th. The peal of 8 bells will be available at 3 p.m. until 9. Tea at 5.30. Short service 6.30. The last meeting here was a record for attendance. Break it on Saturday! Main line train service. Buses from all parts with 20 minutes' service. Come early. Everyone welcome.—Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at The Saviour's, Bolton, on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Bath, on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, at Furzes, Southgate Street. A good attendance is requested.—T. Grant, Hon. Sec., Swainswick, Bath, Som.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—N. and E. District.—Next meeting at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea, at 1s. each, at 5.30. Please advise me if you are coming, three days notice will suffice. Bells at St. Mark's, Dalston, available from 7.30 to 9 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Lewisham, on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea will be provided, but only for those who notify me by Monday, Oct. 27th.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Buckland on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea by invitation of the Rector. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, Oct. 29th.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Kirkham on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. A special invitation to Preston branch ringers is extended.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., 118, Dickson Road, Blackpool.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Immanuel Church, Oswaldtwistle, on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Higham-on-the-Hill on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. and tea provided at 5 p.m. All ringers are cordially invited.—W. A. Cope, Smockington.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Long Buckley on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells (5) at 3 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me.—R. Adams, East Haddon, Northants.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—A meeting of the above will be held at Cotgrave on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Tower open 5 p.m. Buses from Millstone Lane.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Holmer on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells (6) available 3.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. Please notify me not later than Oct. 29th.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Glinton on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, Oct. 28th. Very good bus service from Peterborough. — W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chew Magna on Saturday, Nov. 1st. 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.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Potterne on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome.—F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Llanbadach on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells (8) available. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The last quarterly meeting will be held at Belper and Duffield on Saturday, Nov. 1st. The bells of St. Peter's, Belper, will be available from 2.30 p.m. till 5 p.m., and the bells of St. Alkmund's, Duffield, from 6.30 till 8.30 p.m. Business meeting in St. Peter's belfry at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Will all members of the Derby District kindly make a special effort to attend this meeting as there is important business to be discussed? — George Freebrey, Local Hon. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, November 1st, at Old Warden. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting at Eye on Nov. 8th. Bells available 2 p.m. Tea, 1s. each, at 4.30, at Commercial House, Church Street. Please send names to A. J. Berry, Thornham, by Nov. 5th.—H. Drake, Sec., Ufford Rectory.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Acton on Saturday, Nov. 8th, for the purpose of unveiling the peal tablet in memory of the late Mr. Robert Holloway, late ringing master of the South and West District. Ringing from 3.30. Service at 5 p.m. All ringing friends welcome. Will try and arrange for tea for those who notify me by Wednesday, Nov. 5th, first post.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Preacher: The Ven. Archdeacon Spooner. Tea 6.15 p.m. (6d. each), meeting to follow. Names for tea by Tuesday, Nov. 4th. A good attendance is requested.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chale on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (5) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. All ringers are welcomed. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me on or before Tuesday, Nov. 4th?—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Axbridge Deanery, under the auspices of the above association, will, on Saturday, Nov. 15th, hold their first annual dinner, concert and dance at the Cairo Hotel, near the Marine Lake, Weston-super-Mare. The hall is noted for its spacious ballroom and lounges, which will be available. Speeches will be very limited. The bells of Weston-super-Mare, Uphill, Bleadon and Kewstoke will be available. Bed and breakfast for those desiring to stay can be arranged for 6s. 6d. inclusive. Any friends invited, tickets 3s. 6d. inclusive, may be obtained from L. G. Tanner, Local Hon. Sec., 51, Locking Road, Weston-super-Mare.

METROPOLITAN POLICE GUILD.—Practice every Wednesday at St. George-the-Martyr, Borough, S.E., at 6.15 p.m. to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome. Any police officer attending Police Federation in London during November please write to F. Digby, 4, Crawford Buildings, Homer Street, W.1, or Inspector Bottrell, 29, Queen's Mansions, North Road, N.7.

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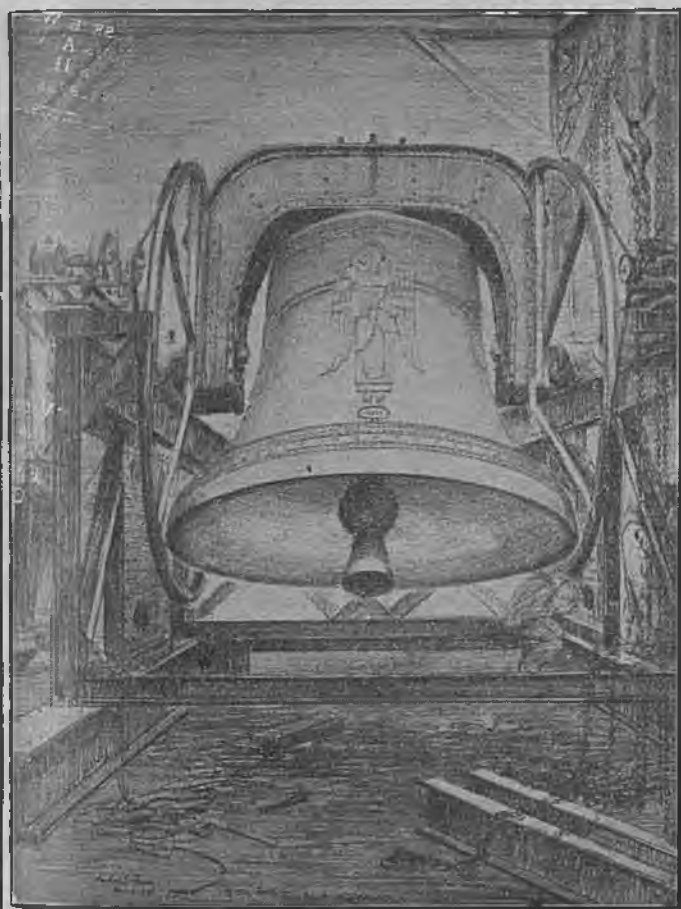
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PEALS OF MINOR.

We are very glad to see a member of the Methods Committee publicly discouraging peals of Plain Minor rung on the lines of a recent one at Isham, which was arranged with two singles only. In this form it may be a novelty, but it cannot be claimed as advancing the standard of peal ringing; indeed, it is just the reverse, and, in our opinion, a retrograde step. It is exactly one of the developments which, during the controversy on the Methods Committee's report last year, we pointed out would be led up to by admitting into a peal of Minor anything but true and complete 720's, or anything but true and complete 120's in a peal of Doubles. In fact, we quoted an exactly parallel case of Doubles in which, if repetitions are to be admitted before the completion of any extent, 5040 Grandsire Doubles with only two singles would have to be recognised as a peal.

It is the logical outcome of what we called 'tampering with truth,' and once you break the rule which requires each 720 (or 120) to be complete, however desirable may be the immediate end in view, you cannot decline to recognise any absurdity which a conductor may think fit to call a peal, so long as each row occurs not more than seven times in a 5040 of Minor or more than 42 times in a 5040 of Doubles. Mr. Trollope may object to the form of the Isham peal for reasons totally different to our own—he does not tell us on what grounds he thinks it is undesirable and therefore to be discouraged—but it is a good thing to find a member of the Methods Committee taking the first opportunity strongly to discourage 'freak' arrangements of this kind.

Nothing in the recognised standards of peal ringing is binding upon anybody, but the tendency in these days ought to be to raise them and not to open the door to the lowering of them. There may be some who would argue that the Isham peal is not retrogressive; but if such arrangements became accepted in general practice, why should not 5040 of Bob Minor be rung with only two singles, and if the one is to be recognised, why should not the other be? The Exercise has spent more than two and a half centuries in trying to build up a standard; ringing in these days has reached a stage when peals on the higher levels are 'cheap,' and anything which may tend to lower the qualification for any performance to be given the dignity of a 'peal' should be sternly rejected. There will probably always be people with strange notions of their own as to what they would call a 'peal,' but that does not make it necessary that the Exercise should recognise them, and, if the Exercise refuses recognition, such things will quickly cease to be practised.

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SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

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| *STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG .. Treble | GEORGE W. STOKES ... 6 |
| FREDERICK N. SMEATON ... 2 | FRANK BENNETT ... 7 |
| ERNEST G. HIGGIN ... 3 | ALFRED J. TURNER ... 8 |
| JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... 4 | ROBERT J. DAWE ... 9 |
| HENRY STALHAM ... 5 | JAMES HART ... Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

* First peal of Stedman and first on ten bells.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

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| HARRY OVERTON ... Treble | RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 6 |
| JAMES H. RIDING ... 2 | RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 7 |
| *WILLIAM J. CHESTER ... 3 | CHARLES H. PAGE ... 8 |
| HARRY F. HOLDING ... 4 | WILLIAM EDGE ... 9 |
| HAROLD EDWARDS ... 5 | EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... Tenor |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JAMES H. RIDING.

* First touch on ten bells. A birthday compliment to Wm. Edge
and Joe Broadley, of Bradford.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

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| JOHN HOYLE ... Treble | JOHN H. B. HESSE ... 6 |
| JOHN BEAMS ... 2 | *ARTHUR H. SMITH ... 7 |
| HERBERT LANGDON ... 3 | GEORGE A. COOK ... 8 |
| MISS IRENE L. HASTIE ... 4 | ALAN R. PINK ... 9 |
| GEORGE F. MARRINER ... 5 | *WILLIAM G. NEWBERRY ... Tenor |

Composed by HENRY W. HALEY.

Conducted by H. LANGDON.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 11, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OLAVE, MART STREET,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

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| EDWIN F. PIKE ... Treble | WILLIAM H. PASMORE ... 5 |
| HENRY R. NEWTON ... 2 | JAMES BELLOCK ... 6 |
| HENRY HODGETTS ... 3 | WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 7 |
| HARRY R. PASMORE ... 4 | HERBERT LANGDON ... Tenor |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by H. LANGDON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled during the burial at Cardington,
Beds, of those lost in the disaster to the airship R 101.

OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

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| FRANK HADLEY ... Treble | HERBERT E. BOOTH ... 5 |
| JOSEPH FLAVELL ... 2 | HARRY BOSWELL ... 6 |
| ALBERT D. COLLINS ... 3 | ALFRED FALLON ... 7 |
| ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 4 | WILLIAM CLIFTON ... Tenor |

Conducted by A. FALLON.

The ringers of the treble and tenor were proposed members of the
above society in the belfry.

LEDBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 18, 1930, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt.

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| HERBERT COLCOMB Treble | DENZEL DAVIS 5 |
| CHARLES EDWARDS 2 | THOMAS DAVIS 6 |
| WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS 3 | ALBERT E. HURCOMBE 7 |
| GEOFFREY W. TAYSON 4 | HENRY J. TAYLOR Tenor |

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| NORAH M. BIBBY Treble | THOMAS HAMMOND 5 |
| LESTER GRAY 2 | JOHN E. BIBBY 6 |
| ROBERT SPERRING 3 | GEORGE R. JONES 7 |
| WILLIAM BIBBY 4 | EDWARD V. RODENHURST Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 20, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 20 cwt.

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| DONALD G. CLIFT Treble | EDWIN F. PIKE 5 |
| JOHN H. CRAMPION 2 | WILFRED WILLIAMS 6 |
| JAMES E. DAVIS 3 | CECIL W. PIPE 7 |
| CHARLES W. ROBERTS 4 | RONALD H. BULLEN Tenor |

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

The ringer of the treble was elected a member of the association previous to starting the peal.

HORLEY, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Tuesday, October 21, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

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| *HENRY H. PARSONS Treble | ROBERT SWIFT 5 |
| †ERNEST W. RAZZELL 2 | FRANK B. JEAL 6 |
| ALFRED J. BULL 3 | OLIVER SIPPETTS 7 |
| †WILLIAM F. SLAUGHTER 4 | †CHARLES A. ALDWORTH Tenor |

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal on eight. † First peal. Quarterly peal for the Southern District.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 21, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

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| ERNEST WHITING Treble | EGBERT BORRETT 5 |
| JOHN SOOTER 2 | JOHN SNELLING 6 |
| FREDERICK R. BORRETT 3 | GEORGE ARCHER 7 |
| NOLAN GOLDEN 4 | FREDERICK SEAGER Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 21, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

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| ERNEST J. BUTLER 7 treble | *THOMAS T. GOFTON 5 |
| GEORGE R. PYE 2 | ALBERT W. COLES 6 |
| CHARLES T. COLES 3 | JAMES BENNETT 7 |
| EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 4 | WILLIAM PYE Tenor |

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
* First peal of four spliced methods. This peal contained 2,944 changes of London, 736 each of Superlative and Cambridge, and 608 of Bristol, Superlative and Cambridge being rung in alternate courses.

RUSPER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 14 cwt.

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| ROBERT BRETT Treble | GEORGE ELLIS 5 |
| KENNETH SNELLING 2 | CECIL NICE 6 |
| GEORGE OLLIVER 3 | NELSON ELLIOTT 7 |
| RIGINALD V. JOHNSON 4 | OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor |

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

The conductor's 500th peal (200 conducted).

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 23, 1930, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

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| *FRANK AINSLEY Treble | *HAROLD B. DITCHBURN 3 |
| *GEORGE S. TAYLOR 2 | THOMAS H. REEVES 6 |
| DAVID VINCENT 3 | JOSEPH W. PARKER 7 |
| MICHAEL F. HARRISON 4 | ROBERT L. PATTERSON Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

* First peal in the method. With the exception of Mr. T. T. Reeves, of Birmingham, all the band are service ringers at this church.

NUNEATON WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

(THE NUNNATON SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, October 23, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| THOMAS W. CHAPMAN Treble | ARTHUR BEAMISH 5 |
| ABRAHAM WILKERSON 2 | WILFRED H. J. HOOTON 6 |
| *EDWIN MARTIN 3 | ERNEST STONE 7 |
| *ALFRED KING 4 | HAROLD D. ARGYLE Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a farewell to Mr. A. Wilkerson, who is leaving Nuneaton for Weston-super-Mare with best wishes of the Nuneaton Society.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, October 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 22 cwt.

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| LEONARD J. JOYCE Treble | FRANCIS TAYLOR 5 |
| MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK 2 | PERCY J. DYKE 6 |
| ALBERT E. LOCK 3 | WALTER F. JUDGE 7 |
| WILLIAM G. COLLETT 4 | GORDON CAUDWELL Tenor |

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

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WHITWORTH, LANCs.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

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| *S. T. SLATER Treble | †A. V. WILLIAMS... .. 5 |
| H. W. EMMETT 2 | F. KENDALL 6 |
| †W. E. RAWSON 3 | J. HILL 7 |
| W. H. KENDALL 4 | J. BRACEWELL Tenor |

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD. Conducted by H. W. EMMETT.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. † First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor, and first attempt. All the above are Sunday service ringers at St. Saviour's Church, Bacup.

TIVERTON, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, October 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 26 cwt.

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| *JOHN BOWDEN Treble | SIDNEY RIDGEWAY 5 |
| RICHARD GRATER 2 | FREDERICK CHAMBERLAIN 6 |
| WILLIAM COCKRAM 3 | †FRED NEWCOMBE 7 |
| FRANK VINEY 4 | HARRY WARE Tenor |

Conducted by F. NEWCOMBE.

* First peal. † First peal with a changing bell. First attempt as conductor. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Richard Grater, who has completed 50 years as a member of the Devon Guild.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BERTHOLINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

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| *JOHN TIMMIS Treble | †ERIC B. ALLMAN 5 |
| THOMAS HURD 2 | ARTHUR ALLMAN 6 |
| JOHN H. PARKER 3 | ALBERT CRAWLEY 7 |
| JOHN BRASSINGTON 4 | ALBERT ASTBURY Tenor |

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Triples away from the treble.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

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| *FREDERICK J. CRAPNELL ... Treble | HARRY R. ROPER 5 |
| JAMES BENNETT, JUN. 2 | *CHARLES CLARKE 6 |
| CHARLES W. PARKER 3 | GEORGE E. SYMONDS... .. 7 |
| GEORGE BENNETT 4 | CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS

* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of the late Rev. Albert Edward Flaxman, through whom the bells were augmented from six to eight in 1897. The ringers wish to thank his son, the Rev. Dr. Harry Flaxman, for his generosity after the peal.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

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| ALBERT WIFFEN Treble | FREDERICK RIDGWELL 5 |
| MISS KITTY WILLERS 2 | WALTER ARNOLD... .. 6 |
| GEORGE WIFFEN 3 | ARTHUR SAUNDERS 7 |
| WILLIAM KREBLE 4 | LEWIS W. WIFFEN Tenor |

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by WILLIAM KREBLE. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. Jack Keyes, of Tiptree, cousin of the conductor, and Miss Vera Martin, of Virley, which took place earlier in the day at the Parish Church, Virley, Essex.

PETERSTONE, WENTLOOG, MON.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt.

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| TOM FORD Treble | WILLIAM HEATH 5 |
| GEORGE POPNELL 2 | ERNEST STITCH 6 |
| JOHN W. JONES 3 | ERNEST COOMBS... .. 7 |
| FRANK J. BAILEY... .. 4 | JOHN PHILLIPS Tenor |

Composed by T. HOPGOOD.

Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.

Specially rung as a birthday peal for the conductor's wife.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

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| *RAYMOND OVERY Treble | WILLIAM T. BEESON 5 |
| CHARLES N. BURDOCK 2 | GEORGE W. STEERE 6 |
| GEORGE WILSON 3 | CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7 |
| C. ERNEST SMITH 4 | ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING

* First peal in a Surprise method.

BENENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, October 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

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| ROBERT EDWARDS Treble | *CYRIL W. A. BROWN 5 |
| MRS. H. BAKER 2 | KENNETH PATTENDEN 6 |
| WILLIAM BUTTON 3 | CHARLES W. PLAYER 7 |
| HARRY BAKER 4 | CHARLES TRIPE Tenor |

Conducted by C. W. PLAYER.

* First peal of Stedman. A birthday peal for Mr. Edwards.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

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| LESTER GRAY Treble | JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... 5 |
| ROBERT WALLWORK 2 | *RONALD EDWARDS 6 |
| JOHN WILKINSON 3 | TITUS BARLOW 7 |
| THOMAS WALLBROOK... .. 4 | THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

* First peal of Superlative. First Surprise peal on the bells. A birthday compliment to T. Wallbrook. This composition is now rung for the first time.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

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| JOHN EVANS Treble | *ROWLAND BIGGS 5 |
| DOROTHY R. FLETCHER 2 | HARRY WINGRAVE 6 |
| KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER 3 | GEORGE MARTIN 7 |
| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4 | ARTHUR MARTIN Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First Surprise peal on an inside bell. The conductor's 250th peal.

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REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

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| FREDERICK BORRETT... .. | Treble | HERBERT FULCHER | 5 |
| STANLEY COPLING | 2 | CHARLES LOOME | 6 |
| GEORGE HOWLETT | 3 | RUSSELL RICHES... .. | 7 |
| *CECIL BARRETT... .. | 4 | WALTER BARRETT | Tenor |

Composed by C. LANG.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

* First peal.

CHITTLEHAMPTON, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(EXETER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Marytha,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' No. 1.

Tenor 17 cwt. in F sharp.

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| WILLIAM HOWE | Treble | GEORGE BRITTS | 5 |
| EDWARD W. BIFFIN | 2 | ARTHUR TRUMAN... .. | 6 |
| HARRY POOK... .. | 3 | GEORGE LUYTON | 7 |
| WILLIAM S. LETHBRIDGE | 4 | WILLIAM BEDFORD | Tenor |

Conducted by E. W. BIFFIN.

First peal on the bells, which were recently rehung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. E. S. Mortimore, Rector, for giving permission for the use of the bells, and to Mr. S. Rendle for getting everything ready. The band represent eight different towers in the Guild.

CONGRESBURY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' IRREGULAR FIVE-PART, No. 1.

Tenor 38 cwt. in C.

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| *EDWARD THATCHER | Treble | ARTHUR E. STANDEN | 5 |
| FRANK FISHER | 2 | CHARLES R. LILLEY... .. | 6 |
| *FRANK GOSLING... .. | 3 | *REGINALD FISHER | 7 |
| JAMES E. LILLEY | 4 | LEONARD G. TANNER | Tenor |

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal. First peal of Triples by the local band, assisted by Mr. L. G. Tanner, of Weston. First peal of Grandsire Triples on this magnificent ring.

PENKEDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Five 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 16 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

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| *JAMES SHAW | Treble | HERBERT E. BOOTH | 5 |
| ALFRED FALLON... .. | 2 | ABRAHAM GREENFIELD | 6 |
| WILLIAM A. JONES | 3 | HARRY BOSWELL | 7 |
| ALBERT D. COLLINS | 4 | CHARLES J. BASTOWE... .. | Tenor |

Conducted by A. GREENFIELD.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples away from the tenor. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Greenfield on the occasion of the twenty-fourth anniversary of their wedding.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

OFFENHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes.

At the Church of SS. Mary and Milburgh,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Bob and St. Clement's.

Tenor 12 cwt.

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| JOHN C. PERKINS... .. | Treble | FRED HAWKES | 4 |
| WILLIAM RANFORD | 2 | CYRIL TANSSELL | 5 |
| SIDNEY T. HOLT | 3 | CHARLES CAMM | Tenor |

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

SPRATTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHAMPTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 18, 1930, in Three Hours.

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

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| *ERNEST S. TEBBUTT | Treble | FRANK ROLLINGS... .. | 3 |
| ARTHUR ROBINSON | 2 | THOMAS LAW | 4 |

TOM TEBBUTT Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal on the bells. These bells have recently been rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

SANDRIDGE, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 8 cwt.

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| *JOSEPH BLOW | Treble | THOMAS HOLL | 4 |
| *THOMAS BLOW | 2 | CHARLES JEFFS | 5 |
| JOHN MALVAN | 3 | *FRANCIS KIRK | Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN MALVAN.

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

THE CHART, LIMPSFIELD.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, October 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes.

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob, two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and two of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

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| *ALFRED J. BULL | Treble | JAMES W. KNIGHT, JUN. | 4 |
| WILLIAM G. PATERNOSTER | 2 | LEONARD A. TIDY | 5 |
| CHARLES W. CLINCH | 3 | WALTER CLAYDON | Tenor |

Conducted by WALTER CLAYDON.

* 100th peal for the Surrey Association. First peal of Minor as conductor.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, October 19, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

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| *WILLIAM J. BUTTON... .. | Treble | GEORGE BENNETT | 4 |
| GEORGE PRYKE | 2 | LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN | 5 |
| †JAMES BENNETT, JUN. | 3 | LESLIE G. BRETT... .. | Tenor |

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Surprise Minor. G. Pryke's 100th peal for the above Guild. First peal of Minor as conductor.

CAXTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(OVER SOCIETY.)

On Sunday, October 19, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

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| *MANSFIELD GINN | Treble | FRANCIS G. GLEAVES | 4 |
| FRANK WARRINGTON... .. | 2 | ARTHUR J. GINN | 5 |
| *BERRY WAYMAN... .. | 3 | *CHARLES ROBINSON | Tenor |

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal in the method. Rung for the harvest festival by invitation.

PROGRESS AT NETTLEBED.

On a recent Wednesday evening a visit was paid to the village of Nettlebed, Oxon, by the Master of the Guild (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) and Mr. R. T. Hibbert. Great progress has been made in this tower since Mr. J. Smith went there to reside. Grandsire Doubles were rung by several resident ringers, and a 720 Bob Minor by R. T. Hibbert 1, H. Hope 2, T. Cobb 3, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn 4, S. Smith 5, J. Smith (conductor) 6. First attempt for 720 by ringers of 2, 3 and 5. Mr. J. Smith has reason to be proud of his youngsters.

TERANDESTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, October 20, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET OF ANTIOCH.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different extents, one of Double Court and two each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

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| WILLIAM BURROWS Treble | DAVID WHITING 4 |
| PERCY L. JOHNSON 2 | ERIC G. BENNETT 5 |
| ALPHAËUS J. BERRY 3 | NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor |

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

BARLEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 21, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and one 720 of Oxford Bob, each 720 called differently. Tenor 8 cwt.

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| ALBERT HOWARD Treble | WALTER MANSFIELD 4 |
| HARRY HOWARD 2 | WILLIAM A. TACK 5 |
| *GRAHAM PRATT 3 | ROBERT HOWARD Tenor |

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

* First peal, and elected a member of the Herts Association in the tower at the time of the peal.

ROWBERROW, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 7 cwt. in B

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| JOHN HOUSE Treble | ERNEST TOSSELL 4 |
| CHARLES FIELD 2 | JEFFERY TOSSELL 5 |
| CHARLES R. LILLEY 3 | *BAWN BRANCH Tenor |

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal on these bells. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Harold Blacker.

TIBENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 23, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different extents, two each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 20 cwt in E.

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| ALBERT BROWN Treble | NOLAN GOLDEN 4 |
| ALPHAËUS J. BERRY 2 | JOHN SNELLING 5 |
| ERIC G. BENNETT 3 | FREDERICK SEAGER Tenor |

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal for 16 years on these bells, the finest six in the county.

WINFARTHING, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 24, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven different extents, one each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Plain Bob, and two of St. Clement's. Tenor 9 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

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| HAROLD T. BARHAM Treble | ERIC G. BENNETT 4 |
| NOLAN GOLDEN 2 | JOHN SNELLING 5 |
| ALPHAËUS J. BERRY 3 | FREDERICK SEAGER Tenor |

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

NORTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1930, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

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| ALPHAËUS J. BERRY Treble | STANLEY A. HOLMAN 4 |
| ALBERT G. HARRISON 2 | ERIC G. BENNETT 5 |
| PERCY L. JOHNSON 3 | NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor |

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

This is the shortest time in which a true 5,040 has been completed on six tower bells for the above association.

SHARESHILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 25, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. LUKE AND MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt.

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| EDWARD F. MITCHELL Treble | CHRISTOPHER WALLATEL 4 |
| HERBERT KNIGHT 2 | SIDNEY ELTON 5 |
| JOHN C. ADAMS 3 | JOHN PERRY Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN PERRY.

First peal of Bob Minor by all except the ringer of the second, and with the exception of the ringer of the fifth all have rung a peal on 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells in the method. First of Minor on the bells, also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

PATRINGTON, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor 10½ cwt.

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| STANLEY WEBB Treble | J. MAURICE DIXON 4 |
| CECIL W. H. TOMLINSON 2 | GEORGE DOWLING 5 |
| JOHN M. PICKERING 3 | LEONARD RODMELL Tenor |

Conducted by LEONARD RODMELL.

UPTON BISHOP, HEREFORDSHIRE.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 25, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

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| *ALFRED NORMAN Treble | HENRY E. COX 4 |
| JOHN J. WEBB 2 | WILLIAM POSTON 5 |
| *FRANK PHILLIPS 3 | THOMAS LEWIS Tenor |

Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal. The ringers of treble, 3rd and tenor belong to the local band. The first peal on the bells in which a local man has taken part for 25 years.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CRETINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, October 19, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. G. WIGHTMAN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

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| *WALTER W. MILLER 1-2 | GEORGE WIGHTMAN 5-6 |
| WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 3-4 | JOHN ARBON 7-8 |

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by G. WIGHTMAN.

* First peal of Major on handbells. † First peal. First peal on handbells rung in the parish.

STOCKPORT.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 23, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT 23, GREEK STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

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

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

* First peal of Bob Royal.

FIRSTS!

At Barton-le-Cley, Bedfordshire, on Thursday, October 9th, for the harvest festival evensong, 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins.: H. Mann 1, Rev. T. H. Dixon 2, E. R. Brown 3, A. Gutteridge 4, R. Foddy 5, R. Kendall (conductor) 6. First 720 by the ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 4, and first by a local band on the bells.—On Sunday, October 12th, for festival evensong, 720 Bob Minor: H. R. C. Mann 1, H. Mann 2, E. Foddy 3, A. Gutteridge 4, H. Roberts 5, R. Kendall (conductor) 6. First 720 of Minor by the ringers of treble and 5th, and first with a bob bell by the 2nd.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**SUCCESSFUL MEETING OF THE NORTHERN BRANCH.**

In delightful weather, apart from being cold, the half-yearly meeting of the Northern Branch at Barton-on-Humber, on Saturday, October 25th, was one of the most enjoyable meetings in the annals of the district. Among the towers represented were Bigby, Burton-on-Stather, Elsham, Gainsborough, Goxhill, Grimsby (St. Andrew's), Lincoln (Cathedral), Scotter, Scunthorpe, Thornton Curtis, Ulceby, Upton and Willingham, in addition to the local company. There were also present Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson (Surfleet) and Mr. Howell (Holy Trinity Church), Hull.

The ancient tower of the church, dedicated to St. Peter, contains a sweet-toned ring of eight bells, which were kept going in the standard methods and Double Norwich during the afternoon and evening.

At the request of the Vicar, the Rev. J. H. Park (Thornton Curtis) conducted the service and gave a most eloquent address to the large number present. Subsequently fifty members and friends partook of an excellent tea at the Assembly Rooms, after which the Vicar (Rev. W. E. Varah) extended a hearty welcome to all, and in his interesting speech referred to Harrison's Bell Foundry, which was at Barton some years ago.

Mr. F. P. Linley (Northern Branch president) took the chair at the business meeting, and was supported by the Vicar, Rev. J. H. Park and Rev. H. T. Parry, Bigby (Grimsby District president), and members of the committee.

Apologies for absence were announced from Canon Hicks, Messingham, Mr. J. A. Freeman, Lincoln (Northern Branch Ringing Master) and Rev. H. Law James, Surfleet (Guild Ringing Master).

Gainsborough was agreed upon as the place for the next half-yearly meeting, the arrangements being left in the hands of the general secretary and local members of the committee.

Speeches of interest were made by Mr. Linley, Rev. H. T. Parry and Rev. J. H. Park.

A comprehensive vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the Rev. J. H. Park for his very helpful address, the organist, the caterers and waitresses, and, last but not least, to Mr. A. W. Hoodless for the excellent arrangements he had made, and all others who had helped towards making the proceedings such a success. This having been duly responded to by the Vicar and Mr. Hoodless, the business meeting concluded, after which further ringing on handbells and tower bells helped to bring to a finish 'a perfect day.'

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**GLASTONBURY DEANERY BRANCH.**

The quarterly meeting of the Glastonbury Deanery Branch was held at Dinder on Saturday, when the towers represented were Glastonbury, Wells, Meare, Crocombe, Dinder, West Pennard, Doultling, Shepton Mallet, and Leigh-on-Mendip. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and, later, service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. M. Y. McLean). Tea was served in the Village Hut, and was generously given by Mr. A. F. Somerville.

At the business meeting, which followed, the Master of the association, the Rev. E. S. C. Lock (West Pennard) was voted to the chair, and was supported by the branch secretary, Mr. F. D. Rickards (Wells) and the Ringing Master of the branch, Mr. H. J. Trim (Glastonbury).

It was decided to hold the annual meeting of the branch at Glastonbury in January.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to Mr. Somerville and the ladies who prepared the tea; to the Rev. and Mrs. McLean; to the organist and blower; and to the local ringers. Further ringing was then indulged in, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor being rung on the bells, a very enjoyable meeting terminating about 7.30 p.m.

LAVENHAM RINGER'S WEDDING.

On Saturday, October 18th, the marriage took place at St. Lawrence's Church, Little Walsingham, of Mr. F. A. Poulson (Lavenham) and Miss M. H. Martin (Little Walsingham). The ceremony and reception were of a quiet nature by request, hence no 'wedding bells.'

The bride was given away by her sister, and the bridegroom's brother, Mr. L. Poulson, another ringer, acted as best man. The bride's brother is also a ringer.

The happy pair afterwards travelled to Cambridge, where the honeymoon was spent, and have now taken up residence at Newton, Suffolk.

The Lavenham 'bachelors band' regret losing their deputy conductor, but they can still 'muster' enough for the octave, whereas the 'Benedicts' have to rely upon their three non-resident members.

Mr. F. A. Poulson is one of the trio of well-known ringing brothers of Lavenham, Suffolk, all of whom have left the 'single' ranks during the last eighteen months.

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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 first peal on the bells at Buckfast Abbey, Devon, was rung on Saturday, when a peal of Stedman Cinques was scored by a band of visitors from London and elsewhere, with Mr. William Pyc as conductor.

Owing to the tower being unsafe, ringing at Shopton Mallet, Somerset, has been suspended until further notice.

The first peal of Grandsire Triples by the local hand on the fine ring at Congressbury was rung last Saturday, the only outside help being from Mr. L. G. Tanner, of Weston-super-Mare. It is 21 years since the local men rang a peal of Doubles, at the time the bells were a heavy ring of six. The advent of Mr. C. R. Lilley and his son to Congressbury has stirred things up in this Somerset village.

For some years the bells at Tibenham, Norfolk, have been pronounced by visiting ringers as unringable, but last Thursday a peal was rung on them. They are said to be the finest ring of six in the county. We hope this peal will not delay any necessary overhaul of the bells. The whole village appeared to take an interest in the peal, and the Vicar, who was particularly pleased at the performance, showed his appreciation in 'liquid fashion' at its conclusion.

A correspondent inquires what a friend of his has been training on at Duffield to ring the treble and tenor to a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples?

The bells of St. Paul's Cathedral were opened on November 1st, 1878.

To-morrow is the 150th anniversary of the opening of a ring of eight bells at Waldron, Sussex. A peal of five bells was put in the tower by Richard Phelps in 1732. A treble was added in 1773 by Thomas Janaway, and the octave completed by Wm. Mears in 1780.

The first 'name' peal was rung on November 3rd, 1796, when eleven Williams, members of the Royal Cumberland Youths, rang a peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields.

The first peal of Superlative Surprise Major was rung at Huddersfield on November 5th, 1821.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

LACK OF INSTRUCTORS.

The quarterly meeting of the Alton District, held at Ropley on October 25th, was well attended, representatives being present from Bishop's Sutton, Blackmoor, Farnborough, North Stoneham, Overton, Petersfield and Winchester, and some useful work was done on the bells.

At the meeting following the tea, at which the party numbered 31, an interesting feature was the decision of the Ropley band to rejoin the Guild.

Mr. Wilfrid Andrews spoke of the difficulty of finding instructors in country districts, and urged the younger members to work hard to make themselves efficient in order to meet this difficulty. He very kindly consented to instruct the Ropley band himself.

The Master referred to the hon. auditor's hereavement in the death of Mrs. Griffin, and a vote of condolence was passed.

A vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. Read, was also passed to Mr. Alan Pink for his services to the district, especially in the Petersfield neighbourhood.

ST. PETER MANCROFT, NORWICH.**500TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED.**

A thanksgiving festival has been held at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on the occasion of the celebration of the anniversary of the church. The Bishop of Norwich preached the sermon at the morning service and also dedicated a beautifully figured and gilded reredos, a cross, the gift of Mrs. Barnard, and a pair of candlesticks, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Beattie, members of the congregation, in memory of relatives who were former worshippers at the church. The Lord Mayor and Corporation attended in state, being received by the Vicar, the Rev. Hugh McMullan, and the choir at the great west door, and the procession entered while the hymn, 'We love the place, O Lord,' was being sung. At the rear of the procession was the Bishop of Norwich, preceded by the churchwardens and the Rev. F. W. Baggallay (son of a former Vicar of the parish).

In his sermon, preached upon a text from the Psalms, 'O come, let us worship,' the Bishop offered hearty congratulations and encouragement to those who were working in and for the Church of St. Peter Mancroft. 'We have long learnt,' he continued, 'to identify

As early as the fifteenth century St. Peter Mancroft had a ring of five bells, and they were made into six by the addition of a treble in 1602. The augmentation to eight took place in 1672, and in 1736 this ring was made a peal of ten by an addition of two bells subscribed for by Gentlemen in ye Parish.' In the following year, there was rung a peal of Grandsire Caters, 'which for excellency of its ringing, Harmonious changes and ye number of them, was certainly superior to anything of its kind ever done in the world; and to remove all doubt of the truth of the performance several ingenious Ringers were abroad the whole time with proper rules to prove the certainty of ye same. Thus was this great peal perfectly complicated to the entire satisfaction, surprise, and amazement of thousands of hearers in the space of 8 hours 15 minutes. The number of changes were 12,600 rung by 9 men belonging to the steeple, the tenor singly by a young ringer for 8,000, then a second rang her to the end of the peal. The persons' names and the bells they rung were as follows: Tho. Melchior treble, Wm. Pettingall 2, John Gardiner 3, Tho. Barrett 4, Robert Crane 5, Wm. Porter 6, Tho. Blofield 7, Edwd. Crane 8, Christ. Booty 9, James Jerom and Robt. Liddamon tenor.'



THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT, NORWICH.

it with generous thought and gifts. Taught by its late incumbent (Canon Meyrick), who made a fine appeal in Norwich, through the many years of his ministry and by his predecessors here, this parish and congregation have taken broad views of the call of the Church. Now I rejoice to find that the good work is still going forward, and that your new incumbent is making his own contributions towards the fuller development of Church life and Church influence in the parish.'

At evensong, the service was also very impressive, the organ and choir being augmented by a number of string and brass instruments, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. F. W. Baggallay. Before evensong a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,287 changes) was rung in 55 minutes by the following members of the St. Peter Mancroft Guild: Miss M. Robertson 1, Miss A. Cushing 2, Miss H. Bill 3, H. J. Borrett 4, B. J. Honchin 5, W. E. Bason (conductor) 6, F. H. Knights 7, G. Mayers 8, G. Bailey 9, F. W. Curtis 10.

St. Peter Mancroft has been famous in ringing history. Here the first peal on record was rung (Bob Triples) in the year 1715. The first peal of Grandsire followed in 1718, and the first peal of Stedman Triples in 1731. For these three performances alone St. Peter Mancroft holds an important place in ringing, but many other famous peals have been rung there.

In 1775 it was decided to replace the old peal with a new ring of twelve, with a tenor of 41 cwt., and these were cast by Pack and Chapman, of Whitechapel. 'The new peal of twelve bells was opened on Wednesday, June 21st, 1775. On that day a Te Deum and Jubilate was performed in the Church with a chorus from the Messiah. The Coronation Anthem was also performed by a band of about thirty gentlemen to a genteel and numerous audience. After this the bells were opened by the ringers, much to the admiration of the listeners and admirers of music and ringing. It was at first apprehended that the note of the tenor was not deep enough to cover the peal with dignity; but her majestic and complacent giving sound soon proclaimed her superiority, and the execution of the whole has reflected honour on the founders, and on the gentlemen who tuned these harmonious bells.'

The old tenor, inscribed, 'To the King, Queen and ten children this harmonious peal of twelve bells is dedicated,' was cracked in 1814, and was recast at a weight of about 41 cwt., and, typical of the spirit referred to by the Bishop in his sermon, in 1909 a flat sixth bell was added to make a middle eight, and this bears a Latin inscription which may be literally translated: 'I am called Gabriel. The Guild of Ringers of this Church with the good will and gifts of many have me made, 1909.'

BOB MAJOR COURSING ORDER.

AN ARTICLE FOR YOUNG CONDUCTORS.

BY J. SEGAR, JUN.

No conductor likes to say after three hours' ringing, 'This should be all.' He will always try to find a few places in the composition where he can check the progress of the ringing and call 'Stand,' if something is wrong. Jasper Snowden dealt very fully with the importance of this in 'Ropesight' and in his 'Treatise on Treble Bob,' where he states that the ablest class of conductors comprises those who know the positions of the bells throughout the peal.

So far as Plain Bob is concerned, it is quite easy to know the coursing order throughout the touch or peal, and to work out mentally the effect of a bob before calling it. I am assuming that the tenors are not parted, and that the conductor is ringing an observation bell. In the plain course the bells come to lead in this order, 8.7.5.3.2.4.6. It is sufficient to remember the working bells, 53246. A bob alters the work of three bells, which will be met consecutively. A bob will rearrange but not separate the bells whose work is altered by the call. A bob at the first lead (i.e., W) causes (532)46 to become (325)46. The first of the three has become the last of the three figures in brackets. 336 changes of Bob Major with calls at W could be written:—

532 46

325 46

253 46

532 46

If you take the first opportunity of calling this touch you will find the coursing orders given are correct. There are two more ways of putting three figures in brackets—5(324)6, 53(246)—and there are two more places in a course where a bob can be called. It would be very convenient to find a bob at Middle had rearranged the middle three (324), and a bob at last lead had rearranged the last three (246). Unfortunately, this is not so. Another visit to the tower will show:—

| 3 bobs at M. | 3 bobs at H. |
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| 53 246 | 5 324 6 |
| 53 462 | 5 243 6 |
| 53 624 | 5 432 6 |
| 53 246 | 5 324 6 |

It will be noticed in all three cases, W.M.H., a bob causes the same rearrangement. I previously mentioned that the first (of the three bells affected) becomes the last, and this applies at M. and H., just as it did at W. Those who would like a little practice on paper before attempting the mental transposition in the belfry will not be wasting their time. This system can be applied to composition, and a false touch can easily be detected.

23456 W. M. H.

45236 — —

62534 — —

52436 — —

The coursing orders of the above figures are:—

| W. | M. | H. |
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| (000)00 | 00(000) | 0(000)0 |
| 32546 | 32546 | 35426 |
| 35426 | 35264 | 32654 |
| 32654 | 32546 | 32546 |

and the falseness at M. is exposed. When ringing Major only, there is one other place where a call is sometimes made, i.e., 'Before.' This has a simple, but rather different, effect: 53246 becomes 65324.

Anyone using this system of proving compositions should be careful of bobs 'Before.' Other calls produce a new order instead of the old. Bobs Before produce a new order in addition to the old.

Some may find bobs at M. the easiest, so I conclude with a quarter-peal in skeleton form with simple calling and easy coursing orders:—

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LITTLEHAM, EXMOUTH.—On Wednesday, September 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandire Triples (1,260 changes): Rev. E. S. Powell 1, John Arbury 2, Rev. C. C. Cox (conductor) 3, William Howe 4, John Flint 5, Oliver Gatter (first quarter-peal) 6, J. Armiger Trollope 7, Mrs. E. S. Powell 8.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

'MISSIONARY' EXPEDITION TO BARNARD CASTLE.

Efforts to create an interest in change ringing are being made at Barnard Castle, Co. Durham. A meeting of the Southern District of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held there on October 18th, when the members met the local ringers at tea, kindly provided by Mrs. Bircham. After ringing on the Parish Church bells, the company, numbering 24, met in the Mission Room under the chairmanship of the Vicar (Rev. H. W. H. Bircham). The visitors included Messrs. T. Titt (secretary), G. Park, Roland Park, Norman Park (vice-president), Lawes, Porter and W. Oliver, of Holy Trinity, Darlington; Messrs. Venus and Clarke, St. Cuthbert's, Darlington; Messrs. J. W. Shipp and H. Shipp, Staindrop; Mr. Hall, Heighington; and Mr. Burnett, Kirkby Stephen. Local ringers present included Messrs. Tom Chatt (captain), Robert Blenkinsopp, W. Cheesebrough, A. Stoddart, E. W. Willis, and T. W. Harwood, of the Parish Church belfry. The Rev. G. K. Spiller (curate), and Mr. F. R. Battersby (lay reader) were also among the guests.

After the repast, the Vicar, in offering a hearty welcome to the guests, referred to the importance of the bellringers as part of the Church organisation, but regretted that in many cases ringers appeared to be outside the general band of churchworkers, although their work came within the same category as Sunday School teachers, district visitors, churchwardens, sidesmen, and so on. He wanted the ringers to regard themselves as part of the Church organisation and feel that their services were valued. Since an enthusiastic band of change ringers had come to the town he had taken the opportunity of offering them welcome. They were proud of the peal of bells at Barnard Castle Church, and they were proud to have people from a distance to ring them. The local clergy desired to recognise the ringers more than they had done in the past. There were ringers who, although they called people to church, did not go in themselves. He submitted affectionately that they who rang the invitations to other people to gather for worship should go into God's House themselves. His friends from a distance had shown him a little book on change ringing, and if the local ringers would accept copies from him he would be pleased to provide them. If local bellringers cared to go in for change ringing members of the association would be pleased to come over some Saturday afternoons to give them instruction. There were no handbells in use at Barnard Castle at present, but if there was a possibility of them being used they would be provided. There was need for progress in everything, and he would like to see progress made in bellringing.

Mr. Norman Park promised that the association would do all it could to assist local ringers in change ringing. If handbells were provided, they would be pleased to come over some Saturday afternoon.

Four ringers from Holy Trinity, Darlington, rang touches of Stedman Triples on the handbells, and then Mr. Norman Park expressed the thanks of the company to the Vicar and Mrs. Bircham for their hospitality and kindly welcome.

Mrs. Bircham, acknowledging the vote of thanks, said how pleased the Vicar and she had been to have the ringers with them. She was sorry there were no change ringers or handbells in Barnard Castle. She hoped that soon there would be change ringing in the town.

DEVON 'CALL CHANGE' RINGERS KEEN.

On Thursday of last week 170 ringers of the Tavistock Deanery assembled for a festival at Bere Ferrers. They came from 16 parishes, including Lewtrenchard, Buckland, Walkhampton, Tamer-ton, Milton Abbot, Tavistock, and Bere Ferrers.

The ringers visited the towers in the various parishes they passed through, and ringing began at Bere Ferrers at 2 p.m. and continued until eight o'clock.

A service was held, when the Rector and Rural Dean welcomed the visitors. He was assisted by Rev. W. Moore (Kelly), who is the indefatigable hon. secretary of the Deanery Guild, as well as being president of the South Devon Branch of the Devon Guild. The Vicar of Eggbuckland (Rev. J. C. L. Johnstone) was the preacher.

Tea was provided, the catering being carried out by the wives of the Bere Ferrers ringers, under the supervision of Mrs. Collom.

Most, if not all, of those present were round and call change ringers, and it says something for the keenness of these Devon men when they will assemble in such numbers for a mid-week festival.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Western Division of the Hertford County Association was held at Apsley on Saturday, and was fairly well attended. Ringers came from King's Langley, Berkhamsted, Leighton Buzzard, Tring, Ealing, Hemel Hempstead, Watford, and, last but not the least, Mr. J. H. Shepherd, from Swindon. The methods rung ranged from Grandire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor. A short service was held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. B. Goodwin), who also kindly entertained the ringers to tea in St. Mary's Hall, and presided at the business meeting.

The bells have recently been overhauled by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and a great improvement has been effected in the 'go' of them.

At the close of the meeting, Mr. W. Ayre proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for all he had done in regard to the bells, and for his kindness and hospitality.

CORNISH RESTORATIONS.**ST. MABE BELLS REHUNG AND AUGMENTED.**

The bells at St. Mabe, near Penryn, Cornwall, restored and augmented to six, have been dedicated by the Archdeacon of Cornwall (Canon G. W. Hockley). The bells, originally a ring of five, hung anti-clockwise, were cast in 1877 by Messrs. Warner and Sons. The old treble has been recast, the remaining four retuned, and a new treble has been added (this being the gift of Mr. J. M. Stuart in memory of his mother). They have been rehung in a new iron frame on ball bearings with the latest fittings. The fifth and tenor, which were terribly out of tune, would not be recognised as the same bells. This goes to show what can be done by retuning. The whole of the work has been admirably carried out by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., and the bells are now a most pleasant ring, the tenor being 9½ cwt.

After the dedication service, the Vicar, the Rev. C. Daly Atkinson, extended a pressing invitation to the district secretary of the Truro Branch of the Truro Diocesan Guild, to arrange a meeting for October 25th, exactly a year after the last meeting, when those present made a collection to start a bell fund for the restoration, and at the Vicar's request the Rev. W. H. R. Trewbella, Messrs. W. H. Southard and A. S. Roberts inspected the old frame and made a report for him to set before his Church Council. Now, through the efforts of the Church Council, enthusiastically led by the Vicar, things have been set in order, and the bells were at the disposal of the sixty or more ringers who were present on Saturday last, the towers of Illogan, Budock, Gwennap, St. Agnes, St. Gluvias, Perranwell, Kenwyn, Gulval and Truro Cathedral being well represented. Dr. J. Symons (Diocesan Ringing Master) and Major C. F. Jerram, C.M.G., D.S.O. (vice-master), were also present.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, and an address given by the Rev. W. H. R. Trewbella (diocesan secretary), who emphasised the great call of the bells to worship and prayer. He also urged those bands who at present were content with rounds and call changes to aspire to something greater—change ringing—now the winter was setting in. A special word was addressed to the captains of bands on leadership and encouragement.

The bells were kept going from 2 p.m. until late in the evening, and it was only during service time that they were silent, as whilst some were at tea others were ringing. The method ringing included Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor.

Everyone congratulated the Vicar and local ringers on such a result in less than a year, and this is a splendid example of what enthusiasm will do.

ANOTHER TRURO DISTRICT RING PUT IN ORDER.

During September, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston rehung the six bells in the detached campanile at Illogan, putting them on ball bearings, and overhauling the fittings and frame generally. The 'go' of these bells is now splendid.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**SUGGESTED PROFICIENCY BADGES FOR YOUNG RINGERS.**

A very enjoyable and successful meeting of the Canterbury District was held at Upper Deal on Saturday by the kind permission of the Rector, Rev. E. D. Bowser. Ringing commenced soon after three o'clock and continued until 4.30 p.m., when a service was held in the church, the Rector officiating and giving a very appropriate address. Mr. J. P. Cobbold stepped into the breach caused by the absence of an organist, and presided at the instrument. Tea was held at the Magnet Inn at 5.15 p.m. It was hoped that the Rector would be present at the tea and meeting, but unfortunately he was prevented from attending. Twenty-five members were present, representing the following towers: Canterbury Cathedral and St. Alphage, Dover, Slurry, Wickhambreaux, Wingham, Littlebourne, St. Nicholas-at-Wade, Whitstable and Deal.

Mr. J. Sharp was unanimously elected to the chair for the business meeting, at which three new members were elected, viz., Mr. H. Hopkins, of Whitstable, and Messrs. W. Hunt and F. Lewing, of Upper Deal.

Suggestions were invited for the next by-meeting. Two towers were proposed, Wingham and Chilham, and each secured ten votes. Eventually the chairman was persuaded to give his casting vote, which went in favour of Chilham, the proposed date being Saturday, December 6th.

A somewhat lengthy discussion arose as to the advisability and benefits to young ringers of awarding some sort of 'proficiency' badge by the county in recognition of advancement made in change ringing.

Eventually the chairman pointed out that in any case that meeting could take no definite steps. It must be left to the Central Committee to deal with, and the only thing they could do was to instruct the representatives to bring the question before the committee in November.

The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and for the service and address, and to Mr. Cobbold for the music.

During the afternoon and evening the following methods were rung: Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob, Double Oxford and Stedman.

THE LONGEST PEAL OF MINOR IN Lincs.**DEDICATION OF PEAL BOARD AT WEST DEEPING.**

On Wednesday, October 8th, a peal tablet was dedicated in the belfry of St. Andrew's Church, West Deeping, recording the longest length of Minor rung in the county of Lincolnshire. The tablet, which records the 10,080 changes rung in 14 methods in 6 hrs. 19 mins. on Saturday, August 13th, 1927, by members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, was dedicated by the Rev. G. Dudley, Rector of West Deeping, immediately before the commencement of the harvest thanksgiving evensong. The Rector proceeded to the belfry accompanied by the choir and ringers, and offered the dedicatory prayers. The address at the service which followed was given by Canon Jarvis, of All Saints' Church, Lincoln, and he expressed great pleasure in being able to take part in this unique service of thanksgiving. In the course of his address, the Canon referred to the tablet which had previously been dedicated, and said he understood it was a tablet recording a very worthy performance. Furthermore, it was pleasing to know that five of the ringers who took part in this peal were present at that service of praise and thanksgiving. Owing to her missionary work in Leeds, Miss Kathleen Judson was unable to be present. She had the distinction of being the first lady ringer to accomplish a peal of this length.

At the conclusion of the service, 360 Cambridge Surprise was brought round by the following who took part in the peal, with the exception of the treble ringer, who kindly made up the band: Mrs. P. Humphrey 1, C. T. H. Bradley 2, A. Riggall 3, J. J. Judson 4, W. Tilley 5, H. M. Day (conductor) 6. Further ringing continued, there being a good attendance of ringers from the local towers.

C. T. H. B.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**CHANGE OF DISTRICT SECRETARY.**

A district meeting of the Archdeaconry of Ely Branch was held at Ickleton on Saturday, October 18th, when the fine peal of eight bells was placed at the disposal of members by the courtesy of the Vicar (Rev. A. E. Penney). Although the event was favoured with fine weather, the attendance was very poor, members and friends from the following towers being present: Cambridge, Trumpington, Melbourn, Saffron Walden, Dry Drayton, Hitchin, and the local band.

A short service, conducted by the Vicar, who gave an interesting address, was held in the church.

Tea and the business meeting took place at the residence of Mr. P. Webb, captain of the local ringers, who kindly provided an excellent tea at short notice, owing to the local caterers dropping out at the last moment. Provision had been made for thirty or more, but only twelve sat down, with the Vicar in the chair.

A letter was read from Mr. F. Warrington, district secretary and Ringing Master, expressing his desire to retire from office, owing to inability to attend to the business of the association. The resignation was accepted with regret, and Miss Kitty Willers, the enthusiastic and popular lady ringer of Trumpington, accepted the invitation to stand, and was unanimously elected to serve until the annual meeting.

It was decided to suspend the office of Ringing Master for the present.

The Central Council's circular on the subject of inter-relationship with affiliated Guilds, and the inclusion of a covering rule, was read and discussed. It was felt that the matter should be left for decision at the annual meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and taking the service, and to Mr. and Mrs. Webb and family for so kindly providing tea, and the use of their room for the meeting, concluded the business.

During the afternoon and evening, touches in the standard methods were rung, one or two beginners scoring their 'first in the method.' The next meeting will be held at Fen Ditton in November.

VETERAN RINGER DIES AT HORSHAM.

It is with regret that we announce the death of Mr. Stephen Knight, who at the ripe age of 80 passed away on October 4th at Horsham. A well-known member of the Hertford County Association, he had years ago taken part in a number of peals in that district. Since his retirement he had lived for some years in Horsham, his former home. Always keen and active, he was up to the last found in his place if it was possible for him to get there.

His genial reminiscences of his peal ringing days with the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, J. W. Washbrook, Nathan Pittow and others of the old school were always interesting, and his death severs another link with the past.

He was buried in Horsham Cemetery, and at the graveside were members of the local company and visitors from neighbouring towers, who after the interment rang several touches at the Parish Church with the bells half-muffled.

BIRKENHEAD.—At St. Mary's Church, on Monday, September 8th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor in 23 mins.: Miss M. Cooke 1, Miss E. M. Cooke (first 720 of Surprise) 2, J. Cooke (conductor) 3, J. Leslie 4, W. J. Battle 5, G. R. Edwards 6.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. PEAK DISTRICT MEETING AT BUXTON.

The first meeting of the M.C.A. to be held at Buxton was a monthly meeting of the Peak District, which took place at the Church of St. Peter, Fairfield, and which turned out to be a very successful and enjoyable function. Between 30 and 40 ringers were present from Bakewell, Baslow, Burbage, Darley Dale, Dore, Eyam, Fairfield, Norton-on-the-Moors and Tideswell, and the bells, a nice ring of six (tenor 12 cwt.) were kept going all the afternoon and evening in all the standard methods from Cambridge Surprise downwards.

A substantial tea was served at 5 p.m. in the Church Room, presided over by Mrs. Williams, wife of the Vicar (the Rev. H. S. Williams), who welcomed the M.C.A. to Fairfield in a very pleasing speech, and regretted the absence of the Vicar, who was away for the week-end.

A short business meeting followed, presided over by the Rev. W. P. Wright, of Eyam, who expressed the warm thanks of those present for the kindly welcome and excellent arrangements made for them.

The Hon. Secretary extended a warm welcome to the ringers of Fairfield and several of Burbage who had recently joined the society, expressed the hope that they all, and especially the younger ones, would make full use of the monthly meetings, and assured them that every help would be extended to them. A welcome was also extended to two visitors from the North Stafford district (Messrs. J. Walley and W. P. Dean), who, incidentally, gave much kindly help during the day to a number who were struggling with Cambridge Minor.

Mr. Dean, in reply, mentioned several joint meetings in prospect in their area, and invited the attendance of any who cared to come.

Two new members were elected—Messrs. Rex Wilson (Fairfield) and S. Kirk (Burbage)—and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Matlock, if possible on November 22nd next. It might be borne in mind by those interested that Double Norwich is still the method selected for special attention.

A kindly invitation was then received through Mr. R. Ashmore to make use of the bells of Christ Church, Burbage, on the other side of Buxton, and a number of those present availed themselves of the offer, finding a pretty little ring of six (tenor 10½ cwt.) and a nice belfry, where a number of courses, mostly of Cambridge, were brought round. Tunes and changes were also indulged in on the musical set of handbells brought from Bakewell by Mr. Wallace, and a most successful meeting closed about 8 p.m.

CHESTERFIELD DISTRICT.

The meeting of the Chesterfield District, which was held at Staveley on October 18th, was fairly well attended, members being present from Ecclesfield, Worksop, Warsop, South Normanton, Kilmars, Chesterfield, Cresswell, North Wingfield. Between 20 and 30 members sat down to tea, after which a short business meeting was held, the Rector being voted to the chair and being supported by Sir Josiah Court and Mr. Churchwarden Kilbridge.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at North Wingfield on December 20th. This will be the annual meeting of the district.

The bells were afterwards kept going in various methods until 8.30.

DEATH OF MR. HARRY WRIGHT.

PASSING OF A GREAT YARMOUTH RINGER.

It is with regret that we have to announce the death of Mr. Harry Wright, of Great Yarmouth, which took place on Monday, October 6th. He was a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association, joining as a probationer in 1892 in the old school of the St. Nicholas' Society at Great Yarmouth, which recalls the names of William Blyth, Robert Christian, Matthew Long, James Matthews, William Secrett and Arthur Webber, all of whom have passed over.

Deceased was a very steady and capable ringer in the methods that he knew, and had rung 25 peals for the Norwich Diocesan Association, also a few peals with other associations. His first peal was one of Plain Bob, and his last one of Stedman Caters (rung in London), his occupation sometimes taking him from home for several months at a time.

The interment took place on Saturday, October 11th, amid many manifestations of regret and respect. The St. Nicholas' Society was represented by Mr. Denison Hayward, the veteran of the company, who happily is still on the active list and, we hope, will continue for many years to come.

Mr. Wright was a man of very genial disposition, and will be greatly missed by his large circle of friends.

WEDDING BELLS.

On Wednesday evening, October 22nd, 1,440 Bob Minor (two 720's called differently) was rung at St. Andrew's Church, Halstead, Essex: Ed. Pritchett (longest length in the method) 1, P. Braizer 2, G. Snowden 3, A. Root 4, W. Coppin 5, J. Root (conductor) 7, with the 6 and tenor covering, all the band being local men. It was rung as a wedding peal to the Rev. E. F. Harmer (late curate of the parish), who was married at the Church of the Epiphany, Santal Pagarinas, North India.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

COMMITTEEMAN RETIRES AFTER 40 YEARS' SERVICE.

The annual meeting of the Rochester District was held at Rochester Cathedral on Saturday, when ringers attended from Chatham, Frindsbury, Rainham, Newington, Sittingbourne, Tunstall, Borden, Lynsted, Queenborough, Gravesend, Milton-next-Gravesend, Beckenham, Gillingham, together with the local band. The bells were available from three o'clock, and until four o'clock were rung in various methods, when the assembled company attended evensong in the Cathedral, the organist and choir being present.

At the close of the service the ringers were entertained to tea by the association at the City Cafe, the Dean of Rochester, Dr. Talbot, presiding, supported by the Vicar of Gillingham (Rev. Webb), Mr. F. M. Mitchell (general secretary), and the district representatives (Mr. Haigh and Mr. W. Spice, sen.), about fifty sitting down to enjoy the splendid spread.

At the business meeting, which followed, the Dean expressed his pleasure in meeting the bellringers again, and more particularly because during the last few days he had discovered the fact that one of their number had during his lifetime been honoured by a memorial recording his services to his fellow-ringers. The Dean said this was usually done after one had died, but he was sure that Mr. Mitchell richly deserved all that had been done.

At the election of officers for the ensuing year, Mr. Haigh, upon being proposed for a further period of office as district representative, asked to be relieved. He had served now for forty years, and considered a change would be beneficial.

Mr. Spice, sen., was re-elected, and Mr. Belsey was chosen to fill Mr. Haigh's place. Mr. S. Shellock was re-elected as district secretary.

A very hearty vote of thanks was recorded to Mr. Haigh for his very long services on the general committee of the association.

The district secretary's report and the balance sheet both showed that progress is being made, the membership having increased by about twenty practising members and one honorary member, while the number of peals rung also shows an upward movement.

Three new honorary members were also elected during the evening, together with two practising members.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Dean for the use of the bells and for presiding at the meeting. The tower was then again visited, and touches in the various methods were enjoyed.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MANCHESTER BRANCH.

The quarterly meeting of the Manchester Branch was held at Prestwich on Saturday, October 18th. Ringing during the afternoon was followed by service, conducted by Canon Cooper, who gave an excellent address. Tea was served at the Tower Cafe, when the members sat down to a splendid repast, kindly arranged by the local band.

After further ringing, the business meeting was held in the Institute, the branch president being in the chair. Pendleton was selected for the next meeting on Saturday, November 15th, Manchester Town Hall for December, and the Cathedral for the annual branch meeting in January.

Three new members were elected, Messrs. Thos. Welsby from Worsley, and Kenneth Hey and Harold Simpson from Prestwich.

A discussion took place re the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook's grave, and it was decided to leave it over till the meeting at the Cathedral.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector, Canon Cooper, for the use of the bells and to the local ringers for having everything ready and making everybody comfortable.

Further ringing then took place. Although the attendance was small, this was compensated by everyone having good practice in various methods.

WHO CAN TRUMP THIS?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Some time ago Mr. Edwin Barnett, sen., of Crayford, rang his 200th peal on Crayford bells, which must be a record.

I should be interested to know who has rung the least number of peals in 100 different towers, as on Saturday last I completed my 100th tower with my 160th peal.

Perhaps an enquiry through 'The Ringing World' will help to satisfy my curiosity.—Yours truly,

HARRY PARKES.

FOR THE WANT OF OIL A PEAL WAS LOST.

At St. Piran's Church, at Perranarworthal, Cornwall, on Friday, October 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandisle Doubles (1,260 changes) in 42 mins.: Cyril Laxon (aged twelve, first quarter-peal) 1, Miss E. J. C. Angwin 2, Miss L. Willoughby 3, W. E. Minors 4, W. H. Sleemau (conductor) 5, A. S. Roberts 6.

The band started for a peal, but owing to the bad 'go' of the third bell, it was decided to bring them round. It was a great pity that the young and promising treble ringer could not have scored his first peal at the first attempt. All the bells wanted a little oil, but the tower key could not be found.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LONDON.—On Sunday, October 26th, at the Church of St. Clement Dances, Strand, for harvest festival evensong, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: P. J. Spice 1, E. F. Pike 2, W. H. Hewett (conductor) 3, I. Emery 4, G. A. Fleming 5, W. R. Madgwick 6, C. W. Roberts 7, W. J. G. Brown 8, W. Williams 9, C. W. Pipe 10. The ringers of the 5th and 8th are from Ipswich.

LONDON.—On Sunday, October 26th, at St. Andrew's, Holborn, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: H. Wilkes (first quarter) 1, J. S. Hawkins 2, W. J. Norton (conductor) 3, R. W. Green 4, C. J. Choct 5, H. Alford 6, A. C. Darnell 7, C. H. Viller 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. Riley and G. B. Cole.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Bethnal Green, for evensong, on Sunday, October 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: H. C. Taylor 1, J. Martin 2, I. J. Attwater (conductor) 3, J. F. Parrott 4, J. H. Parrott 5, H. Hills 6, S. Penfold 7, A. Riley 8.

TICKHILL, YORKS.—On Sunday, October 26th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): P. Gledstone 1, M. C. Fowler 2, J. McCluskey 3, H. Rooke 4, E. Cooper 5, H. Wagstaff 6, J. E. Cawser (conductor) 7, A. Hill 8.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—For evensong and on the 600th anniversary of the Parish Church of St. Nicolas, a quarter-peal of Minor (consisting of 360 changes each of Kent, Woodbine and Oxford Treble Bob, and 180 of Plain Bob): W. Butler (conductor) 1, W. H. P. Mellin 2, V. Glass 3, A. Evers 4, P. Ashcroft 5, E. Bright 6.

HAMPSTEAD.—On Sunday, September 28th, at St. Stephen's Church, for harvest festival evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins.: R. Bevan 1, E. Aylett (conductor) 2, C. Pryor 3, C. H. Martin 4, T. Bevan 5, R. W. Hudson 6, E. F. Pryor 7, W. J. Norton 8.

WILTON, TAUNTON.—At St. George's Church, on Sunday, September 21st, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins.: S. Wyatt 1, A. J. Wyatt 2, A. Hayward 3, E. Causley 4, S. Wyatt, jun., 5, D. Sheldon 6, G. Coles (conductor) 7, W. Coles 8.

MUFFLED RINGING.

On Sunday, October 12th, at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Lavenham, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): M. T. Symonds (conductor) 1, W. Andrews 2, W. Jarvis 3, S. H. Symonds 4, A. Symonds 5, L. Pryke 6, F. F. Mortlock 7, F. A. Turner 8. Rung in memory of the R 101's dead.

At St. Mary's Church, Banbury, with bells half-muffled after evensong, on Sunday, October 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with 6.8.10 covering, in 54 mins., rung by local ringers: R. Higham 1, R. Lewis 2, W. Tandy 3, T. Impey 4, F. Baldwin 5, G. Bliss 6, H. Impey 7, F. Woods 8, J. Simons (conductor) 9, W. Marshall 10. Rung in memory of those who lost their lives in the R 101 disaster; also as a last tribute to the victims of the Grove Pit disaster.

At Beckenham, Kent, on Sunday, October 5th, for matins at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 47 mins.: A. James 1, H. Hawkes 2, I. Emery 3, F. Scutcher 4, E. Mounter 5, T. Flint 6, P. Spice (conductor) 7, P. Meek 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Mr. Pearce, for many years a sidesman at this church; also for the victims of the air disaster.

A CHURCHWARDEN'S DEATH.

At St. Peter's Church, Bramley, Leeds, on Sunday, October 12th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 46 mins. was rung for morning service, with the bells deeply muffled, as a tribute of respect to the memory of Mr. E. A. Pollard (churchwarden), who was fatally injured on October 8th, and was interred the previous day. The ringers were Miss C. M. Wade 1, S. Helliwell 2, Frank Blackith 3, Fred Blackith 4, W. Waterhouse 5, F. Jackson 6, Hy. Blackith 7, E. Redshaw 8.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 293rd anniversary dinner will be held at the Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, on Saturday, November 8th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. each, may be obtained until Nov. 4th from Messrs. 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, C. W. Pipe, G. N. Price, W. Prime, C. W. Roberts, W. Roughton, J. W. Rowbotham, W. Rush-ton, E. J. Sampson, A. Walker, C. F. Winney or W. T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4. Towers open for ringing: Southwark Cathedral 2 to 2.50, St. Magnus' and St. Andrew's, Holborn, 2.30 to 4.30. St. Lawrence Jewry 2.45 to 4.30. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5 o'clock.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—N. and E. District.—Next meeting at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea, at 1s. each at 5.30. Bells at St. Mark's, Dalston, available from 7.30 to 9 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Lewisham, on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Buckland on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea by invitation of the Rector.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Kirkham on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. A special invitation to Preston branch ringers is extended.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., 118, Dickson Road, Blackpool.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Shifnal on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells (8) available 2.30. Meeting in belfry 4.30. Tea (1s. each) at 5 o'clock.—Rev. F. Tennison, Hon. Sec., St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Higham-on-the-Hill on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. and tea provided at 5 p.m. All ringers are cordially invited.—W. A. Cope, Smockington.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—A meeting of the above will be held at Cotgrave on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Tower open 5 p.m. Buses from Millstone Lane.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Immanuel Church, Oswaldtwistle, on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Holmer on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells (6) available 3.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Glinton on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Very good bus service from Peterborough.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chew Magna on Saturday, Nov. 1st. 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.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Potterne on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome.—F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Llanbradach on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells (8) available. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The last quarterly meeting will be held at Belper and Duffield on Saturday, Nov. 1st. The bells of St. Peter's, Belper, will be available from 2.30 p.m. till 5 p.m., and the bells of St. Alkmund's, Duffield, from 6.30 till 8.30 p.m. Business meeting in St. Peter's belfry at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Will all members of the Derby District kindly make a special effort to attend this meeting as there is important business to be discussed?—George Freebrey, Local Hon. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, November 1st, at Old Warden. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at Eckington on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells (8) available early. A hearty welcome to all.—H. Thorpe, Hon. Sec., 104, Petre Street, Sheffield.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meetings for November: Sunday, Nov. 2nd, at St. Clement Danes' at 10 a.m. Mondays, 3rd and 17th, at 7.30 p.m.—S. C. Moye.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on Nov. 6th and 20th, *St. Giles', Cripple-gate (election night) on the 11th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 13th (8 p.m.), *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 25th, Southwark Cathedral on the 27th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting at Eye on Nov. 8th. Bells available 2 p.m. Tea, 1s. each, at 4.30, at Commercial House, Church Street. Please send names to A. J. Berry, Thornham, by Nov. 5th.—H. Drake, Sec., Ufford Rectory.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Acton on Saturday, Nov. 8th, for the purpose of unveiling the peal tablet in memory of the late Mr. Robert Holloway, late ringing master of the South and West District. Ringing from 3.30. Service at 5 p.m. All ringing friends welcome. Will try and arrange for tea for those who notify me by Wednesday, Nov. 5th, first post.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Preacher: The Ven. Archdeacon Spooner. Tea 6.15 p.m. (6d. each), meeting to follow. Names for tea by Tuesday, Nov. 4th. A good attendance is requested.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chale on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (5) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. All ringers are welcomed. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me on or before Tuesday, Nov. 4th?—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District.—A meeting will be held at Isham on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4.15, followed by tea. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by Nov. 5th?—S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The last meeting of the year will be held at Ordsall, near Retford, on Saturday, Nov. 8th. The peal of 6 bells will be available from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who notify hon. secretary before Wednesday, Nov. 5th. Good attendance requested. Good train and bus services from all directions. 'Roll up in hundreds.'—R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Sec., 34, High Street, Ordsall, Retford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davantry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Willoughby (6) on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me?—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Davantry, Northants.

STANDISH, GLOS.—The re-dedication of the bells, which have been silent for twenty years, and which have been hung in a new frame and with new fittings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, will take place on Saturday, Nov. 8th, at 3 p.m., followed by tea (1s. per head). Notifications for tea should be sent to the Rev. A. J. Freeman, B.A., Standish Vicarage, Stonehouse, Glos., beforehand.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Willington on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. The Vicar is providing tea as a mark of appreciation. All welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Dis. Sec., Stagsden, Beds.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Nassington on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea (1s. each) 5 p.m. Those who wish to have tea kindly let me know as soon as possible.—Rev. L. S. Clark, Polebrooke Rectory, Peterborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Thurcaston on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Wheatsheaf at 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please advise me by Wednesday, Nov. 5th? Let's have a really big meeting!—Alban Disney, 3, Highgate, Aylestone Lane, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brindle on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells available from 2.30. The Ribble buses, on the Blackburn to Leyland service, pass the church.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

BARNLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Penistone on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. Tea provided for those who notify Mr. J. H. Sykes, 1, Stottercliffe Road, Penistone, not later than Thursday, Nov. 6th. — A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Lenton (8 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells ready 3.30. All ringers welcome.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 8th, at Barkston (owing to Denton bells being unavailable). Bells (6) available during the afternoon and evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Those intending to be present for tea please notify me by Wednesday, Nov. 5th.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lincs.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Axbridge Deanery, under the auspices of the above association, will, on Saturday, Nov. 15th, hold their first annual dinner, concert and dance at the Cairo Hotel, near the Marine Lake, Weston-super-Mare. The hall is noted for its spacious ballroom and lounges, which will be available. Speeches will be very limited. The bells of Weston-super-Mare, Uphill, Bleadon and Kewstoke will be available. Bed and breakfast for those desiring to stay can be arranged for 6s. 6d. inclusive. Any friends invited, tickets 3s. 6d. inclusive, may be obtained from L. G. Tanner, Local Hon. Sec., 51, Locking Road, Weston-super-Mare.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells ready 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Expecting a good attendance.—J. Bracewell, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at Pendleton on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells ready 6 p.m. Hoping to have a good attendance.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Coggeshall on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m., also Feering bells between 7 and 9 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than morning of the 12th?—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Tenterden on Nov. 15th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at the Temperance Hotel 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. A card from those wanting tea will help. — A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden, Kent.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Harmston (8), Saturday, Nov. 15th. Tower open 2 p.m. Notification for tea to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

METROPOLITAN POLICE GUILD.—Practice every Wednesday at St. George-the-Martyr, Borough, S.E., at 6.15 p.m. to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome. Any police officer attending Police Federation in London during November please write to F. Digby, 4, Crawford Buildings, Homer Street, W.1, or Inspector Bottrell, 29, Queen's Mansions, North Road, N.7.

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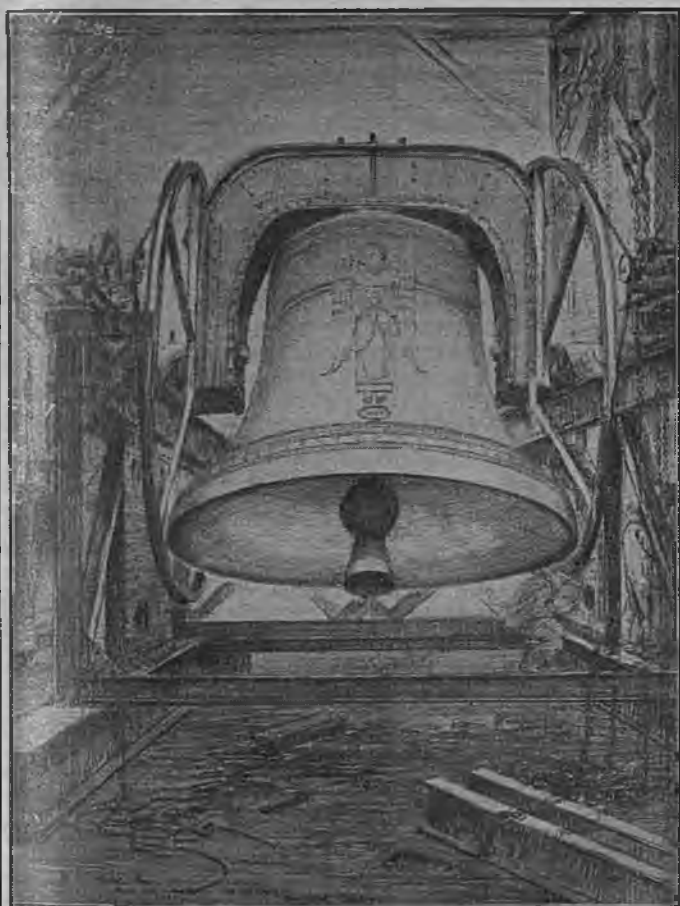
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The conservatism of the College Youths is one of its traditions, but that is not to say that the members have not kept abreast of all that is best in the advancement of ringing. The College Youths have a history of nearly three hundred years and those who are responsible for its management endeavour to live up to that history. To some people this tranquil progress which has been pursued through the centuries, which has been almost un-deviating since the days when Charles I. was on the throne, may seem out of date and antiquated, but there are some respects in which it is to be encouraged. Since change ringing began the College Youths have been at the very centre and core of the Exercise; indeed, the society has been from the first one of the pillars round which the Exercise has woven itself, and ramified throughout the country. It is only in the last fifty or sixty years that the territorial societies have come into existence; before that it was the College Youths and a very few societies of a like nature that kept alight the torch of change ringing and enabled the expansion of the last half century to be made. For its part in maintaining the art in the past, the Exercise owes it a debt and ringers look up to it as the doyen of all ringing societies.

There is still, however, about its proceedings—which necessarily centre chiefly in the Metropolis—a spirit of aloofness and exclusiveness which is not unnoticed by those outside. This spirit may be inbred through the traditions which are behind the society, but in these days of the wider brotherhood among ringers, it seems, though we cannot for a moment think it is really intended, a little austere. London may be somewhat crowded with ringing societies; in places they may be treading on each other's toes, but there certainly is scope in London for a greater intermingling of organisations. A policy of isolation is entirely out of keeping with the spirit of the age—in ringing as in other things. The goodwill which finds

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| ARTHUR C. OTWAY 5 | ARTHUR H. SMITH Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ARTHUR DEAN.

Rung to celebrate two noteworthy events, viz., the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Messam, and the completion by Mr. W. Messam of 50 years' service as a ringer at the above church.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 1, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

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| * HAROLD V. COOPER Treble | SAMUEL GROVE 6 |
| † ARTHUR J. MARTIN 2 | * HARRY PRICE 7 |
| * WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 3 | * CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 8 |
| ROBERT MATTHEWS 4 | * HECTOR G. BIRD 9 |
| † GEORGE E. FEARN 5 | * THOMAS HEMMING Tenor |

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First Surprise peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled for the late Bishop of Worcester, patron of the above association.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

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| CHARLES H. WEBB Treble | REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 6 |
| *DR. E. L. TAYLOR 2 | *JAMES S. HUTCHBY 7 |
| ERNEST MORRIS 3 | *EDWARD C. GOBEY 8 |
| *EDWIN H. LEWIS 4 | COLIN HARRISON 9 |
| J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 5 | FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor |

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal. Rung on the festival of All Saints.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

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| WILLIAM C. RUMSEY Treble | *GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 5 |
| SHELFORD SPARROW 2 | *HARRY D. LISTER 6 |
| *THOMAS SPARROW 3 | ARTHUR GREENWOOD 7 |
| LAWRENCE POULSON 4 | CHARLES BUTTON Tenor |

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by H. D. LISTER.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Major as conductor. W. C. Rumsey has now completed the circle to a peal in this tower.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

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| GEORGE EDWARDS Treble | HAROLD HUNTLEY 5 |
| ERNEST H. EVEREST 2 | ARTHUR WILES 6 |
| *JOHN CROWYS 3 | JOHN O. WELLER 7 |
| *JAMES NICHOLAS 4 | LESLIE EVEREST Tenor |

Conducted by ERNEST H. EVEREST.

* First peal. Rung to celebrate the anniversary of the weddings of the ringers of the treble, 5th and tenor. The ringers of the 4th and 7th hail from Westerham, and of treble from Penshurst, the rest belonging to the local band.

THORVERTON, DEVONSHIRE.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, October 27, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

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| MRS. E. S. POWELL Treble | REV. E. S. POWELL 5 |
| *JOHN ARBURY 2 | WILLIAM RICHARDSON ... 6 |
| CHARLES T. COLES 3 | ERNEST J. BUTLER 7 |
| GEORGE R. PYE 4 | WILLIAM PYE Tenor |

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. First peal of Major on the bells.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 27, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

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| *GEORGE H. ORCHARD Treble | NORMAN V. ANDREWS ... 5 |
| JESSE FRANCIS 2 | *HARRY MOCKRIDGE 6 |
| SIDNEY HILLIER 3 | CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... 7 |
| WILLIAM A. SWIFT 4 | WILLIAM C. WEST Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by Wm. C. WEST.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor, and 50th peal. Arranged as a birthday compliment to the conductor, who has now completed the circuit in the tower.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

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|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| JAMES E. DAVIS Treble | *RONALD H. BULLEN 5 |
| *JOHN A. WAUGH 2 | WILFRED WILLIAMS 6 |
| *JOHN H. CRAMPION 3 | *CECIL W. PIPE 7 |
| EDWIN F. PIKE 4 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor |

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal in the method.

BELPER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 29, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S FIVE-PART, No. 5.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| JAMES GEORGE Treble | JAMES S. HUTCHBY 5 |
| JOSEPH BAILEY 2 | W. RICHARDSON DRAGE ... 6 |
| MAURICE SWINFELD 3 | BENJAMIN GREATORREX ... 7 |
| JOHN H. SWINFELD 4 | CHARLES DRAPER Tenor |

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

READING, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Wednesday, October 29, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION.

Tenor 25 cwt.

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| *LEONARD J. JOYCE Treble | *JOHN S. TAYLOR 5 |
| MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ... 2 | ALBERT E. LOCK 6 |
| JOHN SWAIN 3 | GEORGE GILBERT 7 |
| HARRY W. SMITH 4 | PERCY DYKE Tenor |

Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

* First in the method.

DEPTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 29, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt.

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| HENRY FLOWER Treble | WILLIAM A. MARTIN 5 |
| JOHN J. LAMB 2 | FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON 6 |
| RICHARD STYERS 3 | JAMES E. DAVIS 7 |
| WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 4 | ROBERT FOEDIKE Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

Rung as a welcome to the newly-instituted Vicar, the Rev. G. H. Dunn, M.A., also as a compliment to Mr. E. B. Crowder, one of the local band, on the occasion of the wedding of his daughter, Iris, to Mr. James Bidewell, which took place at St. John's Church, Southend Village, on this day.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 30, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

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| WILLIAM MUSK Treble | ARTHUR W. LESDER 5 |
| ALPBERTUS J. BERRY 2 | ERIC G. BENNETT 6 |
| CHARLES F. GOODMAN ... 3 | NOLAN GOLDEN 7 |
| ALBERT G. HARRISON 4 | GEORGE ARCHER Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung half-muffled to the memory of the Rev. Charles Upwood Manning, Rector of Diss, 1899-1916, who was interred at Diss that afternoon. When the Rev. C. U. Manning retired through ill-health, members of the Manning family had been successively Rectors of Diss for 121 years. The composition, which contains the 7.4.6.8's, is rung for the first time.

HARROW WEALD.—At All Saints' Church, on October 14th, 2,880 Rob Minor (being four 720's each called differently): F. Wilcox 1, G. R. Goodship 2, Miss E. Fulton 3, J. Rootes 4, H. Holmes 5, W. Horrod 6. The longest length of Minor by all except the conductor.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, October 30, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

| HOLT'S ORIGINAL. | | Tenor 14½ cwt. | |
|----------------------|--------|------------------|-------|
| CLIFFORD SKIDMORE... | Treble | WALTER MASTERS | 5 |
| JOHN LLOYD | 2 | THOMAS HEMMING | 6 |
| GEORGE DAVIES... | 3 | HAROLD V. HOOPER | 7 |
| WILLIAM POTTER | 4 | HECTOR G. BIRD | Tenor |

Conducted by C. SKIDMORE.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell. H. V. Cooper has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, October 30, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

| HAYWOOD'S No 1. | | Tenor 14 cwt. | |
|------------------------|--------|-----------------|-------|
| MISS NOEL L. CAWTHORNE | Treble | HEZEKIAH THORPE | 5 |
| RALPH S. LONG | 2 | G. HENRY HURST | 6 |
| SIDNEY F. PALMER | 3 | JOHN THORPE | 7 |
| HAROLD NAYLOR | 4 | HAYDN THORPE | Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN THORPE.

* First peal in the method.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1930, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

| JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. | | Tenor 18½ cwt. in F. | |
|-------------------------------------|--------|----------------------|-------|
| GEORGE GREEN | Treble | ERNEST FORBANK | 5 |
| FRANK G. RINGE | 2 | WILLIAM KEEBLE | 6 |
| THOMAS LINCOLN | 3 | WILLIAM LINCOLN | 7 |
| HENRY TURNER | 4 | ARTHUR HEAD | Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Rung to celebrate the patronal festival of the church.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WELLINGBOROUGH DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, November 1, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

| Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. | | | |
|---------------------------|--------|-------------------|-------|
| JOHN J. MAWEY | Treble | GEORGE BASFORD | 5 |
| FREDERICK R. PALMER | 2 | WALTER PERKINS | 6 |
| JOHN R. MAIN | 3 | HARRY CHAMBERS | 7 |
| JAMES T. WARD | 4 | ANDERSON Y. TYLER | Tenor |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, No. 52. Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER
* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 1, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

| Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in G. | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------|----------------|-------|
| THOMAS J. FOWLER | Treble | WILLIAM HENLEY | 5 |
| JAMES ABERY | 2 | PERCY J. DYKE | 6 |
| MISS STELLA DAVIS | 3 | HARRY W. SMITH | 7 |
| REGINALD W. REX | 4 | GEORGE GILBERT | Tenor |

Composed by JOHN THORP.

* First peal in the method. Rung for the festival of All Saints.

CHESWARDINE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 1, 1930, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

| Tenor 9 cwt. | | | |
|----------------------|--------|---------------------|-------|
| HARRY F. HOLDING | Treble | WILLIAM J. CHESTER | 5 |
| ALAN M. HICKMAN | 2 | JAMES H. RIDING | 6 |
| EDWARD V. RODENHURST | 3 | WILLIAM EDGE | 7 |
| RICHARD T. HOLDING | 4 | RICHARD D. LANGFORD | Tenor |

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by J. H. RIDING.

* First peal in the method on the bells. Rung in honour of All Saints' Day, and as a birthday peal for the ringers of 3rd and 5th.

HADLOW, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;

| Tenor 15 cwt. in A flat. | | | |
|--------------------------|--------|----------------|-------|
| WILLIAM DURHAM | Treble | TOM SAUNDERS | 5 |
| JOHN J. BASSETT | 2 | JAMES BASSETT | 6 |
| CHARLES H. SONE | 3 | THOMAS E. SONE | 7 |
| ALEXANDER WADDINGTON | 4 | ALBERT RELFE | Tenor |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (304). Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal 'inside' on eight. Birthday peal for C. H. Sone, also rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mrs. T. E. Sone and the conductor.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5086 CHANGES;

| Tenor 14 cwt. in F. | | | |
|---------------------|--------|----------------|-------|
| FREDERICK BORRETT | Treble | WILLIAM BASON | 5 |
| WILLIAM DUNCAN | 2 | EDWIN GOATE | 6 |
| JOHN DICKEN | 3 | JOHN SNELLING | 7 |
| CHARLES BAKER | 4 | ERNEST WHITING | Tenor |

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 1, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

| Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. | | | |
|----------------------------|--------|-------------------|-------|
| JOHN TODD | Treble | HUBERT RICHARDSON | 5 |
| EDWIN JENNINGS | 2 | JIM TEBAY | 6 |
| WILLIAM ROBINSON | 3 | FRANK WILSON | 7 |
| WILLIAM PITCHALL | 4 | THOMAS METCALF | Tenor |

Composed by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS

* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, November 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

| GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. | | | |
|--|--------|-------------------|-------|
| JOHN RAY | Treble | JOHN GOODMAN | 5 |
| SIDNEY JENNINGS | 2 | WILLIAM LOWE | 6 |
| WILLIAM MILLS | 3 | WILFRED FULLWOOD | 7 |
| THOMAS FLAVELL | 4 | BENJAMIN FULLWOOD | Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN.

* First peal. This peal was rung for the festivals of All Saints and All Souls. Also as a welcome to the Vicar, the Rev. H. Marley, M.A. The ringer of the 5th belongs to Dudley, the rest to the local band.

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FOXEARTH, ESSEX.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
SIDNEY GRIDLEY Treble * HAROLD HERBERT 5
THEODORE E. SLATER 2 ARTHUR MAXIM 6
PERCY GRIDLEY 3 CHARLES WOODCOCK 7
THOMAS CHINERY 4 SAMUEL EVANS Tenor
Composed by JAMES PLATT. Conducted by SAMUEL EVANS.

* First peal. A birthday compliment to T. E. Slater, of Glemsford.

WALDRON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1930, 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 12½ cwt. in G.

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| ROBERT J. DAWK Treble | ALBERT HOBDEN 5 |
| WILLIAM JENNER 2 | WILFRED BOOTH 6 |
| FREDERICK J. LAMBERT 3 | JAMES A. HART 7 |
| PHILIP S. THOMPSON 4 | FREDERICK MILES Tenor |

Conducted by JAMES A. HART.

Rung to commemorate the opening of a ring of eight bells in the tower 150 years ago.

HARLOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND HUGH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

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| JOHN H. CRAMPION Treble | JAMES E. DAVIS 5 |
| JOHN A. WAUGH 2 | EDWARD D. SMITH 6 |
| HARRY SMALE 3 | WILFRED WILLIAMS 7 |
| P. C. FREDERICK DIGBY 4 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. H. CRAMPION.

First peal as conductor. The ringer of the 4th was elected a member of the association previous to starting the peal.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 1, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

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|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ROBERT SPERRING Treble | WALTER THOMAS 5 |
| GEORGE WILLIAMS 2 | THOMAS GRIFFITHS 6 |
| JOHN E. RANGLES 3 | GEORGE R. JONES 7 |
| JAMES ALDERMAN 4 | ARTHUR TILSTON Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE R. JONES.

Rung in honour of All Saints' Day, and also on the 82nd birthday of the Archbishop of Wales, and in honour of the Vicar, Rev. J. E. Williams, being made an Archdeacon.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 1, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

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| D. CECIL WILLIAMS Treble | FREDERICK W. BURNETT 5 |
| KEITH HART 2 | FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 6 |
| ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 3 | FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7 |
| TOWER R. TAYLOR 4 | ALAN R. PINK Tenor |

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS

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BIRSTALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| CHARLES E. LAWSON Treble | THOMAS W. STRANGEWAYS 5 |
| THOMAS B. KENDALL 2 | HARRY MARSDEN 6 |
| WILLIAM H. SENIOR 3 | LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 7 |
| FRED HODGSON 4 | HERBERT PEEL Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

Arranged and rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. A. E. Gill and Miss Annie Peel, daughter of the tenor ringer, also as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. George Barraclough, on the occasion of their golden wedding.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 3, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

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| CHARLES T. COLES Treble | JAMES BENNETT 5 |
| GEORGE M. KILBY 2 | GEORGE R. PYE 6 |
| J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 3 | HARRY KILBY 7 |
| ALBERT W. COLES 4 | WILLIAM PYE Tenor |

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE

The peal consisted of 2,944 London, 1,472 Cambridge and 608 Bristol, and is the first rung in three Surprise methods. First spliced peal on the bells. This band has now rung peals in 3, 5, 6, 10 and 11 Surprise Major methods, besides peals in four methods individually.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

SHIRLAND, DERBYSHIRE.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 24, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 changes of St. Simon's, 960 changes each of Old Doubles and Plain Bob, and 2,400 of Grandsire. Tenor 8½ cwt.

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| W. SWAIN Treble | W. RILEY 3 |
| W. PARKES 2 | A. SMITHSON 4 |

FRED W. KNOWLES Tenor

Conducted by F. W. KNOWLES.

CHILTON CANTELO, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With ten different callings. Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

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| * JOHN RICKMAN Treble | WILFRED P. LAMBERT 3 |
| ARTHUR H. S. RAINEY 2 | PERCY N. G. RAINEY 4 |

FRANK PRICE Tenor

Conducted by PERCY N. G. RAINEY.

* First attempt for a peal, and elected a member before starting. The first peal on the bells. The peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Nancy Price, daughter of the tenor ringer.

LOXTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 26, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 42 six-scores, with ten different callings.

Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

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| GEOFFREY TOSSELL Treble | WILLIAM E. WISEMAN 4 |
| CHARLES FIELD 2 | LEONARD G. TANNER 5 |
| CHARLES WEARZ 3 | CHARLES R. LILLEY Tenor |

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

The conductor has now completed calling Doubles, Triples and Major from every bell. The band wish to thank Mr. C. Wearz for kindly entertaining them to tea after the peal, and Mr. W. H. Starks for obtaining the use of the bells.

ST. FAITH'S, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent, and three of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt.

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| FREDERICK H. KNIGHTS ... Treble | GEORGE BAILEY ... 4 |
| GEORGE MAYERS ... 2 | WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... 5 |
| WILLIAM BASON ... 3 | JAMES F. DUFFIELD ... Tenor |

Conducted by JAS. F. DUFFIELD.

First peal on the bells after a most economically successful restoration by Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich.

BENINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, October 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.).

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| GEORGE W. HOUGHTON ... Treble | FRANK P. HARWOOD ... 4 |
| WILLIAM WILKINSON ... 2 | FREDERICK LEGGOTT ... 5 |
| FRANK DEWEY ... 3 | WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... Tenor |

Conducted by W. E. CLARKE.

First peal of Kent Treble Bob by all the band except the ringer of the 5th.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet. Tenor 10 cwt.

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| ARTHUR WILSON ... Treble | ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... 4 |
| KITTY WILLERS ... 2 | FRANK HARPER ... 5 |
| JOHN W. WARD ... 3 | ROBERT HOWARD ... Tenor |

Conducted by KITTY WILLERS.

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.
EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Double Court and two each of Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

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| CYRIL M. HEATHCOTE ... Treble | FRED W. KNOWLES ... 4 |
| *JOHN BLEBY ... 2 | TOM CLARKE ... 5 |
| CORNELIUS J. PARTIDGE ... 3 | JOHN W. ENGLAND ... Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN W. ENGLAND.

* First peal of Minor. Rung for the anniversary of the birth of the late Mrs. M. E. Heathcote, mother of the treble ringer; also a birthday compliment to Mr. John Bleby.

GOSBERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 1, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's. Tenor 17½ cwt.

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| *FRANK DEWEY ... Treble | WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... 4 |
| *HERBERT LOUTH ... 2 | STANLEY E. BENNETT ... 5 |
| FREDERICK PEARSON ... 3 | ALBERT H. BENNETT ... Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob.

KINGTON MAGNA, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 1, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 16½ cwt.

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| EDWARD G. L. COWARD ... Treble | WILFRED P. LAMBERT ... 3 |
| H. JIM RALPH ... 2 | FRANK PRICE ... 4 |
| WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... Tenor | |

Conducted by WILLIAM C. SHUTE.

First peal on the bells. Rung in honour of the patronal festival.

SPALDWICK, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(OVER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 1, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

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| MANSFIELD GINN ... Treble | ARTHUR J. GINN ... 4 |
| BERRY WAYMAN ... 2 | *WILLIAM BAVIN ... 5 |
| FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... 3 | FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor |

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside,' and rung at second attempt. Rung on the festival of All Saints.

SHILTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 7 cwt.

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| *FREDERICK WATTS ... Treble | DOUGLAS ELLENDER ... 4 |
| WILLIAM J. SMITH ... 2 | WILLIAM A. STOAT ... 5 |
| EDWARD H. JOHNSON ... 3 | FRANK E. PERVIN ... Tenor |

Conducted by F. E. PERVIN.

* First peal except on tenor covering. Rung on the second anniversary of the induction of Rev. Harold Smith, M.A., as Vicar of Shilton.

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

On Saturday, November 1, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Plain Bob, and two each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

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| MOSES BILLINGS ... Treble | CYRIL SPEED ... 4 |
| *JACK DIXON ... 2 | CHARLES CLAYDON ... 5 |
| HARRY CARTER ... 3 | JOHN WALDEN ... Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN WALDEN.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell. First peal as conductor.

GAMSTON, NOTTS.
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven different 720's of Plain Bob.

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| *GEORGE RICH ... Treble | HAROLD DENMAN ... 4 |
| MISS K. BURCHNALL ... 2 | ERNEST MIDWINTER ... 5 |
| MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 3 | LEONARD PIRREPOINT ... Tenor |

Conducted by LEONARD PIRREPOINT.

* First peal and first attempt. The thanks of the band are due to the treble ringer for standing in at a moment's notice.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 19, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT 3, BELL STREET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

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| LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 1-2 | WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 5-6 |
| GEORGE WIFFEN ... 3-4 | *GEORGE GREEN ... 7-8 |

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Witness: PERCY GREEN.

* First peal of Treble Bob on handbells.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 21, 1930, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

IN THE CHURCH TOWER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

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| STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 1-2 | *WILFRED JARVIS ... 5 |
| *WILFRED ANDREWS ... 3 | LENNARD PRYKE ... 6 |
| *REGINALD DENT ... 4 | ARTHUR SYMONDS ... 7-8 |

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

* First peal in the method.

PRESENTATION TO MR. J. E. WHEELDON. THIRTY YEARS AS LEADER OF THE NORTON-IN-THE-MOORS BELFRY.

A very enjoyable evening was spent on Monday, October 27th, in the Church Room, at Norton-in-the-Moors, Staffs, on the occasion of a presentation to Mr. J. E. Wheeldon, leader of the belfry. At the kind invitation of the Rector (Rev. J. G. Hamlet) and Mrs. Hamlet the following were present at tea: Messrs. J. E. Wheeldon, W. C. Lawrence, J. Walley, F. Triner, W. Corfield, H. Wibberley, S. Ryles, C. Williams, J. Walker and G. W. Walker. Apologies were received from Mr. G. Lawrence, Mr. J. Mountford (ringers), and from Mr. W. Jack, people's warden.

In proposing the toast, Mr. G. W. Walker referred to the capabilities of Mr. Wheeldon as a change ringer, and also to the admirable way in which he had controlled the belfry at Norton for the past 30 years. Mr. Walker expressed the wish, on behalf of those present, that he might be able to carry out his duties for many years to come.

At the conclusion of the tea, upwards of fifty people assembled to witness the presentation to Mr. Wheeldon, which was in the form of a cheque. In presenting the gift, the Rector referred to the work that had been done in connection with the church during 1929-1930. It would stand as a record. He wanted specially to record the work done in connection with the bells, which had been recast and rehanged during 1930, and also to record the thirty years' loyal and faithful service of Mr. Wheeldon, who had worked assiduously during these years, and particularly in helping to raise funds for the bells scheme. In asking Mr. Wheeldon to accept the cheque, the Rector expressed the wish that Mr. and Mrs. Wheeldon would be favoured with good health and a happy life.

In thanking the Rector, churchwardens, and parishioners for their generous gift, Mr. Wheeldon said that during his years of leadership at Norton he had always been happy. He had always endeavoured to instil into the ringers their responsibility as churchmen. Concluding, he spoke of the ready help that had always been forthcoming from his fellow-ringers, and said he had many happy reflections from their companionship, and hoped that he might still be allowed to continue his associations.

Mr. W. Lawrence and Mr. A. Walley expressed their pleasure at being present, and supported what had been said by the Rector.

The rest of the evening was spent in a happy mood, when songs and short stories were contributed by the friends present. Mr. S. Moreton and Miss Sillitoe supplied the music for dancing. At the close of the evening the Rector thanked all those who had helped to make the evening a success.

BELLS RESTORED AT DEDDINGTON. AN ENGLISH OAK FRAME.

On Saturday afternoon the Bishop of Oxford dedicated the newly rehanged ring of bells at Deddington, Oxfordshire, in the presence of a large congregation. The bells were raised previous to the service, which was conducted by the Vicar, and took the form of a shortened evensong. The lesson was read by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, immediately after which the Bishop, clergy and churchwardens proceeded to the tower, where, at the request of the churchwardens, the Bishop offered the customary dedicatory prayers. In his excellent sermon the Bishop referred especially to the uses and customs connected with bells, and said he hoped that the sound of the bells ringing out Sunday by Sunday would turn the thoughts of those living nearby to God and the church and their duties as Christians.

After the service several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Plain Bob Minor were rung by members of the Diocesan Guild from Banbury, Appleton, Caversham, Reading, Adderbury, Bodicote, Launton, and the local band.

The work of rehanging has been most satisfactorily carried out by Mr. Richard White, of Appleton, who has put in a massive frame of beautiful English oak, on a foundation of four very massive oak beams, under which are two rolled steel girders encased in concrete.

The canons have been retained on the bells, which have been hung to headstocks made from some of the finest seasoned elm in the country, and fitted with self-aligning ball bearings of the latest pattern. The whole is a very fine piece of master craftsmanship, and the fine timber—very rare in these days—of which the frame is composed is well worth inspection. The bells go beautifully, and it is hoped that in the near future two trebles will be added to complete the octave. Provision has been made in the frame for these additional bells. The present six are a 'maiden' peal cast by Thomas Mears in 1791, and all bear the same inscription, viz.: 'Thos. Mears, late Lester, Pack and Chapman, of London, fecit 1791.' They are in the key of E, and the tenor is 17 cwt. 10 lb. There is also a small sanctus bell inscribed 'Anthony Basely, Richard Large, C.W., 1649.'

The tower was rebuilt about 1683. It is a very massive structure, worthy of a ring of eight, as is, indeed, the grand old church. The town stands on a slight hill, and the tower is a landmark for miles. Its predecessor fell down in 1635, and in 1643 Charles I. demanded the bells, which, as he explained, were of no use to the church as the tower had recently fallen, and so they were carted into Oxford and made into guns.

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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.

Canon G. F. Coleridge will have the good wishes of the whole Exercise when he celebrates his 73rd birthday next Monday.

One of the ringers in the peal at Buckfast asks who rang the treble to the peal? Apparently he did not see him during the ringing, and, we suppose, following his usual custom, was out of the tower almost before the bells stopped. However, he will find the name in the report of the peal in another column.

The secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association writes that the tenor at Congresbury is 35 cwt., not 38 cwt. as reported in a peal report last week; also that the first peal of Grandsire, Triples on the bells was rung on November 29th, 1924.

Lord Harris, the veteran cricketer-peer, is trying to raise £400 for the repair of the parish church bells at Throwley, Kent. One of the bells has to be recast.

In the tower at Huddersfield is one of those rare old boards which records not only the performance of a peal but gives the composition as well. 'On November 13th, 1820, the Society of Ringers belonging to the old Church of this Town performed a Peal of New Trillie Bob Major, 10,080 changes, consisting of thirty-six courses, in five hours and forty-five minutes.' Then follow the names and the course-ends of the peal.

Market Drayton bells (8) and Hodnet (6) have been taken down and removed to the Loughborough Foundry. The former are to be recast, and the latter are to be tuned and rehung in a frame for eight.

The many friends of Mr. Fred Atwell, of Newport, will be pleased to learn that on Saturday last he was returned as a member of the Town Council. Mr. Atwell is a Conservative in politics, and beat a Labour opponent at the poll. Mr. Atwell is the oldest active ringer in Newport. He was one of the band at St. Woolos', when the present hon. secretary of the association (Mr. J. W. Jones) removed to Newport. At that time the church had but six bells. He has seen the six augmented to eight, then recast and made ten. He also saw All Saints' Church built with a ring of eight installed, and was one of the earliest members of the Llandaff Association.

Mr. George Barraclough, a Yorkshire veteran, in honour of whose golden wedding a peal was rung at Birstall on Saturday, has the distinction of having rung more peals with the late Jasper W. Snowden than any other ringer now living.

ELEVEN-METHOD WEDDING TOUCH.

At Kimbolton, Herefordshire, on Wednesday, October 29th, at St. James' Church, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1,320 changes) in 45 mins., being a six-score each of Stedman's Slow Course, Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve, Old Doubles, Morning Star, St. Dunstan's, Original, April Day, Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, and Grandsire: W. E. Jaine 1, F. A. Jaine (conductor) 2, J. F. Fox 3, W. E. Brookes 4, T. G. Cooke 5, J. Robinson 6. First quarter in eleven methods by all the band and on the bells. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. John Green and Miss G. Phillips, a member of the company, who were married at the above church earlier in the day, the band wishing them 'long life and happiness.'

MILTON BELLS AUGMENTED. RECOGNITION OF MR. F. M. MITCHELL'S WORK

The bells at Milton Church, Gravesend, have been augmented to eight, to mark the twenty-first anniversary of Mr. F. M. Mitchell (hon. secretary of the Kent County Association) as leader at the tower. The old peal of six have been completely restored and re-hung, and the treble and the tenor retuned. The back five were cast in 1656 by John Hodson. The new trebles are inscribed:—

No. 1.—'M. & S., London. Given by Churchwarden Ernest E. and Mrs. J. E. Knowles, 1930. G. W. Mennie, M.A., 30 years Rector.'

No. 2.—'Mears and Stainbank, Founders, London, 1930. In memory of Alan Gates Sandford, killed at Loos, 1915. F. M. Mitchell, 21 years leader.' (Presented by Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Sandford.)

These new bells are hung in cast-iron frames, and a new chiming apparatus, presented by the Misses Andrews, has been installed.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have made an excellent 'splice,' and they were heartily congratulated on their work.



THE TOWER OF MILTON CHURCH.

The dedication ceremony took place on Thursday evening, October 25th, the 30th anniversary of the induction of the Rector (the Rev. G. W. Mennie, M.A.). The service, which took the form of shortened evensong, was attended by the Mayor (Councillor G. L. Simmonds, J.P.), the town clerk (Mr. H. H. Brown, B.A.) and members of the Corporation in civic state. There was a crowded congregation.

The founders of the new bells were represented by Mr. A. A. Hughes (proprietor) and Mr. A. R. Macdonald (manager).

During the singing of the processional hymn, the Dean of Rochester (Dr. R. T. Talbot, D.D.), the Rector, and other clergy, and the churchwardens (Messrs. E. E. Knowles and C. Devereaux) proceeded to the tower.

The Dean offered prayer, and then taking the ropes of the new bells from Mr. Knowles and Mr. Mitchell (deputising for Mr. Churchwarden Sandford) said: 'In the Faith of Our Lord Jesus Christ we do solemnly set apart and separate the Bells now hung in this Tower from all profane and unhallowed uses, and dedicate them to the Glory of God and to the benefit of His Holy Church.'

The bells were then rung by the following members of the local band: F. A. Mitchell 1, Mrs. F. M. Mitchell 2, J. Burles 3, H. Argent 4, F. M. Mitchell 5, F. Seabright 6, C. M. Mitchell 7, G. R. Ambrose 8, also Messrs. G. Huggins and S. Parker.

After prayers and the hymn, 'Ring forth, holy bells,' the Dean addressed the congregation. It was not an ordinary occasion, he said. It marked the occasion when a brother of his and of theirs had for 21 years been doing the same thing in the same place. Mr. Mitchell had been honoured in his lifetime—it was so simple to honour people when they were dead—but he had been honoured by his comrades and confreres, who had put up the bells in his memory. Mr. Mitchell had not only been leader of the ringers at Milton for 21 years, but he was also well known in the ringing world throughout the whole of Kent. It had also been made the occasion of celebrating the ministry for 30 years not anywhere but at that church, of their Rector. It was so easy to go about from place to place and to start with a flash of fire first here and then there. But it took a man of proven qualities to survive the test of being microscopically examined by day and by night, in fact at all times, for 30 years. He personally could not stand that: he had never stayed in one place for 30 years. There in God's House Mr. Mennie had been present with three generations. He was now seeing the third, and in that was his consolation and his hope. Mr. Mitchell, in writing to him, had mentioned that he had thought he was interested in bells. He did not think he was more interested in them than anybody else till he went to live in Wiltshire. There, by accident, he found that ringers thought they were a very injured and neglected people. They thought they were quite as necessary to the going of the church as anybody else, but no one thought of them. If there was one person he liked it was the neglected and forgotten person. Others could swim by themselves, but these poor, sad, neglected people made a strong appeal to him. So at every church he visited, before the service, he always went up, and sometimes stumbled up, the narrow stairs to the tower. He saw men doing what appeared to be such an unpromising thing—just standing up and holding a rope with a tasselled end. Then, at a moment's notice, those men let loose sounds that stirred you to the very utmost depths.

That was how he came to care about the ringers. 'You also care for them, I know, very much,' he added. Some people said any fool could ring. Could he? No! It was a science and an art which had to be much followed unless one was only willing to produce vain, jangling sounds.

The final hymn was, 'Lifted safe within the tower, now our bells are set on high.'

After service there was a reception at the Milton Church Schools. The Mayor and members of the Corporation were preceded to the schoolroom by the churchwardens and the mace, borne by the sergeant (Mr. J. Parkinson). Among those present were the Mayoress (Miss Ada Simmonds), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. McGregor, J.P.), the Rector of Swancombe (the Rev. E. F. Campbell Ward), the Vicar of Northfleet (the Rev. C. G. T. Colson), and churchwardens and churchmen and women from other churches in the district.

Regret was expressed that Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Sandford were unable to attend.

The Rector said they were delighted to once again welcome the Mayor and Corporation. Their presence showed their backing and their sympathy. In a reference to Mr. F. M. Mitchell, he said that he had been a fine man in the tower at Milton. Everything had gone harmoniously and without a hitch since he had been leader at the tower. He publicly thanked the donors of the bells and other subscribers to the work of restoration.

The Mayor, replying to the welcome, amused the company with reference to bells, cracked and otherwise, and said that, heard in the distance, nothing sounded sweeter than a peal of church bells.

Refreshments were served by the ladies, and the evening passed pleasantly with dancing and harmony.

During the evening between 60 and 80 ringers attended from all parts of Kent, and enjoyed a ring on the bells.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

DERBY DISTRICT QUARTERLY MEETING.

Belper and Duffield, which are situated some few miles north of Derby, were the scene of the third quarterly meeting of the Derby District on Saturday, which was most successful. Ringers arrived at Belper early, and the first touch to be rung was Grandfire Triples as a local wedding party was leaving the church. The new Vicar, the Rev. A. F. G. Fletcher, paid a visit to the belfry to give everybody a welcome. Afterwards touches in the various methods up to London Surprise was indulged in by the thirty odd ringers present, everybody agreeing that the meeting was most successful.

At the business meeting one new member was elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting (which will be the annual) at Derby, St. Andrew's during the afternoon and St. Alkmund's in the evening, due notice of which will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

Duffield bells were utilised in the evening.

STONE, WORCESTERSHIRE.—At St. Mary's Church, on Saturday, October 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandfire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 40 mins.: W. Payne 1, T. J. Salter 2, J. Smith 3, J. Woodberry 4, J. E. Lawrence (conductor) 5, A. Jones 6.

THE FIRST PEAL AT BUCKFAST. THE ABBEY AND ITS BELLS.

One of the most interesting peal ringing achievements of this year was the first peal on the twelve bells at Buckfast Abbey, Devon, on Saturday week, the particulars of which appear elsewhere in this issue.

Although Buckfast Abbey, which stands on the banks of the River Dart, has been re-established only about fifty years, its foundation is lost in antiquity. It dates back at least to the latter half of the 9th century and, with the exception of a period in the reign of William Rufus, when its lands were distributed among the King's favourites, it flourished up to the time of the Dissolution. Its resurrection dates from 1882, when monks, dispersed by the French Government from the Abbey of La Pierre-que-vire, were offered the chance to purchase what remained of the Abbey. Their decision to acquire the property was a venture of great faith, but Cardinals, Bishops and distinguished laymen of the Roman Catholic Church showed their sympathy in unmistakable terms. First the abbot's tower was restored and a temporary church erected. The foundations of the ancient Abbey were excavated, and a young architect, Mr. Frederick A. Walters, was entrusted with the care of supervising everything and preparing the plans. After a lapse of nearly half a century, he still has a guiding hand on the work of restoration which, beginning very slowly, has gone on ever since, brothers of the Order having been trained as craftsmen and having executed the work.

Buckfast was made a separate community, distinct from that of Pierre-que-vire, in 1889, and three years later, from a priory, it was raised to the dignity of an independent Abbey. The first abbot of the new line was chosen in 1902, a young monk of the Abbey, Dom Boniface Natter, who lost his life in a shipwreck off the Spanish coast, while on his way to fulfil a mission in South America. His companion on that tragic voyage, Dom Anscar Vonier, was rescued, and was destined to succeed him as abbot. Abbot Natter had longed to undertake the rebuilding of the Abbey Church at Buckfast. Abbot Anscar, immediately on his election, struck a bold line, and informed the world that he wanted to rebuild the church in memory of his predecessor. He had one capable mason for the work, but no money, but contributions began to come in, and the first stone was laid in January, 1907. Everyone must admire the spirit of faith that initiated the enterprise, and the perseverance that has carried it on until final achievement lies in the near future.

The Abbey Church is approaching completion. It follows the foundations of the 12th century edifice, is cruciform in plan, and reproduces the transitional style of the Norman and Early English period. The length from west to east is 240ft., and the width across the nave and aisles 62ft. It is built of Bath stone, and the vaulting is of local red sandstone. Against the piers in the nave there are four altars, and in the choir of two bays there are temporary stalls for the monks, and the organ. When the church is completed there will be seventy carved oak stalls for the monks, and they will occupy three bays. Beyond the choir is a central space from which the transepts open, and above rises an open lantern, with a stone gallery running round at a height of 51ft. from the floor. Over this again is the belfry in which are 14 bells, the gallery being at present the 'ringing chamber.' The three easternmost bays comprise the sanctuary, but the high altar is not yet complete. In the north transept is the Lady Chapel, in the south transept the Holy Cross Chapel, and in the eastern ambulatory, behind the high altar, are six chapels. The tower itself is not yet finished. Another storey will eventually be added, to which the bells will be raised, and a ringing chamber will then be formed.

THE BELLS.

The bells themselves came before any tower was ready to receive them. They were the gift, in 1910, of Sir Robert Harvey, and for a time were fixed in the old abbot's tower. In the dark days of the war it was Sir Robert more than anyone else who enabled the monks to carry on their building operations, and he offered to pay for the belfry in which the bells are now hanging.

In the sixteenth century when the Abbey was dismantled, there were five bells, which, it is recorded, were bought by the mon of Buckfastleigh for the sum of thirty-three pounds fifteen shillings for the Parish Church. The present bells are a ring of twelve, with two semi-tones. The tenor is about 28 cwt., and the translation of their Latin inscriptions is as follows:—

- Treble.—GEORGE. The Dragon is cast out.
- Semi-tone.—PAUL. You were bought with a great price.
- 2.—PETER. Thou art Christ, the Son of the living God.
- 3.—THOMAS OF CANTERBURY. Avenge our blood, O Lord.
- 4.—GREGORY. Ye angels, bless the Lord.
- 5.—VERONICA. I will seek the face of the Lord.
- 6.—BONIFACE. Ye nations, bless the Lord.
- Semi-tone.—BERNARD. O sweet Virgin Mary.
- 7.—BENEDICT. Let nothing be preferred to the work of God.
- 8.—RAPHAEL. Ye Heavens, bless the Lord.
- 9.—GABRIEL. Hail, Mary!
- 10.—MICHAEL. Who is like unto God.
- 11.—ROBERT. The faithful man shall be much praised.
- Tenor.—MARY. Come, let us adore the King, for whom all things live. This and thirteen other bells, cast to form a harmonious chime through a well proportioned weight of metal, were

given to the Abbot and Convent of Buckfast as a free gift by the most munificent man, Robert Harvey, of the Order of Knighthood, from Dundry, Totnes, in Devon, whose way God has prospered, as a means of perpetuating the memory of his well-beloved wife, the religious and noble lady, Alida Mary Harvey, born in the state of Peru, on the 23rd December, 1858, piously fallen asleep in Christ at Dundry on 12th July, 1901. That she may live with the angels we pray. 'And they shall come from the East and the West, and the North and the South, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God' (Luke xiii. 29).

A DIFFICULT PLACE TO RING IN.

The peal rung on Saturday week had been long contemplated. A member of the band, whilst on a visit to Devonshire early in the year, called on the Father Abbot and obtained his promise that a peal might be attempted after the holiday season. Preparations were made to take a band for Cambridge Surprise Maximus, and a provisional date was fixed. Good fortune favoured the band chosen, all being able to make the journey, whilst the date was quite suitable to the Abbey authorities.

Most of the ringers travelled to Exeter on the day prior to the peal and completed the journey next morning. Twelve o'clock was meeting time, shortly after which hour lunch was served in the Abbey guest house. By one o'clock the band was in the lofty belfry. The narrow gallery, from which ringing is done, is about 4ft. wide, with a waist-high protecting wall. The space in the middle is about 20ft. square, with a drop of 51ft. to the floor below.

It was quickly realised that to attempt a peal of Surprise Maximus would be exceedingly risky, owing to acoustic difficulties and a bad rope-sight. The four trebles, in a straight line, are almost hidden from one another by projecting pillars, and the ringer of the third has to stand with his back to the two smaller bells. Stedman Cinques was, therefore, decided upon, the bobs being called by Mr. W. Pye from the tenor. These could just be heard on the opposite gallery, but visitors in the Abbey below heard a 'big noise,' most of the sound travelling down the space between the galleries.

An excellent peal was completed in 3 hrs. and 50 mins., and amongst those first to congratulate the ringers were several of the monks themselves.

The Father Procurator very kindly treated the ringers to selections on the splendid Abbey organ, after which tea was taken and a departure made. The visitors felt that a good impression of change ringing was left behind, and hope that it will not be long before another band may be fortunate enough to ring a peal on these very fine bells.

Those of the party travelling by road arrived back in Exeter in time to join the Cathedral ringers at their practice, and two courses of Stedman Cinques were rung. Next morning a special treat was in store for them. By the kindness of the Dean and Chapter the party were given an opportunity to ring a course of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. Two being required on the tenor (just to see if two could work together), a thirteenth ringer was required, and Mrs. E. S. Powell very ably 'made up the number.' She is to be congratulated on the way she performed her part.

The course was rung prior to the soldiers' service by Mrs. E. S. Powell 1, A. Walker 2, R. Pro 3, F. W. Perrons 4, C. T. Coles 5, A. E. Reeves 6, S. T. Holt 7, F. E. Pervin 8, J. Bennett 9, J. T. Dyke 10, E. P. Duffield 11, W. Pye and A. W. Coles 12. Time, 27 mins. This was the first course of Cambridge Maximus rung in the county.

Other items during the pleasant week-end were a visit to St. David's to ring for morning service, when several novices rang their first touches of Spliced Surprise Major; an interlude in the afternoon at Heavitree, when an opportunity occurred to ring on a magnificent eight, one of the best ever heard; and a visit to Clyst St. George in the evening as the guests of the Rev. E. S. and Mrs. Powell. The first course of London Surprise Minor, and a course of Cambridge, besides some touches in easier methods, were rung for evensong.

A peal at Thorverton on Monday ended the programme for the last of the party to leave Devonshire, which they did very reluctantly.

Thanks are heartily given to everybody who contributed in any way towards this pleasant and successful week-end.

THE PEAL AT PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL.

The peal of Superlative rung at Portsmouth Cathedral last Saturday, besides being the first in the method on the bells, was rung at the earliest opportunity as a welcome to the new Provost (Canon T. H. Masters), an honorary member of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, and former Vicar of Petersfield. It was also Mr. A. C. Williams' 100th peal, and Mr. A. R. Pink's 50th peal, and was a farewell to the latter, who is leaving the district for Woking after doing some splendid spade work in the Petersfield area.

'BELLS FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP.'

To the Editor.

Sir,—I notice in 'The Ringing World' that a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Tickhill by a mixed band of church bell-ringers. Will someone enlighten me on what 'honours' are gained in thus ringing a quarter-peal when the mixed band leave three of their churches short of ringers for Sunday services?—Yours truly,
'CHURCH SERVICE RINGER.'

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Fylde Branch was held at the Parish Church of the ancient town of Kirkham on Saturday. The eight bells are a very harmonious ring, with tenor about 20 cwt., cast by Rudhalls, of Gloucester, and are in good going order. Seventeen members assembled in the ringing chamber by three o'clock, and the bells were kept merrily going to the tune of Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob and Little Bob. An encouraging feature was the appearance of three local ringers, who, although only stoney men, showed an interest in the ringing, the leader of them asking if it was possible to have an instructor sent to give them instructions in change ringing.

A special item in the afternoon's programme was provided by Mr. A. Hague, who brought a set of handbells, and a course of Grand-sire Caters was brought round in good style by the Blackpool ringers.

ARMISTICE.

BY WILLIAM WILLSON, LEICESTER.

A November day, and the clouds are grey o'er the clock in yonder tower,
And heads are bare in the City square as the hands approach the hour.

The wheels that whirl now cease to stir—a gun booms overhead—
A sudden thrill and the world is still! . . . in THE SILENCE for the dead.

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Our homage is made and the moments fade. If faces are stern and set,
There's nought of shame or ought of blame, e'en though your eyes be wet.
Two minutes' toll can sear the soul, constraining men to pray,
Nor need we quail to lift the veil from our hidden hearts to-day.

O, woman of grief, 'tis sure relief that your loved one under the sod
Came back to your side as you softly cried—came back from the light of God.
He stood as you bowed in the waiting crowd, to dry the tear that falls;
You will meet no more till the journey is o'er, and the last Reveille calls.

And war-time men recall again how they 'ducked' at the sniper's 'pop';
How they furtively felt for the cartridge belt, the time to go over the top.
How they stood in the trench in the mud and the stench—and how cheerily they strode,
Dodging the shells from a hundred Hells, at Messines and the Menin Road.

Then our thoughts turn where they sleep 'out there,' in the land where poppies grow,
Where graves are white in the fading light as flakes of falling snow.
And we count the cost of the lives we lost, and their Calvary keep in mind
As year by year we here revere—the lads who were left behind.

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Is it nothing to you that they pulled us through; that still there are hearts that ache?
That theirs the light through years of Night—yet We saw Morning break!
Then never forget we owe the debt—a debt we can ne'er repay—
Till wars shall cease and the bells of Peace, ring in the Eternal Day.

THE FIRST PEAL AT KINGTON MAGNA.

The first peal on the bells of Kington Magna, recorded in another column, was rung by request of the Rector, Rev. F. L. Edwards, on All Saints' Day to celebrate the patronal festival of the Parish Church. Mr. Edwards reports on it as follows: 'The striking was magnificent. The peal literally answered to the description sometimes found in old records, "rung without a single false blow being struck or a bell misplaced from beginning to end." At the conclusion, the bells were delightfully lowered in peal.'

The ringers were subsequently entertained to supper at the Rectory. The bells are a very musical ring of five, with pre-Reformation tenor, second and third cast by John Wallis, 1608, fourth dated 1643. The treble was cast by Mears and Stainbank in 1914.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the Sheffield and District Society, held at Eckington on Saturday, November 1st, proved a great success. Although the weather was none too kind, about thirty members attended from Killamarsh, Norton, Bolsover, Sheffield Cathedral, Hands-worth, North Wingfield, Raunmoor, Creswell, Chesterfield and Rotherham.

Eckington is fortunate in possessing a fine peal of eight bells (tenor 16½ cwt.), and these were set going early in a variety of methods, including Cambridge, London and Bristol Surprise, Duffield, Oxford and the four standard methods, and the striking of the bells was excellent.

At the business meeting held in the tower it was decided that the next meeting be held at Rawmarsh on Saturday, December 11th, instead of December 4th, in order to form a joint meeting with Yorkshire Association, the secretary having previously read a letter from the secretary of the Yorkshire Association requesting this change of fixtures.

A proposition that the secretary write the Rector of Eckington, the Rev. W. R. Hewson, expressing the thanks of the meeting for his kind hospitality in granting the use of the bells, was put forward by Mr. J. Flint, seconded by Mr. G. Lewis and carried.

This concluded the business, and ringing was continued until 9 p.m., when the bells were rung down in peal, bringing to a close a happy and enjoyable day.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**RECORD WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH MEETING.**

By permission of the Vicar (the Rev. A. W. Laws) a quarterly meeting of the Wellingborough Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was held at Irchester on Saturday week. A record attendance of members was present from a very wide area, some twenty-five towers being represented. The newly-augmented peal was in great demand during the afternoon and evening, and many methods were rung, from rounds and Grandsire Doubles for beginners, to Superlative, Cambridge and Bristol Surprise Major for the more experienced. Many expressions of satisfaction at the tone and 'go' of the bells were forthcoming.

The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar, who also gave a most helpful and practical address, in the course of which he expressed his great joy at being in the position to welcome them to ring the bells. It was not only a joy to him, but to the whole village. Two years ago, when he became an honorary member of the Guild, he had the lucky privilege of addressing the members, and he then said that they hoped to put their bells, which had been silent for twenty-five years, in order. That wish had been gratified, and had exceeded their greatest expectations. He appealed to all of them to look upon their work of ringing the bells as much a part of the ministry as his was; in fact, they appealed to a much larger audience than he could hope to.

After the service, tea was partaken of in the Co-operative Hall, eighty-nine members and friends being present, the Vicar presiding.

The business meeting followed, the Vicar being in the chair. Finendon was suggested as the next place of meeting. The election of Messrs. George Williams, Charles W. Roberts, Wilfred Williams, James Bennett, Thomas T. Giffon, John W. Wood and Ernest W. Tipier, as non-resident life members, was confirmed. Messrs. J. Lillie, F. Brudenall, A. Stone, W. Dunkley, S. Lawrence, R. Payne, C. Aldridge, S. Boddington and J. Smith, all of Irchester, were elected ringing members.

The secretary, on behalf of those present, offered a very hearty welcome to them as members of the Guild. He also thanked those who had, and were, helping their Irchester friends, and said that those who knew anything about ringing knew what a difficult task they had before them. It was bad enough when they had one or two beginners, but when they got a dozen, the problem was multiplied considerably, and he hoped that any who could would continue that help. He also thanked the members for attending there that day in such splendid numbers. As some of them would remember, they had a record attendance at their meeting held at Higham Ferrers in January, but that record had been left behind that day. There were complaints about the falling-off in attendance at various meetings up and down the country, but he was thankful to say that was not the case in the Wellingborough Branch.

A comprehensive vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his excellent address, to the organist, not forgetting the blower, and all who had helped to make the meeting such a success, was proposed by Mr. E. Wilford (Master of the Guild) and carried with acclamation.

Apologies were received from the Rev. C. F. Westacott (president of the branch), Rev. B. E. Owen, R.D. (Vicar of Higham Ferrers), Rev. G. G. Thompson (Vicar of Wollaston) and Rev. J. H. Marlow (Vicar of Bozeat). Amongst those present were Mr. R. G. Black (general secretary), Mr. H. Baxter (secretary of the Kettering Branch), Mr. J. Nickerson (secretary of the Thrapston Branch), Mr. C. T. H. Bradley (secretary of the Southern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild), Mrs. P. Humphrey (Folkingham, Lincs), Mr. A. King (Luton), etc.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. UNPAID SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The annual meeting of the Witney and Woodstock Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild took place at Clanfield on Saturday, October 25th. A service in the church, at which the preacher was the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Guild, was conducted by the Rev. H. M. Goodacre, and the secretary (Mr. W. Evetts, jun.) read the lesson. After the service the bells were rung, and tea was served at the Mason's Arms. The business meeting was then held, and in the absence of the Rev. F. R. Marriott, the Master took the chair. He referred to the loss by death of two of their members, the Rev. A. C. R. Freeborn (late branch chairman) and Mr. T. Buggins (foreman of Wootton tower).

A statement of accounts was given, but as several towers had not sent in their subscriptions, it was impossible to give anything but a rough estimate of the financial position to date. Only 106 members out of a possible 150 had so far paid their subscriptions. Honorary members were still up to previous numbers.

The Master proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Clanfield for his hospitality, coupling with his name the ringers of Clanfield.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Chairman, the Rev. F. R. Marriott; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. Evetts, jun.; representatives on the Guild Committee, Messrs. W. T. Bond, N. Spindlow and G. Clarke. The next meeting will be at Eynsham.

The Secretary asked that all foremen of towers should send him weights of the tenor bells in their various towers to help the Bristol United Ringing Guilds Committee to bring their 'Directory of Church Bells' up to date.

The Master mentioned that a memorial tablet was to be erected in Kidlington Church to the memory of the late Rev. A. C. R. Freeborn, and said he thought the branch might like to associate themselves with it.—It was decided to send a guinea.

The members then returned to the tower for ringing, and others went to Rampton, where there is a peal of eight bells.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. DEVIZES BRANCH AT POTTERNE.

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at the beautiful Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Potterne, on Saturday, November 1st (Feast of All Saints), and in spite of the wet weather a large number were present.

The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar, Canon Kewley, M.A. (Rural Dean), Mrs. Kewley being the organist. In a short address Canon Kewley spoke of the lessons to be learnt from the Festival of All Saints, and said it would be much better if more brightness could be put into our religion. He referred to the part ringers took in putting brightness into the services.

Tea followed in the Church Room, to which 28 sat down, including Canon and Mrs. Kewley. Mr. C. D. Heginbotham presided at the business meeting, and extended a welcome to the visiting ringers, viz., Messrs. Prescott and Linter (Bath), Woodroffe (Swindon), Box (Wootton Bassett), and spoke of the improvement made in the ringing chamber at Potterne by the laying of the new floor. He hoped that it was the forerunner of other improvements, and that he would see the day when there would be a peal of eight in the fine tower. He also congratulated Mr. W. C. West, of Melksham, on ringing his 50th peal, he having now also rung a peal on each of the bells at Melksham Parish Church.

Mr. F. Green, the secretary, read a letter from Mr. W. J. Prescott, thanking the branch for the donation sent towards the building fund of the new hospital at Bath.—Mr. Prescott also spoke a few words of thanks.

The question of the length of the meetings and the reducing of the annual subscriptions was discussed.

A vote of thanks was passed to Canon Kewley for the use of the bells and conducting the service, Mrs. Kewley for playing the organ, and Mrs. Wells for preparing the tea.—Canon Kewley replied.

Ringers, in addition to those mentioned, were present from Potterne, Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Southbroom, Holt, Bratton, Trowbridge, Rowde, Melksham and Market Lavington, including the Vicar of Market Lavington, the Rev. J. A. Sturton, B.A. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain, Bob and Cambridge were rung in the afternoon and evening.

The following is a description of the bells given in 'The Church Bells of Wiltshire,' by Mr. H. B. Walters, F.S.A.—

- 1.—The gift of the Rev. George Edmonstone, Vicar, 1920. R. T. Watts and Jos. Glass, Ch. Wardens. James Wells, Feecit.
- 2.—(Unintelligible inscription.)
- 3.—+ Anno Domini, 1624.
- 4.—Mr. John Gaisford and John Moore, C.W., 1713 (vine border above) W. bell C.
- 5.—On rin, R. Wells, of Aldbourne, Feecit MDCCLXXI.
- 6.—+ Drawe Neare to God. Anno Domini, 1624. RP.IM.—: RBRP.

'The date of the 2nd bell is probably about 1600. It is very far from being so ancient as Lukis imagined. The inscription is apparently meaningless, and I do not know any exact parallel, but such collocations of letters and quasi-letters are not uncommon at that period.

'1553, Potterne iij bells and Sanctus.'

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION VISIT TO LLANBRADACH.

A quarterly meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, held at Llanbradach on Saturday last, proved a most pleasant one. The bells, a light ring of eight by Taylor, were kept going until 4.30, when service was held in the Parish Church, the Vicar, the Rev. David J. Wills, officiating. It being All Saints' Day, the address had a direct bearing on the occasion, the preacher very aptly applying his remarks to the ringers and their duties. He specially mentioned that his own ringers were a loyal and faithful band, mustering punctually and regularly every Sunday.

Following the service, the ringers sat down to a sumptuous knife and fork tea which had been very generously provided in the magnificent suite of rooms belonging to the church. Although the muster was a very good one, it was perhaps a bit disappointing to those who did the catering that there were not even more present.

Following the tea, the business meeting was presided over by the Vicar, who at the outset heartily welcomed the association to Llanbradach.

Instructors' reports were read, new members made, including ten of the local band, and restorations and augmentations reported on, and the usual votes of thanks passed.

The hon. secretary brought to the notice of the members the little book on 'Rules and Diagrams for Instruction of Beginners' issued by the Lancashire Association, and disposed of several, which, by the way, had been sent by the hon. secretary of the Liverpool District, Mr. Claude I. Davies, who before going to Liverpool was one of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association's most enthusiastic members.

The bells were rung in the four standard methods and Double Norwich until later in the evening. Those who failed to turn up missed a real treat.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT.

For the second time in succession the elements were unkind to the members of the North and East District on the occasion of their meeting, and a wet, dismal afternoon on Saturday undoubtedly kept a number of intending visitors away from what was a very pleasant gathering. Some 36 members in all attended, and the peal of eight at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, were kept going continuously from 3 to 5 p.m., when service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. C. F. Tyrrell), who was assisted by the Rev. T. Lewis. The Vicar gave the association a most cordial welcome.

Tea was served in the Church Schools. The two clergymen attended for a short time, the Vicar again expressing his pleasure at meeting the members.—Mr. C. T. Coles took the opportunity of thanking Mr. Tyrrell for his kindness in meeting them that day, and for the use of the bells.

At the business meeting after tea, the members stood in silence for a few moments as a mark of deep respect to the late Mr. Harry Barnett, of Tottenham, who had been a member of the association since its inception, and to the late Mr. Harry Dyas, of St. Andrew's, Wells Street, a member of many years' standing.

Five new members were elected, including two provisionally elected prior to ringing peals for the association.

The District Master (Mr. A. W. Coles) proposed a vote of thanks to the several ladies who had prepared an excellent tea, and to the Rev. J. O. Vince (Dalston) for allowing his bells to be rung that evening.—This was seconded by the hon. secretary, who also expressed his great pleasure at seeing so many young ringers present.

The Hon. Secretary asked members to attend a mid-week practice meeting, which he had arranged at St. Paul's, Glyn Road, Hounston, on Tuesday, November 18th, and also to assist the Dalston and Clapton bands at their practices on Tuesdays and Wednesdays respectively.

There was further ringing until shortly after 7 p.m. at Clapton, and a good number afterwards paid a visit to St. Mark's, Dalston, where the bells were kept going until about 9 p.m., most methods from 'Rounds' to London Surprise giving everybody an opportunity to ring.

A VENERABLE TREASURER.

At Charing, Kent, on Sunday evening, November 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: A. Baxler (first quarter) 1, F. Good 2, M. Johnson 3, W. Good 4, W. Henniker (first as conductor) 5, L. Osman 6. This was rung for the 90th birthday of Mr. P. Edwards, who for many years was captain of the Charing band, and is now treasurer, but has been unable to ring since he was 80.

THE 'ORIGINAL.' To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Miss Phyllis Moss (now Mrs. C. C. Mayne) called the 'Original' at Acton, on April 21st, 1924; Miss Norah G. Williams called it on October 8th, 1926. These two ladies are to be congratulated, and I would suggest that we toast them in a glass of good strong ale.—Yours truly,

C. F. WINNEY.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

ABERAVON, GLAM.—On Sunday, November 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: G. Chappell 1, E. Stith 2, W. J. Nulton 3, W. Williams 4, C. Jones 5, C. Mathers 6, A. J. Pitman (conductor) 7, J. Weathersby 8.

RENHILTON, SUTTON.—On November 2nd, for evening service, a 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins.: W. C. Smith 1, G. Reed 2, G. Rayner 3, J. Crawford 4, H. E. Good 5, A. V. Good (conductor) 6, A. Giberd 8 (covering). The conductor hails from Hemel Hempstead, the ringer of the 4th from Epsom, the remainder being local ringers.

SUTTON-ONTRENT, NOTTS.—For the dedication festival at All Saints' Church, on Sunday, November 2nd, in 42 mins., a quarter-peal of Minor (1,260 changes), being 360 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Kent Treble Bob, and 540 Plain Bob: Miss K. Burchall 1, Miss G. Burchall 2, H. Denman 3, T. Bartholomew 4, E. Midwinter 5, L. Pierrepont (conductor) 6.

LIANBRADACH, SOUTH WALES.—On Sunday, November 2nd, for evening service for the festival of All Saints, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: W. Gwillim 1, H. Cassel (conductor) 2, G. Gwillim 3, J. Williams 4, J. Gwillim 5, A. Jenkins (first quarter-peal) 6, W. Burgess 7, T. H. Skinner 8. 4.6.8. covering. Ten different callings with 60 added.

PULHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.—On Sunday, November 2nd, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: C. Baker 1, Salem Goodswen 2, J. Allen 3, E. Whiting 4, C. Roope 5, F. Borrett 6.

HOUNSLOW.—On Sunday, October 19th, for evening service at St. Paul's Church, 1,280 Stedman Triples in 44 mins.: F. E. Hawthorne 1, F. G. Goddard 2, W. F. Ellingham 3, C. F. Winney (conductor) 4, W. H. Stevens, I.S.O., 5, A. Cutmore 6, C. J. Tricker 7, H. Gash 8.—On Sunday, October 26th, for morning service at St. Paul's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 44 mins.: E. Lubbock 1, F. G. Goddard 2, W. F. Ellingham 3, S. Stilwell 4, W. H. Stevens, I.S.O., 5, H. Folkard 6, C. J. Tricker (conductor) 7, H. Gash 8.

MARHAM, NORFOLK.—At the Holy Trinity Church, on October 12th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: F. Matthews 1, E. Harris 2, J. Buckenham 3, A. Mason 4, W. Bone 5, W. Buckenham (conductor) 6. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a token of respect for the victims of the R 101 disaster.

WOOLTON HILL.—On Sunday, October 12th, after evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (ten different callings) in 50 mins., rung half-muffled in memory of the late Mr. N. Scott, who was for years a ringer at this tower: J. Robbins 1, J. Berry 2, F. Knapp (conductor) 3, A. Challis 4, S. Bevan 5, J. Challis 6. Ringers of 3 and 6 hail from Highclere.

SALFHEURST.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, October 5th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: J. Goodsell 1, T. Booth 2, G. Mills 3, F. Morgan 4, E. Mills 5, W. Hoad (conductor) 6, G. King 7, A. Hoad 8.

HORLEY, SURREY.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew, on Sunday, October 5th, for harvest festival evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: G. Woodman 1, E. Razzoll 2, F. Sadler 3, S. Kenward 4, P. Etheridge 5, W. Slaughter 6, A. J. Bull (conductor) 7, A. Lucas 8.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.—On Sunday, September 28th, for evensong, on the occasion of the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 48 mins.: T. Lincoln 1, A. Rainbird 2, E. W. Furbank 3, F. G. Radley 4, W. Burgess 5, A. Head 6, F. G. Ringe (first quarter-peal in the method as conductor) 7, W. Emery 8.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, September 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: J. Ray 1, W. S. Jennings 2, W. Mills 3, A. Greenfield (conductor) 4, W. Lowe 5, J. Phillips 6, W. Fullwood 7, B. Fullwood 8. First quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by the ringers of 2nd and 6th.

THE LATE BISHOP OF WORCESTER.

With the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Bishop (Dr. Pearce), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Cinques (1,253 changes) was rung by the Cathedral Guild at Worcester Cathedral on Saturday: F. Neate 1, G. Hinton 2, B. Hill 3, W. Powell 4, A. Hill (conductor) 5, R. Knowles 6, C. Jones 7, D. Morris 8, R. Woolyatt 9, C. Tansell 10, J. J. Jeffries 11, E. Crumps 12.—On Sunday, November 2nd, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: J. J. Jeffries 1, D. Morris 2, W. Powell 3, W. Lewis 4, C. Jones 5, A. Hill (conductor) 6, E. Watkins 7, E. Crump 8.

On Saturday, November 1st, at St. Thomas' Church, Stourbridge, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 58 mins., with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Bishop of Worcester: A. Reynolds 1, J. Bass 2, J. W. Smith 3, F. W. Gibbs 4, S. Thompson 5, C. W. Cooper 6, W. Farley (conductor) 7, A. Fellows 8. First quarter-peal by A. Fellows, and all are regular Sunday service ringers, with the exception of Messrs. Bass and Thompson, who belong to Wollaston.

At Tipton, Staffs, on Sunday, November 2nd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Brooks') was rung at St. Martin's Church, in 44 mins.: M. G. Hughes 1, F. Williams 2, B. Windsor 3, T. J. Meeks 4, H. N. Williams 5, H. Griffiths 6, T. W. Cattell (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, J. Freeman 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of the late Dr. E. H. Pearce, Bishop of Worcester.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 293rd anniversary dinner will be held at the Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, on Saturday, Nov. 8th, at 6.30 p.m. Towers open for ringing: Southwark Cathedral 2 to 2.50, St. Magnus' and St. Andrew's, Holborn, 2.30 to 4.30. St. Lawrence Jewry 2.45 to 4.30. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5 o'clock.—W. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on Nov. 20th, 'The Coffee Pot' (election night) on the 11th (8 p.m.), St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 13th (8 p.m.), 'St. Paul's Cathedral' on the 25th, Southwark Cathedral on the 27th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting at Eye on Nov. 8th. Bells available 2 p.m. Tea, 1s. each, at 4.30, at Commercial House, Church Street.—H. Drake, Sec., Ufford Rectory.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Acton on Saturday, Nov. 8th, for the purpose of unveiling the peal tablet in memory of the late Mr. Robert Holloway, late ringing master of the South and West District. Ringing from 3.30. Service at 5 p.m. All ringing friends welcome. — Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Preacher: The Ven. Archdeacon Spooner. Tea 6.15 p.m. (6d. each), meeting to follow. A good attendance is requested. — Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chale on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (5) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. All ringers are welcomed. —B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The last meeting of the year will be held at Ordsall, near Retford, on Saturday, Nov. 8th. The peal of 6 bells will be available from 2 p.m. Good attendance requested. Good train and bus services from all directions. 'Roll up in hundreds.'—R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Sec., 34, High Street, Ordsall, Retford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Thurstaston on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Wheatsheaf at 5 p.m. Let's have a really big meeting!—Alban Disney, 3, Highgate, Aylestone Lane, Leicester.

STANDISH, GLOS.—The re-dedication of the bells, which have been silent for twenty years, and which have been hung in a new frame and with new fittings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, will take place on Saturday, Nov. 8th, at 3 p.m., followed by tea (1s. per head). Notifications for tea should be sent to the Rev. A. J. Freeman, B.A., Standish Vicarage, Stonehouse, Glos., beforehand.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Willington on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. The Vicar is providing tea as a mark of appreciation. All welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Dis. Sec., Stagsden, Beds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brindle on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells available from 2.30. The Ribble buses, on the Blackburn to Leyland service, pass the church.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Lenton (8 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells ready 3.30. All ringers welcome.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 8th, at Barkston (owing to Denton bells being unavailable). Bells (6) available during the afternoon and evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lincs.

BURLEY, LEEDS.—The recast and augmented ring of 8, by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, at St. Matthias' Church, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Ripon, on Thursday, Nov. 13th, at 7.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Nassington on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea (1s. each) 5 p.m. Those who wish to have tea kindly let me know as soon as possible.—Rev. L. S. Clark, Polebrooke Rectory, Peterborough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Axbridge Deanery, under the auspices of the above association, will, on Saturday, Nov. 15th, hold their first annual dinner, concert and dance at the Cairo Hotel, near the Marine Lake, Weston-super-Mare. The hall is noted for its spacious ballroom and lounges, which will be available. Speeches will be very limited. The bells of Weston-super-Mare, Uphill, Bleadon and Kewstoke will be available. Bed and breakfast for those desiring to stay can be arranged for 6s. 6d. inclusive. Any friends invited, tickets 3s. 6d. inclusive, may be obtained from L. G. Tanner, Local Hon. Sec., 51, Locking Road, Weston-super-Mare.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells ready 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Expecting a good attendance.—J. Bracewell, Branch Sec.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Tenterden on Nov. 15th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at the Temperance Hotel 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. A card from those wanting tea will help.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at Pendleton on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells ready 6 p.m. Hoping to have a good attendance.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Coggeshall on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m., also Feering bells between 7 and 9 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than morning of the 12th?—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Harmston (8), Saturday, Nov. 15th. Tower open 2 p.m. Notification for tea to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Coppull on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock.—James Wm. Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Newbury on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., at 1s. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify me by Thursday, Nov. 13th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The next meeting will be at St. Martin's, Epsom, on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Please attend to nominate your officers for 1931, and send numbers for tea to Mr. Cooper, 26, Church Road, Epsom, before Wednesday, Nov. 12th.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Swindon, on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (8) available after 3 p.m. All subscriptions for 1930 are due. A card would be appreciated from those requiring tea.—S. Hopper, Hon. Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Steyning on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea, 1s. 2d. each, at the Station Hotel, at 5 o'clock. All ringers intending being present kindly advise me on Tuesday before the meeting.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672)—A whist drive and dance will be held at St. Mary's Institute, Barker Gate, on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Tower open for ringing 3 to 6 p.m. Whist starts 6.45 p.m. Tickets, 1s. each, from the officers. Will members please note and give their support? All ringers and friends will receive a cordial welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Norton, near Evesham, on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea provided for those who send me their names by the Tuesday previous.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, near Evesham.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Cowden on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly let me know by Wednesday, Nov. 12th? All ringers welcome. — G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—N. & E. District.—Practice meeting at St. Paul's, Glyn Road, Homerton, on Tuesday, Nov. 18th. Bells from 7.30 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

HERTS AND ESSEX ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting will be held at Hoddesdon on Wednesday, Nov. 19th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5 and tea at 5.30 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise us.—C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford; W. Lawrence, Little Munden, near Ware, Herts.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Cheltenham Branch will be held on Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea by kind invitation of the Rev. Bagot de la Bere (Vicar). Will all those intending being present please notify me not later than the 18th inst.? — Walter Yeend, Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District Meeting, Puttenham, Nov. 22nd. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Members are reminded that nominations for district officers must be made at this meeting. Numbers for tea to me, please, by Nov. 17th. —G. L. Grover, Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, near Guildford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The district annual meeting will be held at Brentwood on Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea kindly provided by the St. Thomas' Society to those who advise me by Wednesday, the 19th. Meeting to follow.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting at St. Bartholomew's has been brought forward to Nov. 22nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. Business: Arrangements for 1931 meetings calendar. — Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Mitcham on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Christ Church bells (6) available from 3 p.m. and after tea until 8 p.m. Parish Church bells (8) open after tea until 9 p.m. Service at Christ Church at 5 p.m., followed by tea at the Welfare Centre, Cavendish Road (by kind invitation of the Christ Church Company). Those requiring tea please let Mr. A. Miller, 2, Clarendon Road, Collier's Wood, S.W.19, know by Wednesday, Nov. 26th. All ringers are heartily welcome. — D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Re-opening of the bells of St. George's, Bolton, Saturday, Nov. 29th. Service in the church 3.30 p.m., with address by Archdeacon Howson, Warden of the Liverpool Diocesan Guild. Tea in the school after service for all those who send in their names to Canon Elsee, M.A., St. George's Vicarage, Bolton, not later than Nov. 27th.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A dinner will be held at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday, Jan. 10th, 1931.—Tickets 5s. 6d. each. Early appli-

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OVER, CAMBS.—On Monday, October 27th, at the Parish Church, 720 Annable's London Surprise: A. W. T. Ginn 1, C. Robinson 2, F. C. Ginn 3, E. G. Gleaves 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6.—Also for matins, on Sunday, November 2nd, 720 Cambridge Surprise: G. Whybrow 1, M. Ginn 2, D. Adams (first Surprise 'inside') 3, K. Thoday 4, C. Robinson 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Thursday, October 23rd, at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): A. Symonds 1, W. Andrews 2, W. Jarvis 3, S. H. Symonds (conductor) 4, L. Offord (first quarter-peal on tower bells) 5, L. Pryke 6, W. R. J. Poulson 7, F. A. Turner 8.

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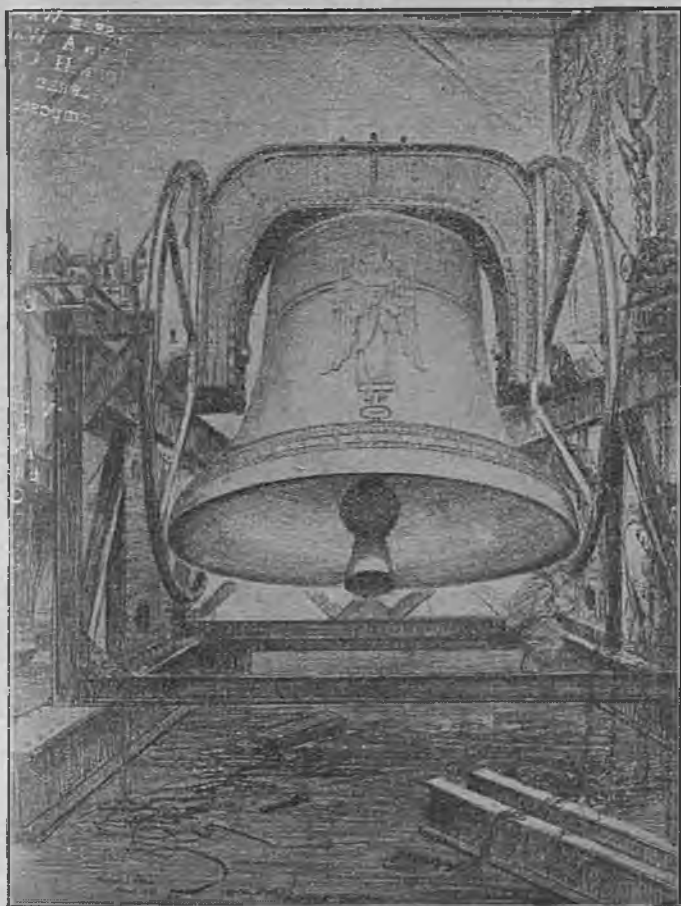
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From the after-dinner speeches at the College Youths' gathering on Saturday two points, of real importance to the Exercise at large, emerged. One was made by the Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, who urged both that the Church should treat ringers and that the ringers should consider the Church more seriously; the other was pressed home by the ex-president of the Central Council when he emphasised that bell restoration work was a task for the bell engineer and not for the architect, as the Council for the Care of Churches would have church authorities to believe. Both speakers, from different angles, directed attention to the importance of bells being kept in the best possible order, and to the fact that the people who understand the mechanical principles involved and the requirements necessary for their use were the people who should be consulted both in the provision of new bells or the restoration of old ones—a thing which we have long and persistently endeavoured to bring home to all whom we could reach through this journal.

For far too great a time ringers, their art and their work have been, for the most part, at the mercy of ill-informed writers in the public press. Some, with a little knowledge, have wilfully distorted the facts, others out of sheer ignorance have just lampooned the ringers and all things connected with them. The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn put the feelings of the Exercise into a nutshell when he said, 'We are no longer a people to be talked about in a funny way, and we resent it.' What we most strongly object to, however, is the action of writers who do ringers a deliberate injustice, and who entirely misrepresent both their aims and their competence, when the writers themselves approach the subject from a biased standpoint. The people who have been the greatest offenders in this matter, and who, unfortunately, have the ear of the majority of those responsible for church property, are simply antiquarians, who would have the rest of the world believe that the only thing that matters about bells and their fittings is their age and that ringers who wish to see this valuable church property kept in efficient condition, for the purposes for which it was installed, are by their very nature and desires pure vandals.

Both the public press and the church authorities are, at the moment, influenced by a propaganda which is entirely inimical to the interests of ringing. We have it on the authority of one of the foremost bell founders that the present influences that are at work are not only causing considerable difficulties where restorations are concerned, but, if allowed to go on unchecked, must inevitably, in time, prevent the carrying out of work

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essential for the effectual restoration of many rings of bells. The propaganda is being carefully disseminated throughout the Diocesan Advisory Committees; very few of which include, or consult an expert in bells and ringing who can represent the practical side of the question to them. The committees themselves have no technical knowledge, and the views which they hold or the influences which are brought to bear — often through diocesan architects — are almost entirely those of the antiquarian school. We hope sincerely that the references made at the College Youths' gathering will lead to definite action being taken at the next Central Council meeting to set up some countervailing influence among church authorities and advisory committees.

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On Tuesday, November 4, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter Mancroft,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 37½ cwt.

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| *MISS HELEN BILL Treble | GEORGE MAYERS 6 |
| *MISS MABEL ROBERTSON 2 | *FREDERICK H. KNIGHTS 7 |
| *WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD 3 | *GEORGE BAILEY 8 |
| WILLIAM E. BASON 4 | *CHARLES E. LOVETT 9 |
| BERTIE J. HOUCHIN 5 | *JAMES F. DUFFIELD Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM E. BASON.

* First peal of Bob Royal.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CRADLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 25, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

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| A. GROVE Treble | *S. F. HEAD 5 |
| A. WILLIAMS 2 | H. J. SHUCK 6 |
| A. WYRE 3 | J. H. BLOOMER 7 |
| H. WYRE 4 | *J. A. WYRE Tenor |

Conducted by J. H. BLOOMER.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Williams. The above are all Sunday service ringers.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 3, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

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| *JOHN COOK Treble | JACK M. CRIPPS 5 |
| KENNETH SNELLING 2 | ERIC NICE 6 |
| †GEORGE OLLIVER 3 | REGINALD V. JOHNSON 7 |
| ROBERT SWIFT 4 | OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor |

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal of Surprise Major. † 50th peal.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Monday, November 3, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| JOSEPH H. COOPER Treble | RICHARD P. HEALD 5 |
| WILFRED HALLIWELL 2 | MAJOR CROOK 6 |
| TITUS BARLOW 3 | THOMAS B. WORSLEY 7 |
| HAROLD WALMSLEY 4 | WILLIAM DICKINSON Tenor |

Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. W. Dickinson on his election as councillor for Hulton ward, county borough of Bolton. All the ringers belong to the local band.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, November 4, 1930, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

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| JAMES S. HUTCHBY Treble | CHARLES ALLSOPP 5 |
| COLIN HARRISON 2 | JACK SADDINGTON 6 |
| DAVID S. COLLINS 3 | WM. SMITH 7 |
| JOHN GRUNDY 4 | HORACE F. E. STUBBS Tenor |

Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, November 5, 1930, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SURREY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

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

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| GEORGE E. CLODE Treble | GEORGE WILSON 5 |
| CHARLES N. BURDOCK 2 | WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 6 |
| HENRY HUTTON 3 | C. ERNEST SMITH 7 |
| WILLIAM J. ROBINSON 4 | ALFRED H. POLLING Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

The first peal in the method, which is a combination of Guildford and Dublin Surprise, arranged by J. S. Goldsmith. Rung at the first attempt.

CAPENHURST, CHESHIRE.—On Tuesday, October 28th, at the Parish Church, 720 Chester Surprise Minor: R. Sperring 1, A. E. Richards 2, H. W. Wilde 3, J. Swindley 4, J. W. Clarke 5, J. Morgan (conductor) 6. First 720 of Chester Surprise by all the band.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 5, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. PARKER'S ODD AND EVEN BOB AND SINGLE SIX-PART, No. 58.

Tenor 10 cwt.

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| MAURICE SWINFIELD Treble | CHARLES DRAPER 5 |
| JOHN H. SWINFIELD 2 | JAMES S. HUTCHBY 6 |
| RICHARD C. BELTON 3 | JAMES GEORGE 7 |
| JOSEPH BAILEY 4 | JOHN CURTIS Tenor |

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time, and is the first peal of Stedman Triples in six equal parts.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 5, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt.

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| REGINALD POSTON Treble | EDWIN H. FOSTER 5 |
| ROBERT E. SUMMERS 2 | WILLIAM T. POSTON 6 |
| JOHN J. WEBB 3 | WILLIAM POSTON 7 |
| ALFRED T. POULTON 4 | ARTHUR LLEWELLYN Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM T. POSTON.

First peal as conductor.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 6, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in A.

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| WALTER HAMMOND Treble | HERBERT E. REASON 5 |
| *BERNARD W. PETTITT 2 | LEWIS W. WIFFEN 6 |
| MISS ELSIE PETTITT 3 | WILLIAM KEEBLE 7 |
| JOSEPH JENNINGS 4 | ALBERT WIFFEN Tenor |

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

* First Surprise peal inside. First Surprise peal in the county and by the association in which father and daughter have taken part together. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. H. Howard, the Master of the association, who kindly entertained the band to refreshments at the conclusion of the peal.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 7, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Treble | HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 5 |
| THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 2 | THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 6 |
| GEORGE POPNELL 3 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7 |
| GEORGE H. CROSS 4 | WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Geo. H. Cross.

HEDON, YORKSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

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| MRS. J. BRAY Treble | STEPHEN BROOMFIELD 5 |
| CHARLES MCGUINNESS 2 | CHARLES W. TAYLOR 6 |
| FRANK LORD 3 | BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. 7 |
| CHARLES H. BIRD 4 | JACK BRAY Tenor |

Composed by W. ROYLE.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

First peal in the method on the bells. First in method by all except 2nd and tenor ringers. First in method as conductor. A birthday compliment to Mrs. J. W. Hobson, of Hull, and a '21st' compliment to Mr. F. Lord. The band wish to thank the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, also Mr. J. W. Hobson for making all arrangements.

HANDBRIDGE, CHESTER. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

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| Ex-Driver JOHN HAYES, R.F.A. | ... Treble |
| Ex-Pte. HARRY LEWIS, 5th Cheshire Regt. | ... 2 |
| Ex-Sapper MARTIN HARRIS, R.E. | ... 3 |
| Ex-Sapper WILLIAM CLARKE, R.E. | ... 4 |
| Ex-A.R.Q.M.S. WILLIAM SCOTCE, Cheshire Regt. | ... 5 |
| Ex-B.S.M. ARTHUR G. WATKIN, R.F.A. | ... 6 |
| Ex-Pte. PERCY SWINDLEY, M.G.C. | ... 7 |
| Ex-P.O. SAM JONES, Hood, R.N.D. | ... Tenor |

Composed by Ex. Lance-Corporal GABRIEL LINDOFF, R.E.

Conducted by Ex. P.O. SAM JONES, Hood, R.N.D.

Rung for the 12th anniversary of the Armistice. All are members of the Cathedral and Handbridge bands.

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

On Saturday, November 8, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

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| WILLIAM C. JONES | ... Treble | DENNIS R. MORRIS | 5 |
| ROBERT G. KNOWLES | 2 | WILLIAM LEWIS | 6 |
| SIDNEY T. HOLT | 3 | CYRIL TANSELL | 7 |
| THOMAS W. LEWIS | 4 | CHARLES CAMM | ... Tenor |

Composed by F. HOPGOOD.

Conducted by CYRIL TANSELL.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor on attaining his majority. A daughter was born to the Vicar, Rev. J. R. Bamber and Mrs. Bamber, at the Vicarage, which is near the church, during the peal.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK. THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

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| *JAMES HOWES | ... Treble | †ERNEST BAILEY | 5 |
| JOHN C. DICKEN | 2 | WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD | 6 |
| JOHN G. W. HARWOOD | 3 | JAMES SPALDING | 7 |
| EDWIN R. GOATE | 4 | CHARLES E. LOVETT | ... Tenor |

Composed by FREDK. DENCH.

Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Kent with an 'inside' bell.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 8, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| ARTHUR TOMLINSON | ... Treble | JOHN BROWN | 5 |
| JOHN HADFIELD | 2 | JOSEPH A. TOMLINSON | 6 |
| NORMAN KENYON | 3 | NORMAN BROWN | 7 |
| FRED HINDLE | 4 | JOHN SANDERSON | ... Tenor |

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

Rung as a 21st birthday peal for Mr. J. Hadfield.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

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| *ALBERT BARTHOLOMEW | ... Treble | THOMAS LINCOLN | 5 |
| WILLIAM KREBLE | 2 | PERCY GREEN | 6 |
| *MISS DOLLY K. FRENCH | 3 | DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS | 7 |
| HERBERT DEVENISH | 4 | GEORGE GREEN | ... Tenor |

Composed by JOHN HOWES.

Conducted by GEORGE GREEN.

* First peal. First peal of Bob Major on the bells since recasting. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the association. The thanks of the band are hereby given to Mr. and Mrs. French (parents of the 3rd ringer), who entertained them to a very much appreciated tea at the conclusion of the peal.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 8, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 20 cwt.

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| JOHN W. JONES | ... Treble | WILFRED WILLIAMS | 5 |
| GEORGE POPNELL | 2 | ALFRED T. GREENWOOD | 6 |
| JAMES E. DAVIS | 3 | FREDERICK W. ROGERS | 7 |
| TOWER R. TAYLOR | 4 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS | ... Tenor |

Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 8, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, BLOOMSBURY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

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| *WILLIAM G. ELLIS | ... Treble | GEORGE R. PYE | 5 |
| WALTER PERKINS | 2 | JOHN T. KENTISH | 6 |
| GEORGE M. KILBY | 3 | WILLIAM T. BEESON | 7 |
| HARRY CHAMBERS | 4 | WILLIAM PYE | ... Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First Surprise peal. The ringers of the 2nd and 4th hail from Irthlingborough, Northants.

PRESTBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt. in F sharp.

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| JAMES BOWERS | ... Treble | HAROLD DEAN | 5 |
| WILLIAM GAYES | 2 | WILFRED STEVENSON | 6 |
| ERNEST BENNETT | 3 | JOHN WORTH | 7 |
| JACK TIPPER | 4 | JACK WAUMSLEY | ... Tenor |

Conducted by WILFRED STEVENSON.

First peal as conductor.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 14 cwt.

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| ARTHUR NEWELL | ... Treble | JAMES SWINDLEY | 5 |
| HARRY F. HOLIDAY | 2 | EDWARD V. RODENHURST | 6 |
| ROBERT SPERRING | 3 | JAMES MORGAN | 7 |
| RICHARD T. HOLDING | 4 | GEORGE R. JONES | ... Tenor |

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

ADDERBURY, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt. 14 lb.

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| SYDNEY TAYLOR | ... Treble | WILLIAM STONE | 5 |
| MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK | 2 | GORDON CAUDWELL | 6 |
| WILLIAM HOLIFIELD | 3 | WALTER F. JUDGE | 7 |
| FRANCIS TAYLOR | 4 | LEONARD CLIFTON | ... Tenor |

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

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| JACK M. CRIPPS | ... Treble | FRANK BENNETT | 5 |
| *ERNEST G. HIGGIN | 2 | THOMAS E. SONE | 6 |
| ROBERT J. DAWE | 3 | CHARLES W. PLAYER | 7 |
| ALFRED W. GROVES | 4 | JOHN DEARLOVE | ... Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Saturday, November 8, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

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| ALBERT TAYLOR Treble | HAROLD L. FLAVELL 5 |
| HARRY BOSWELL 2 | HERBERT E. BOOTH 6 |
| ALBERT D. COLLINS 3 | ALFRED FALLON 7 |
| ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 4 | JAMES SHAW Tenor |

Conducted by ALBERT D. COLLINS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Ed. Hopewell, a much respected member of the above church. Also to Miss Sarah Greenfield, daughter of the fourth ringer.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
(ST. ANDREW'S GUILD.)

On Saturday, November 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

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| *C. FREDERICK PUDNEY ... Treble | FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... 5 |
| WALTER ARNOLD 2 | †CECIL SAYWARD 6 |
| †JOHN TURNER 3 | ARTHUR SAUNDERS 7 |
| FRANK CLAYDON 4 | *ERNEST BOWEILL Tenor |

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT. Conducted by WALTER ARNOLD

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

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
AND ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, November 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

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| *JOHN PARSONS Treble | PERCY PAGE 5 |
| ARCHIBALD C. KAY 2 | HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHREY ... 6 |
| HENRY C. CASTLE 3 | EDWARD S. RUCK 7 |
| WILLIAM FRIGHT 4 | WILLIAM BIDDELL Tenor |

Composed by Sir A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by EDWARD S. RUCK

* First peal of Major. Rung in honour of the 21st birthday of Miss G. Page.

SOUTH ANSTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 8, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in G.

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| J. EDWARD CAWSE Treble | HERBERT T. ROOKE 5 |
| SAMUEL HARRISON 2 | *HAROLD WAGSTAFF 6 |
| GEORGE CLARKE 3 | ARNOLD HILL 7 |
| WILLIAM A. WOOLER 4 | PERCY GLEDSTONE Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE

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

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 10, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

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| WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... Treble | †THEODORE GRANT 5 |
| THOMAS F. KING 2 | WILLIAM H. CROCKER ... 6 |
| *NORAH G. WILLIAMS ... 3 | GILBERT H. HARDING ... 7 |
| †RICHARD J. COUSINS ... | †JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor |

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* 1500th peal. † First peal of Surprise. † 400th peal and 100th as conductor for the association. The band wish to associate with this peal the name of Mr. H. W. Brown, who, through illness, was compelled to stand out.

MINCHINHAMPTON, GLOS.—On Tuesday evening, October 21st, 720 London Surprise Minor in 29 mins.: F. Canter 1, E. Jefferies 2, F. Simmonds 3, H. Phelps 4, H. Barratt 5, F. Ponting (conductor) 6. First by all except 5th ringer. All belong to local band.

SIX BELL PEALS.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 720 of Cambridge Surprise, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob, and two of Plain Bob.

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| P. ALMOND Treble | E. DURRANT 4 |
| J. BOWELL 2 | G. A. ANDREWS 5 |
| W. J. NEVARD 3 | C. A. ANDREWS Tenor |

Conducted by G. A. ANDREWS.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 1, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Bob and St. Clement's.

Tenor 14 cwt.

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| ERNEST GIBBS Treble | SIDNEY T. HOLT 4 |
| *WILLIAM RANFORD 2 | FRED HAWKES 5 |
| FRANK LAWRENCE 3 | CHARLES CAMM Tenor |

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

* 300th peal. Quarterly peal for the Western Branch. Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of the Lord Bishop of Worcester, whose ashes were interred in the Cathedral on this day.

CLIFTON REYNES, BUCKS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, November 2, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

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| *JOSHUA PARTRIDGE ... Treble | SIDNEY FOSKETT 4 |
| HENRY W. GAYTON 2 | PEARL INSKIP 5 |
| PERCY C. BONNETT 3 | AMOS SMART Tenor |

Conducted by AMOS SMART.

* First peal of Minor. Mr. P. C. Bonnett was elected a non-resident life member of the Guild previous to starting the peal.

YAXLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, November 6, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and two of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

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| WILLIAM MUSK Treble | CHARLES F. GOODMAN ... 4 |
| NOLAN GOLDEN 2 | ERIC G. BENNETT 5 |
| ALPHEUS J. BERRY 3 | GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor |

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Friday, November 7, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

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| JOHN H. BAILESS Treble | FRANK BAILESS 4 |
| ALFRED BALLARD 2 | M. EDWARD WATSON 5 |
| WILLIAM A. WOOD 3 | TOM ATKINS Tenor |

Conducted by TOM ATKINS.

This peal was arranged and rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

BOLTON, LANCs.—On Saturday, November 8th, at the Parish Church, 2,520 of Grandsire Triples was rung in 1 hr. 29 mins. as a birthday compliment to P. Nuttall: F. Morris 1, E. Webster 2, W. Newman (longest length) 3, J. Yates 4, G. Pincott 5, P. Nuttall 6, J. Nuttall (conductor) 7, J. Leather 8.

HINXWORTH, HERTS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 8, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Cambridge Surprise, and 720 changes each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

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| CLIFFORD F. PAGE Treble | HERBERT SHERMAN 4 |
| STANLEY S. WALLIS 2 | THOMAS BARTRAM 5 |
| FRANK C. TYSON 3 | ROBERT HOWARD Tenor |

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

GREAT EASTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. John.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob, and one of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 11½ cwt.

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| JOSEPH C. JENNINGS Treble | ALFRED PERRY 4 |
| WALTER SMITH 2 | FRANK HARRINGTON 5 |
| ARTHUR SMITH 3 | ERNEST TOWNSEND Tenor |

Conducted by JOSEPH C. JENNINGS.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

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| EDWARD G. L. COWARD Treble | WILLIAM C. WEST 4 |
| H. JIM RALPH 2 | WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5 |
| JESSE FRANCIS 3 | NORMAN V. ANDREWS Tenor |

Conducted by WM C. SHUTE.

This peal was rung as a compliment to Mr. Edward J. Rowe, of Stourton, Wilts, on the occasion of his wedding to Miss Annie A. Broome, which took place on November 6th, 1930.

MARLBOROUGH, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANOSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

Tenor 17 cwt. 16 lb.

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| * WILLIAM H. HILLIER Treble | * BENJAMIN THOMPSON 4 |
| * WILLIAM E. FARMER 2 | EDWARD LESLIE BOX 5 |
| ROBERT W. HYNER 3 | * ARTHUR YOCKNEY Tenor |

Conducted by ROBERT W. HYNER.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

BRANSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH, LINCOLN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, November 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

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| JACK DIXON Treble | HARRY CARTER 4 |
| * HERBERT PEARSON 2 | JOHN WALDEN 5 |
| MOSES BILLINGS 3 | FREDERICK W. STOKES Tenor |

Conducted by FREDERICK W. STOKES.

* First peal in seven methods.

HANDBELL PEAL.

COVENTRY.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, November 3, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At 59, GEORGE ELIOT ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPS, 5078 CHANGES;

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| FRANK E. PERVIN 1-2 | JOSEPH H. W. WHITE 5-6 |
| FRANK W. PERRENS 3-4 | * WILLIAM HIBBERT 7-8 |
| JOHN TAYLOR 9-10 | |

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

* First peal on an 'inside' pair.

SURREY SURPRISE MAJOR.

The first peal in this method was rung by the Cathedral Society at Guildford on Wednesday of last week. It is a combination of Guildford Surprise and Dublin Surprise, the former being rung below the treble and the latter above it. The method will go to any peal of Guildford Surprise, and it received its name from the fact that Guildford is in Surrey.

THE METHOD.

5,024 BY G. LINDOFF.

| 12345678 | 23456 | M. | W. | H. |
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| 24136578 | 34562 | 1 B | | 2 |
| 42316587 | 42563 | 1 | | 2 |
| 24135678 | 23564 | 1 | | 2 |
| 42315768 | 32465 | 2 | | 2 |
| 24351786 | 64235 | | 2 | 2 |
| 42537168 | 62345 | | 1 | 2 |
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| 54327168 | 35426 | 1 | | 2 |
| | 24536 | | 2 | 2 |
| | 25316 | | 1 | 2 |
| | 23456 | | 1 | 2 |

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STEDMAN TRIPLES.

J. W. PARKER'S ODD AND EVEN BOB AND SINGLE SIX-PART,

PEAL No. 58.

| 231456 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 12 | 13 |
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| 512346 S | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 326415 S | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
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| 635412 S | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 452136 S | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
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| 156342 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 362451 S | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 543162 S | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 215643 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
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| 425163 S | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 614325 S | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 345216 S | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 123645 S | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |

2B 231456 Omit the bracketed Single in each repeat.

This peal is from the plan originally discovered by the author and described by him in the 'Bells News' of August 17th, 1907.

Rung at Measham, Leicestershire, November 5th, 1930, and conducted by M. Swinfield.

THE FIRST RING OF BELLS IN JERSEY.**A TENOR OF NEARLY THREE TONS.**

The island of Jersey has now got its first ring of bells. Recently there was consecrated at the Roman Catholic Church of St. Thomas a new bell, cast in a French foundry, weighing 2 tons 18 cwt., which forms the tenor of a peal of five. The ceremony took place on the occasion of the golden jubilee of the establishment in Jersey of the Society of Jesus, the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, and the Society of Helpers of the Holy Souls. A congregation numbering 1,400 attended the consecration, which was performed by Bishop Cenez, Vicar Apostolic of Basutoland, who acted for the Rt. Rev. Dr. Cotter, Bishop of Portsmouth, who was unable to cross to the Island. The bell bears a long inscription in Latin, the translation of which is as follows:—

"I Anne Marie Andree Ignatius, consecrated by the Illustrious, Well-loved and Very Reverend Lordship William Cotter, Bishop of Portsmouth, having for Godfathers the Illustrious and Very Reverend Lordship Augustin Dentenwell, Archbishop of Ptolemy, Superior-General of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, and the Reverend Father Grenier, Provincial of the Order; for Godmothers Mothers Lucie Marie and Clemente, Superior-Generals of the Order of the Holy Family of the Convent of St. André at Tournai.

"Commemorating the 50th year of the arrival in Jersey of the Oblate Fathers of Mary Immaculate, the Fathers of the Society of Jesus, and the Mothers of the Society of "Helpers of the Holy Souls."

"I call and will call the people for the purpose of giving praise to Jesus Christ and Mary Immaculate."

"In praise of the great and good God and in honour of Mary Immaculate, the Oblate Fathers, the Jesuit Fathers and the Helpers of the Holy Souls, in recognition and remembrance of their Jubilee, have dedicated this bell to "the greatest glory of God."

The church has a tower of continental design.

LADY CONDUCTORS OF HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. O. F. Winney, in happy mood, has my endorsement. So say all of us.—Yours, etc.,

JOHN JAGGAR.

Dear Sir,—I am delighted to see Mr. Winney give credit where credit is due. Will he not now propose the ladies he mentions as members of the College Youths?—Yours, etc.,

A. S. C. Y.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

TETTENHALL, STAFFS.—On Sunday, November 9th, for the sung Eucharist service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes, from Holt's Original): A. Butler 1, T. E. Taylor 2, K. C. Taylor 3, J. W. Taylor 4, R. Pickering (conductor) 5, A. Bennett 6, B. Dalton 7, T. W. Bate 8. For evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Bennett 1, R. Pickering 2, A. Butler 3, B. Dalton (conductor) 4, H. J. Lockley 5, J. W. Taylor 6, K. C. Taylor 7, T. W. Bate 8.

HATHEROP, GLOS.—On Sunday afternoon, November 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: A. F. Cheales (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Hope (conductor) 2, B. Guy 3, J. Peyman 4, J. Smith 5, E. Cooper 6. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

LONDON.—On Sunday, November 9th, for evening service at St. Giles', Cripplegate, 1,311 Sledman Cinques: W. Pye 1, H. Belcher 2, C. T. Coles (conductor) 3, *W. J. Ellis 4, *E. C. Turner 5, *E. J. Butler 6, G. R. Pye 7, W. Williams 8, A. W. Coles 9, H. W. Clark 10, J. Bennett 11, R. Sanders 12. * Longest touch on twelve bells.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday afternoon, at the Church of St. Botolph, for divine service, 720 Bob Minor: J. Smith 1, F. J. Crapnell 2, F. Clarke 3, E. Simpson 4, C. Clarke (conductor) 5, S. E. Pipe (first 720) 6. Also 360 in the same method with Arthur Grey and C. W. Pipe taking part.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on Sunday, November 2nd, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,263 changes) in 51 mins.: G. W. Townsend 1, R. G. Townsend 2, E. J. Berry 3, W. W. T. Daniels 4, R. W. Hyner 5, J. Hope (Fairford) 6, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 7, H. W. L. Wells 8, W. B. Kynaston 9, J. H. Shepherd 10.

OVER, CAMBS.—For the morning service at the Parish Church, on Sunday, October 12th, a 720 Kent Minor: G. Whybrow 1, M. Ginn 2, Wm. Bavin 3, C. Robinson 4, A. J. Ginn (conductor) 5, F. Warrington 6.

READING, BERKS.—On Sunday, October 12th, at St. Giles' Church, for the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: J. Carter (South Stoke) 1, L. T. Osborne 2, W. Osborne 3, H. Osborne 4, A. Bailey 5, A. Jeffery 6, A. W. Osborne (conductor) 7, A. Phillips 8. First quarter-peal of Grandsire by the ringer of 3rd and 6th.

HOLBORN.—On Sunday evening, October 5th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: J. S. Hawkins (conductor) 1, Henry C. Alford 2, W. J. Norton 3, C. J. Choct 4, E. J. Brown 5, R. W. Green 6, E. C. Russell 7, C. H. Vitler 8.

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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 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.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett, who is Presiding Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, was on Monday elected for a further period of six years as an alderman of the City of Birmingham, having already enjoyed that honour for the past 19 years. Ringers will join in congratulating the popular alderman, who will have their good wishes for continued health to discharge the duties devolving upon him.

Mr. William Story, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, has just retired from his association with business on Quayside after 56 years' work. Last Friday he was honoured at a complimentary dinner, presided over by Sir Arthur W. Sutherland, supported by Sir Walter Runciman, Sir George Renwick and other business magnates. High testimony was paid to the services rendered in trading circles by Mr. Story, who was connected with the Bedlington Coal Co., Ltd., and he was presented with a snuff box, an album containing the names of 132 subscribers, and a cheque for 70 guineas.

The Vicar of Crowle, Worcestershire, and Mrs. Bamber have two children, a son and daughter. Both were born at the Vicarage while peals were being rung at Crowle Church, the son during a peal of Grandsire Triples on November 17th, 1928, and the daughter last Saturday while a peal of Bob Major was in progress.

On Sunday, November 9th, Mr. W. R. Hunt completed 53 years as a ringer at Rochester Cathedral, having first rung there on November 9th, 1877.

The bells at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Bromley, Kent, are to be reopened with a thanksgiving service on Saturday at 3.30 p.m., after which they will be open for the use of visiting ringers. Details will be found in our notice columns.

It is rumoured that, in view of a resolution passed at the annual meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association that all members taking part in a peal shall pay 3d. each towards the cost of insertion in the association's peal book, such payments to be collected by the conductor, the Newcastle Cathedral Guild have decided to ring all future peals 'non-conducted'! Aberdeen beaten to a frazzle!

POTTERNE'S OLD BELL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your report of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild meeting at Potterne, it is stated the inscription on the 2nd, or pre-Reformation bell, is 'unintelligible.' This is not the case, as it was deciphered by the late Rev. H. C. Evans, who was curate at Potterne in the late seventies of last century. He pointed out to the writer that it was usual at the time the bell was cast to omit certain letters from the inscription, probably every other one, and by inserting the missing letters the inscription, instead of being a jumble, can be easily read. The inscription was copied, reproduced in full in the original characters, and inserted at the bottom of the stained glass window at the west end, where anyone may see it who visits this beautiful church. The inscription is the first verse of the 42nd Psalm: 'Like as the hart,' etc. The date on the treble bell should be 1820, not as printed. —Yours faithfully,

AN OLD RINGER OF POTTERNE.

GREAT ACHIEVEMENT AT PAINSWICK.

TWELVE BELL RECORD BROKEN.

Members of the Painswick Youths on Saturday accomplished a great performance when they were successful in ringing in eleven hours and 36 minutes the longest peal on twelve bells, a 17,687 of Grandsire Cinques, which was composed and conducted by that enthusiastic master of the Society, Mr. Albert Wright, now approaching the veteran stage in years of service, but still imbued with that spirit of eternal youth which characterises ringers in the pursuit of their art. This great achievement is the outcome of persistent effort to bring back to the famous old Gloucestershire tower the record which was held there from 1920 until August of last year when the Ashton-under-Lyne peal displaced the Painswick 13,001.

Three attempts were made prior to Saturday's successful effort, in two of which the bells were brought round at a long length, but short of the record. There was great enthusiasm among the inhabitants at Painswick on Saturday at the success of the band, who, in addition to Mr. Wright, included five others who took part in the 13,001 ten years ago. They were Messrs. T. Baldwin, W. Ireland, W. Staite, A. Hannis and J. Ballinger. The most remarkable thing of all about the peal was the fact that the tenor (26½ cwt.) was rung by Mr. James George, who will be 77 years of age on the 27th of this month. Two of the previous attempts had had to be curtailed for the sake of the tenor ringer, but the extraordinary stamina and fitness of Mr. George enabled him to see the job through in a really wonderful fashion. It is no idle flattery to say that Mr. George has done something which comparatively few men of any age could accomplish; to do it when practically 77 years old is a feat absolutely unparalleled, and ringers will lift their hats to this veteran youth upon his achievement.

The bells went off into changes at 8.10 a.m., and settled down to a pace of about 25 changes to the minute, which was maintained consistently throughout the peal. The welcome call, 'This is all,' came at 7.46 p.m., and a mighty cheer went up from a big crowd in the churchyard and the vicinity as the bells came round. The Vicar (the Rev. A. M. Goode) was the first to enter the tower and congratulate the band collectively and individually upon their fine performance. A former Vicar, the Rev. C. H. Veney, also joined in the congratulations, and then came a press of ringers who had gathered to hear the end of the peal, among them Mr. John Austin, of Gloucester. Others who came to congratulate the band were Lord and Lady Dickinson, of Painswick, and Sir Francis Hyatt.

Afterwards the band, who had, of course, been without any kind of food or drink throughout the day, partook of refreshments at the Golden Hart, where a gathering of ringers took place, and renewed congratulations were extended and acknowledged by Mr. Wright.

The official details of the performance will be found in our peal column, and the best thanks of the ringers are expressed to the two steeplekeepers, Mr. F. Cole and Mr. H. Birt, for all they did to secure that the bells went well throughout so long a trial. The performance is also a great testimonial to Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, for the efficient work they put in on the bells when they relunged them in 1909, for, despite a great amount of ringing on them since, they continue to 'go' admirably.

Many big performances have been accomplished at Painswick, and next week we hope to be able to give some particulars of them.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS IN HISTORY.

'A SILLY FICTION.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Is it not time that the silly fiction was dropped that the A.S.C.Y. is the leading ringing society? In the time of Benjamin Annable the College Youths were the leading ringers in London, and, I suppose, except for the Norwich Scholars, the leading ringers in England. But Annable died in 1756, and since then they have been living on his merits. In no one thing—neither in method ringing, nor composition, nor organisation, nor belfry reform—have they led the Exercise. In all these things they have lagged woefully behind the best of the country bands. Nor, according to history, are they the oldest ringing society. The Society of College Youths was, indeed, founded in 1637, but after a long and honourable career it fell on evil times, and in 1788 a meeting was held and the whole thing was wound up and finished. The then Master of the Cumberland Society paid the outstanding debts on condition that the society's property was handed over to him. The present Ancient Society of College Youths is descended from one of the Junior Societies of College Youths which from time to time broke away from the parent body.

I was about to sign my name to the above, when I bethought me that I have one or two friends among the College Youths—big, hefty chaps—and prudence suggests that on the whole I had better remain

UNKNOWN.

FITTLEWORTH BELLS.

WHERE CANON SIMPSON EXPERIMENTED.

The bells of Fittleworth Church, Sussex, were reopened on Saturday, November 1st, after restoration. Fittleworth is of special interest to ringers, as it was here that Canon Simpson was Rector at the time he was investigating the harmonic principle of bell tuning, now associated with his name, and the bells bear the marks of his handiwork upon them.

Some time ago it was found necessary to have the frame restored, and, thanks to an anonymous donor, the completion of this work has been rendered possible. The wood frame is now resting on iron girders which are anchored to the walls of the tower—not only making the bells more staple, but also giving added strength to the structure.

The work was entrusted to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, who have completed it to the entire satisfaction of all concerned.

The local band opened the ringing at 3 p.m. Mr. Matthews, of Fittleworth, and Mr. P. H. Doick, of Pulborough, arranged the attendance of visiting ringers, and the following towers were repre-



FITTLEWORTH CHURCH, SUSSEX.

sented: Billingshurst, Heene, Kirdford and Pulborough, with Mr. Cyril T. Johnston representing the Croydon Foundry, and Mr. A. W. Grove, secretary of the Western Division, representing the Sussex County Association, to which Fittleworth is affiliated.

The Rector (the Rev. Lucey) kindly entertained all the visiting and local ringers, churchwardens and organist to tea at the Village Hall. The Rector thanked the visiting ringers, and hoped they would often come now that the bells were going again.

Mr. Matthews, on behalf of the local band, expressed their appreciation, and hoped they would in the near future treat them to a peal.

Mr. A. Greenfield, Pulborough, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for his kind hospitality, and this, needless to say, was unanimously carried.

A service of thanksgiving was held at 5.30, conducted by the Rector, after which the bells were kept going in various methods until eight o'clock.

EX-SERVICE MEN'S PEAL AT HANDBRIDGE.

This peal was arranged as the result of a chance remark at a poorly attended branch meeting at Tilston, Cheshire. The remark was that the members adrift were 'leadswingers,' a popular slang term used by the troops. When counting up the local ringers it was found that Handbridge and the Cathedral could muster a Treble Bob band of ex-Service men—otherwise professional 'lead-swingers.' With the help of Mr. G. Lindoff (formerly of the Royal Engineers) it was made possible to ring the ex-Service men's peal for the 12th anniversary of the Armistice. The striking of the peal was excellent throughout, and was a credit to 'the lads of the old brigade.'

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

CELEBRATION OF THE 293RD ANNIVERSARY.

Once again a gathering of considerably over 200 ringers assembled in London to celebrate the anniversary of the Ancient Society of College Youths, when on Saturday the 293rd anniversary of the founding of the society was commemorated. Ringers were present from many parts of the country, attracted by the opportunity of meeting old friends and showing their respect to the venerable organisation, of which so many of them are proud to be members. There was ringing at various city churches during the afternoon, including St. Lawrence Jewry, where the bells have recently been restored after a silence of about 30 years, St. Andrew's, Holborn, St. Magnus', London Bridge, and St. Saviour's Cathedral, Southwark. At five o'clock the ringers concentrated on St. Michael's, Peterborough, College Hill, which stands on the site of the church, destroyed in the Great Fire, from which they originally took their name. Here the annual service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Bullock Webster, who again extended a hearty welcome to the society.

ETERNAL MIND BEHIND METHODS.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, who filled the gap at the last minute, preached from the words, 'So that I might finish my course with joy' (Acts xx. 24). Three words in the text, he said, were of outstanding interest and importance to Christian people, and particularly to Christian bellringers. The first was the word 'course.' With that word they were at once initiated into the mysteries of divine working; God worked in course. It was something that man really had no hand in. There was the course of the sun, the course of the waxing and the waning of the moon, the course of the seasons, the course of our mighty rivers, all working in the divine order. Man kept that order in his arrangement of things in this life, and they as church bellringers knew the primary importance of the word 'course.' It seemed to set them at once on a different footing altogether to those who had not yet been able to get beyond ringing call changes. Call changes were something man-made. They must not think that he despised those who rang call changes; he admired those who rang them well—he rang them himself for a good many years—but the difference between ringing call changes and a plain course of Grand-sire Doubles was just the difference between something that was entirely man's work and that which was God's. He thought they would agree with him that, when they were initiated into the science and art of change ringing, and when they really sat down to study it, they must be impressed with the symmetry of a course of a method and the way it worked out from the beginning to the end. They talked about people who invented methods, but they knew they did not invent methods—they discovered them. They were already there, and God had given some men the gift and power to discover them; they were there, coming from the mind of the Eternal for them to discover. In a course they had a tremendous foundation to help them in the ringing of a peal. The peal or touch was only an extended course, and it was only by making themselves thoroughly acquainted with the course that they were able to complete the peal. Next, said the preacher, there was the word 'finish.' To 'finish' struck the note of completeness; it did not mean just scrambling through; it meant maintaining a high standard to the end. The trouble with so many of them in the world to-day was that they were only too anxious to get to the end, and they did not really make a good finish. There was something wondrously, unsurpassingly grand in the one Greek word which our Lord uttered on the cross, and which meant in English, 'It is finished.' It was perhaps the grandest word ever spoken. It was not something just coming to an end; it was something which had been grandly carried through to a perfect finish. Then they came to the third word, 'joy.' To finish in joy meant to finish in truth; it struck the difference between just ending and finishing, and he supposed there was no joy like that which came from much endeavour, begun again and again, and at last coming to a real finish. He thought, perhaps, in their practising it would be very much better if, instead of smashing through, they stopped again and even again and started afresh, because it put the right test upon human temperament. It was a great thing to be able to say, 'That is not good enough, we will stop and start again.' These, said the preacher, were the thoughts which he got himself from the text, and he ventured to hand them on to his hearers as bellringers. He wanted them, as men who were trying to follow the Lord Jesus Christ in this life, to realise that the course which St. Paul was speaking of was the course of this life, and the course of this life was the plain course; it was the course in which they had to do their best in order to carry through to a finish the course which God had planned for them hereafter; it was a course in which they made many mistakes, and in which they had often to seek forgiveness. It was a great thing to be able to say, 'I have fought the good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.' If they could say this, there was laid up for them the crown of life, which they might call the perfect peal, which awaited them in the life of the world to come.

In the place of the concluding voluntary, a course of Stedman Triples was rung on handbells.

A REPRESENTATIVE COMPANY.

The dinner was served at the Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, a company of 230 sitting down to a satisfying repast. The chair was taken by the Master (Mr. Charles J. Choofet), who was supported at the head of the table by Canon G. F. Coleridge, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Guild), Rev. E. C. Bedford (Rector of St. Andrew's, Holborn), Mr. Edwin H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), Mr. J. Mathieson, Dr. E. L. Taylor (Sevenoaks), Mr. Stafford H. Green, Rev. F. L. Edwards (hon. secretary of the Salisbury Guild), Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master of the Guildford Diocesan Guild), Dr. L. Joyce (Reading), Mr. A. J. Wright (treasurer of the Oxford Guild), Mr. Skinner (Dean's verger of St. Paul's), Rev. C. C. Crawley, Mr. F. W. Sergison (St. Clement's Youths). The officers of the society present were Mr. J. Bullock (past Master) in the vice-chair, Messrs. C. W. Pipe and C. W. Roberts (stewards), A. A. Hughes (treasurer), W. T. Cockerill (hon. secretary), C. F. Winney and W. Prime (trustees). The only lady present was Mrs. Wilkins, of Bristol. The company also included Messrs. J. D. Matthews (Master of the Cumberland Youths), F. Mitchell (hon. secretary of the Kent County Association), R. T. Hibbert (secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), C. Kippin (hon. secretary of the Surrey Association), J. W. Jones (hon. secretary of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association), E. Guise (hon. secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association), F. W. Rogers (hon. secretary of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild), and there were visitors from as far away as Sheffield, Leicester, Bristol, Bath, Glamorgan, Loughborough, Bridport, Oxford, Cambridge, as well as from all the counties round London. Among the old members of the society were Mr. E. Wallage, who has completed sixty years as a 'Youth,' and Mr. J. Rowbotham, T. Benny, W. D. Smith, and, most remarkable of all, four ringers from one tower, St. Mary's, Walthamstow—Messrs. W. B. Manning, George Grimwade (aged 84), R. Maynard, sen., and J. H. Wilkins, who have completed fifty years of membership. They were given a specially hearty reception when they 'took wine' with the Master in the course of the meal.

After the toast of 'The King' had been honoured, the Master proposed 'The Church.' He said it behoved them as ringers and members of the Church to do their best to maintain Sunday service ringing (hear, hear). Sometimes it entailed a little sacrifice to attend regularly, but they should do it if they could. Sunday service ringing, he said, should be as good as possible, which meant that they must pay attention to the striking. The primary use of bells, as they all knew, was to call people to divine worship, and what the outside public noticed most was the striking of the bells. They did not know or care what was rung, and it was better to ring call changes or plain methods well than to ring Surprise methods badly (hear, hear). He would say, 'Do not turn divine service ringing into a practice, and remember that you are ringing for the honour and glory of God' (hear, hear). The Church, like the State and other institutions, was passing through troublous times, with dissensions within and controversies without; they could only pray that she might have a happy issue out of her difficulties (hear, hear). They had with them that night eminent preachers and members of the Church: some were ringers, and some were not, but they all took an interest in their bells and their ringers, and they were indebted to them for the use of the bells for practice and for an occasional peal (hear, hear).

CHURCH SHOULD TREAT RINGERS MORE SERIOUSLY.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, whose name was coupled with the toast, said the Master had given them some very good advice and expressed some very sound sentiments. In drinking that toast, he said, they were not drinking particularly to the clergy, but to the whole Church, of which they, as ringers, were a part. It did, however, occur to him that it might be well to have a toast to the clergy, for they seemed to be getting into a very poor way (laughter). They had had to come to a humble person like himself to fill a pulpit in the City of London. It was the third time in the last month that he had had to step into a breach, because it had been impossible for someone else to preach to ringers, or someone had been frightened at the last moment, or some other reason. He hoped that clergy were not getting frightened of the ringers, and that the ringers were doing nothing to make them so (laughter). They might well drink to the toast of the clergy, therefore, and hope that at that time next year they would have better health, and that one of the London clergy would be able to preach at their service. Proceeding, the speaker asked them all to remember that when they were talking of the Church they were talking about something divine, a divine institution for all the sons of men, but they thought that night more particularly of the relation of that institution to themselves as church bellringers, and of themselves to that institution, and the point he wanted to make was that both the Church should treat the ringers and the ringers should consider the Church more seriously. Some of them no doubt read what was written about church bellringers in the Empire number of 'The Times' in May, and there were some of

them, anyhow, who felt that they were not treated in quite that dignified way that they ought to have been (hear, hear). They were no longer a people to be talked about in a funny way, and they resented it (applause). They were Church officers, and they felt that they wanted to offer themselves in the best way they could to do their work in the Church. They wanted their actual ringing to be the best they could give, and, if they could ring Surprise well, then he felt it an honour to be able to do so instead of ringing a plain method, although he fully agreed with the Master in what he said about the first stage. Further, they felt that the bells, which were the property of the Church, should be kept up in the very best manner possible, and that was what he meant by the Church and the ringers treating the whole question seriously (applause).

THE PERFECT TOWER.

Canon Coleridge, as for many years past, proposed the toast of the evening, 'The Ancient Society of College Youths.' He said Mr. Jeukyn had called their attention to what was written in 'The Times' Empire number about bells and ringers. Since then there had issued from the Church Assembly a report on the preservation of ancient churches. There was an enormous amount in that report which was simply magnificent. It dealt with all sorts of subjects, and when it referred to organs it gave most excellent advice. It recognised at once that the modern mechanism of organs was infinitely to be preferred to ancient mechanism, and then it went on to refer to bells. If only it had said that modern mechanism in the belfry was to be preferred to the old mechanism, the writers of the report would have done a very good work (hear, hear). Instead of that they laid it down that nothing whatever must be done except under the advice of a competent architect. Was there such a man existing in relation to bells? He doubted it. Their old friend, Mr. Phillott, was one, but he was gone. The hanging of bells was an engineering job, and it would not do, as the report recommended, to splice up an old wood frame when it decayed, and to put in nothing new except where it was absolutely necessary to keep the shape of the frame as it was before. A great many church authorities made a great mistake in going straight to an architect when they wanted their bells restored. Canon Coleridge went on to say that some little time ago an architect applied to him for some information as to what was necessary in a bell tower which he was called upon to erect. He went to considerable trouble to inform him, and sent him about twelve pages of typewritten foolscap as to how he ought to build his tower. Among other things he told him to make a stairway wide enough for the fattest man he ever knew to get up in comfort, and high enough the tallest man he ever thought of to get up without bumping his head if he stood upright (laughter). He told him about the lighting and the ventilation, and he told him to put the sound openings right in the top of the tower, and many other things. Some little time after, he received a letter from the architect telling him that he (Canon Coleridge) had made one mistake, and that he proposed to put narrow windows where the bells were for the sake of light. He (the Canon) had replied that it was quite unnecessary if he had provided, as he had been told he should do, electric light in the bell chamber. He did not know what the architect had done, as he had not seen the tower since it was completed, but he believed, if the whole of the suggestions he made had been embodied in the design, it would have been the best tower in England from the ringers' point of view (hear, hear). Such a tower, however, had never yet been seen, and he doubted if it ever would (laughter). Canon Coleridge added later that he was told that, after all, the slits had been put in the walls of the bell chamber, and so his perfect tower had yet to be built (laughter).

THE COCKERILL AND HIS HEALTHY BROOD.

Proceeding, Canon Coleridge said: 'I have talked to you about this report. There is another report that comes to us every week in the pages of "The Ringing World" (hear, hear). Every true ringer ought to read that publication. If he does he sees many things in it which he rejoices at; he reads of the doings of others, and hopes some day to be able to do the same; he reads of those delightful tours in which peals to the number of ten or twelve a week are rung—a wonderful example of pertinacity, especially when rung, as they often are, in difficult methods. I thought,' proceeded Canon Coleridge, 'that I would have a little turn myself this year, after two years on the shelf. I was very kindly allowed to join a party in the West of England. From a peal-ringing point of view it was not successful—I do not think it could be attributed to the cider (laughter)—we were unlucky, but we had a very enjoyable time. These tours do a tremendous lot of good in exciting interest wherever we go. Then there has been that short tour to Devonshire, in the course of which the first peal was rung at Buckfast Abbey, an uncommonly difficult job—one of the most difficult that has ever been done, I think, because you have to ring in a little gallery, and you look down over the parapet to the ground about fifty feet below, something like Merton College, Oxford. I am quite sure we shall congratulate any band who succeeds in ringing a peal there' (hear, hear). Continuing, Canon Coleridge quoted, from a recent issue of 'Punch,' a parody on 'The Bells of St. Clement's,' relating to the extermination of pigeons in the neighbourhood of St. Paul's Cathedral. The authorities, he said, could do what they liked with the pigeons, but, he added, 'there is one they will not exterminate, and that is' (Continued at foot of next column.)

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

VISIT TO 'GEORGE ELIOT'S' BIRTHPLACE.

Chilvers Coton, where the last quarterly meeting was held, is closely associated with Mary Ann Evans, the famous novelist, who wrote under the nom de plume of 'George Eliot.' She was born and lived the first twenty-one years of her life in the parish, and in many of her books are descriptions of places in the locality. Chilvers Coton Church was called 'Shepperton' in 'Scenes from Clerical Life,' and the church is aptly described by her, although certain internal alterations have been undertaken since her time. She describes the 'little flight of steps, with their wooden rail, running up the outer wall and leading to the school children's gallery.' This is one of the 'dear old quaintnesses.' 'The substantial stone tower looks at you through its intelligent eye, the clock.'

The bells in the tower of her time were three—two dated 1616 and the other 1639. In 1907 these were recast and formed numbers 4, 5 and 6 of a new ring of eight by Messrs. Taylor and Co., with the tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

The inscriptions on the bells are:—

1. Glory to God in the highest.
2. On earth peace, goodwill toward men.
3. Make them to be numbered with Thy Saints. (Scholars Bell.)
- 4.—Colorem Chrste patiat tibi Rex sonus iste, 1616. Recast 1907. (Let this sound be pleasing to Thee, O Christ, King of Heaven.)
- 5.—I. H. S. Nazarenus Rex Judæorum fili Dei misere mei, 1639. Recast 1907. (Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews, Son of God, be merciful to me.)
- 6.—God save the King, 1616. Recast 1907.
- 7.—Ring out the false, ring in the true.
- 8.—Ring out the darkness of the land.

Ring in the Christ that is to be.

The date on the old bell frame, 'Anno 1601 T.C.T.C.', has been cut out and mounted.

This splendid peal of eight bells was set going at 3.10 p.m., and various methods were rung until 4.30, when a halt was called. A service was then held in the church conducted by the Vicar (Rev. J. A. B. Davies, M.A.), who gave an inspiring address. The Guild's form was used, and the hymns, 'How sweet the name of Jesus sounds,' and 'Ye servants of the Lord,' were sung, Mr. Norman Dodds officiating at the organ.

The tea which followed was served in the Coventry Road School. The Vicar was voted to the chair for the business meeting, and extended a hearty welcome to those present.

Apologies were received from the president (Rev. J. L. White, Vicar of Nuneaton), Rev. J. H. Dingley (Vicar of Bulkington), and Mr. F. W. Perrons (one of the Central Council representatives). It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Rugby, and the November meeting at Shilton. The December meeting was dispensed with owing to its proximity to Christmas.

Two new members were elected, and the election of two others who were made non-resident members prior to a peal was ratified.

Mr. H. Argyle proposed that Mr. A. Wilkerson, a former secretary, who is leaving the district for Weston-super-Mare, be made an hon. life member for his services to the Guild.—This was seconded and carried unanimously.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar and the ladies who had provided the tea. The Vicar suitably responded.

After some handbell ringing, a return was made to the belfry, where ringing was resumed. Thirty-five members and friends attended the meeting, and the following towers were represented: Allesley, Arley, Bulkington, Burton-on-Trent, Derby, Erdington, Higham, Husbands Bosworth, King's Norton, Leamington, Nuneaton, Shilton, Stoke, Warwick and Uttoxeter, and the local band. The methods rung during the meeting were Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Forward Major, Duffield Major, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge, London and Bristol Surprise Major.

Shortly before nine o'clock the bells were lowered in peal, and so ended what all considered a most enjoyable meeting. D. E. L.

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our old Cockerill' (loud laughter and applause). They would not exterminate him, and they would not exterminate the healthy brood which he had nurtured and brought up (applause). He had acted the part of father as well as mother to that society as they had known it now for many years. Thoughtful men in the society were looking to the future with anxiety to know who would succeed their old friend, Mr. Cockerill, but he felt inclined to tell them not to trouble; there were plenty of beans in the old chap yet (laughter and loud applause). He trusted he would go on for many years, and that the members of the society, whether in that city or scattered throughout the length and breadth of the land would uphold the dignity of the old society of which that day they were keeping the 293rd anniversary. He was glad to see present a member with 60 years' membership to his credit, and several with over fifty years, and he trusted the society would grow and flourish and abound until time should be no more (loud applause).

The health of Mr. Cockerill was drunk with musical honours amid great enthusiasm. Afterwards, a course of Stedman Cinques was rung on handbells.

(To be continued.)

SUFFOLK GUILD.**THE PRESIDENCY.**

A quarterly meeting of the above Guild was recently held at Fressingfield, and was attended by about twenty members from the towers of Ipswich, Ufford, Debenham, Wilby, Laxfield and Bungay, the local band also turning out at full strength. Ringing commenced soon after three o'clock, the methods rung including Bob Major, Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Stedman Triples. Tea was provided at the Fox and Goose Hotel through the generosity of the Rector (Rev. Canon Goldsmith), who presided at the business meeting which followed.

A vote of condolence with Mr. E. F. Poppy upon the death of his wife was passed, the secretary being instructed to convey to him the expression of the members' sympathy.

It was deemed necessary to find a new secretary for the Fressingfield District, and Mr. Thos. Moyes, of Wilby, was elected to fill that position.

The presidency of the Guild having been rendered vacant by the departure of Archdeacon Farmiloe, to take up duties abroad, it was resolved to ask Canon Goldsmith to act in that capacity, pending the appointment of a new Archdeacon for the Sudbury Archdeaconry, and after some persuasion the Canon consented to this arrangement.

He invited the Guild to hold a special meeting at Fressingfield some time next summer, intimating that he should like it to take the form of a garden party interspersed with ringing, games of bowls and tea on the lawn.

Needless to say, everyone agreed with the idea, and thanked the Canon in anticipation.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Eye in November.

A quarterly meeting was held at Eye on Saturday, November 8th. Ringing began shortly after three o'clock, and continued until 4.45, when the members adjourned to the Commercial Hotel for tea, about twenty sitting down, including the Vicar (Rev. J. R. Vincent), who, however, had to leave early to take a service. Mr. Rumsey was voted to the chair for the business meeting, which followed.

Arising out of the minutes, the General Secretary stated that a new Archdeacon of Sudbury had been appointed, and while it appeared to be the general wish that Canon Goldsmith should continue as president of the Guild, it was only fitting that the Bishop of the diocese should be consulted on the matter.

It was resolved that the general secretary approach the Bishop in this connection.

Three new members were elected, and it was decided to hold a meeting at Stutton and Holbrook during December, to be followed by one at Halesworth as soon as convenient in the new year. Due notice of this will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

The members afterwards repaired to the tower for further ringing, the methods ranging from Bob Major to London Surprise, thus enabling almost all to practise or attempt something to help them a little further forward in the art.

ECHO OF THE SOHAM CANCELLED MEETING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—At the meeting of the Herts Association, held at Hitchin on Saturday, October 25th, I was asked to explain, to satisfy a friend—and I hope still to remain friends—the actual reason of cancellation of the Ely meeting at Soham. Here is an actual extract from the letter I received from the Vicar of Soham: 'I am glad to give permission for the use of the bells provided that one of the officials of your company is present during the ringing, and the society will undertake to make good any damage that may be done by the use of the bells. I must ask you to assure me on this point before making final arrangements.' As explained in a previous letter, and in my interview with the general secretary and some of the committee, I trust this may make a happy ending to somewhat of a misunderstanding.—Yours truly,

FRANK WARRINGTON.

CHURCHWARDEN FOR 65 YEARS.

At Ambrosden, Oxfordshire, on Saturday, November 8th, a fully-muffled 720 of Grandsire Doubles was rung on the bells of the Parish Church at the funeral of the late W. H. P. Hadland, for the last 65 years churchwarden of the parish: H. Auslin 1, F. Neale 2, M. Turner 3, H. Gregory 4, F. Sharp (conductor) 5, M. H. Tuffrey 6. First 720 by ringers of the treble and tenor. Mr. Hadland is reputed to have held office as churchwarden longer than any on record.

HOLT, DENBIGHSHIRE.—On Tuesday, November 4th, at the Parish Church of St. Chad, 720 Chester Surprise Minor: W. Thomas 1, J. W. Clarke 2, R. Sperring 3, J. Swindley 4, J. Morgan 5, H. W. Wilde (conductor) 6. First 720 of Chester Surprise in North Wales. Also 720 Chester Surprise Minor: H. W. Wilde 1, A. E. Richards 2, J. W. Clarke 3, J. Swindley 4, R. Sperring 5, J. Morgan (conductor) 6.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**LEWISHAM DISTRICT'S ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of Lewisham District was held at St. Mary's, Lewisham, on Saturday, November 1st, and, despite inclement weather, was well attended, members being present from Beckenham, Bromley, Chislehurst, Crayford, Dartford, Eltham, St. John's, Deptford, St. John's, Erith, Christ Church, Erith, Gravesend, Greenwich, Woolwich, and the local band. Ringing commenced shortly after 3 p.m., and the bells were in constant use during the afternoon and evening, in all the standard methods, with some rounds for the beginners.

Service was conducted by the Rev. A. Marsh (curate), who also gave a very interesting address. He extended a hearty welcome on behalf of the Vicar (Rev. A. L. Preston), who was unavoidably absent, being at that very moment at Southwark Cathedral for his induction into a canonry.

After the service, the members visited the Institute Hall, to partake of high tea, generously provided by the Vicar. The curate and the churchwarden (Mr. J. A. Robertson) occupied the head of the table, some sixty ringers enjoying the good things provided. Afterwards, the Rev. A. Marsh having to leave to attend to other duties, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to him for officiating at the service, for his address, and for his presence at the table.

At the business meeting which followed, Mr. J. A. Robertson presiding, the secretary read a report of the past year's work, and this was adopted.

Four ringers were elected members of the association, and the election of two members previous to peals was confirmed.

Mr. A. G. Hill (hon. secretary), and Messrs. E. Barnett, jun., and W. Smith, the retiring representatives on the association committee, were re-elected, no other nominations being made.

Mr. L. Emery extended an invitation to the members to hold their next meeting at SS. Peter and Paul's, Bromley, on Saturday, January 24th. This invitation, which was made on behalf of the Vicar of Bromley, was gratefully accepted. Mr. Emery also stated that the reopening of Bromley bells after retuning, etc., would be on Saturday, November 15th, and the bells would be available for ringing in the afternoon, and after the service till 7 p.m., provided that the founders had completed their work by that date. This was nearly, but not quite, certain to be the case, and all ringers would be welcome.

Mr. F. W. Thornton referred to the institution, that day, of the Rev. A. L. Preston, Vicar of St. Mary's, Lewisham, as a Canon Residentiary of Southwark Cathedral, and of the Rev. E. Pickering, Rector of Woolwich, as an honorary Canon. Both these gentlemen, he said, were good friends of ringers and ringing, both as to their own hands and to the association, and he (Mr. Thornton) suggested that three cheers should be given to signify the members' congratulations on this deserved and signal honour.—The company rose and cheered as only ringers can.

The chairman was proposed as an hon. member of the association, and was unanimously elected with applause. He replied with words such as ringers delight in, but seldom hear from sources outside those immediately connected with the Exercise.

A discussion followed concerning the proposed appointment of a Ringing Master for the District. It was agreed that such an officer was necessary, and Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., was appointed to the officer for the ensuing year.

Mr. W. J. Jeffries proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his generous hospitality; to the organist for his services; to the vergers and steeplekeeper for their excellent preparations; and to the ladies who had helped at tea.—This was carried with applause, and a similar vote of thanks to the chairman brought a successful meeting to a close. The tower then again became the centre of attraction for those able to stay a while longer.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**GRIMSBY DISTRICT.**

At a Grimsby District meeting held at Scunthorpe the following towers were represented: Elsham, Burton-on-Stather, Bigby, Brigg, Ulceby, Grimsby, St. Andrew's, Barton-on-Humber, and the local members, also friends from Lincoln. The beautiful peal of eight bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening. The service was conducted by the Rev. Charles Steele (Vicar), who gave an interesting address. 'Tea was awaiting the members at Potts' Cafe, to which 17 members did justice. The president (the Rev. H. T. Parry) took the chair at the business meeting, when a proposal was made that at each district meeting a method should be chosen to be practised at the following meeting. It was pointed out that this would give members the opportunity to look it up in the meantime. After some discussion the matter was left over till the annual district meeting.

Mr. M. Walker proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, and for his address, to the organist and to the caterers, and to those who made the arrangements.—This was carried, and a hearty vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. J. Bray, to the president for presiding, concluded a very pleasant meeting.

LEICESTERSHIRE ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

LECTURE ON BELLS BY MR. ERNEST MORRIS.

On Tuesday afternoon, October 28th, in St. Martin's Church House, a bi-monthly meeting of the Leicestershire Archaeological Society was held, followed by an interesting lantern lecture entitled 'Church bells and the founder's art, famous bells of the world, etc.' The chair was taken by Mr. E. Denison Taylor, of Loughborough, and the lecture was delivered by Mr. Ernest Morris, general hon. secretary of the Midland Counties Association.

In his opening remarks, the Chairman stated that his father, Mr. John W. Taylor, sen., was for many years a member of the society, and he himself had followed in his footsteps, although for business and other reasons he had not been present at many meetings. He had the greatest pleasure in introducing the lecturer, Mr. Ernest Morris, as a personal acquaintance, and one well known first and foremost as a ringer of exceptional ability, who had rung all sorts and conditions of bells, and many long and intricate peals. He was the general hon. secretary of the Midland Counties Association, and displayed a most remarkable enthusiasm in all things campanological. As an historian, he had written at an early age the history of St. Margaret's Church, Leicester, and also had in MSS. a complete history for the revision of North's 'Church Bells of Leicestershire,' which he trusted would some day be published. His crowning effort, however, was a volume now in the hands of the publishers, entitled, 'The history and art of change ringing.' This would be a monumental work of nearly 700 pages, profusely illustrated, and covering every side and phase of this intricate art.

Mr. Morris, in his brief opening remarks, stated that this lecture—owing to time limit—could not include an historic survey, but would be a practical demonstration of the subject. He then proceeded to show by lantern slides the various processes of bell founding, sand-blasting, tuning, frame erecting, hanging, etc., and followed with examples of ancient and modern founders' marks, decorations and inscriptions. 'Ringing the changes' at St. Paul's, London, bell 'mauling' at Seville, Spain, bell 'treading' at Notre Dame, Paris, bell 'thumping' in China, and tolling from trees in Africa were shown, as well as the great bell of Moscow and the several famous carillon towers at home and in Belgium.

The lecture was well received, and a hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer was proposed by Mr. G. F. Farnham, M.A., F.S.A., vice-president of the society, seconded by Major W. J. Freer, D.L., V.D., F.S.A., who stated that all were gratified to know Mr. Morris had revised North's great work.

Mr. Morris, in reply, stated that he was sorry not to have been able to give them any historic data, but that could form a special paper on the subject if and when the committee would care to accept it from him.—This was carried with acclamation.

Mr. S. Russell (iron founder, of Leicester) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Denison Taylor for presiding, and in a brief speech gave an interesting outline of the history of metals. This was seconded by the Rev. Canon S. T. Winckley, M.A., F.S.A. (Master of Wyggeston Hospital), who, in passing, remarked that he knew Mr. Morris as a personal friend, whom they were proud to have on the Bishop's Advisory Committee (for granting of faculties) as hon. adviser on any matters arising re bells. He was pleased and proud to meet Mr. Taylor, and remarked that it was good to have a chairman who 'know his subject'!

'BELLS FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP.'

To the Editor.

Sir,—If 'Church Service Ringer' will write under his own name I will go fully into the circumstances which resulted in the quarter-peal of Stedman Triples being rung at Tickhill on October 26th. It was a gross misrepresentation of the facts of the case, and was, I rather think, written with the deliberate intention of trying to cause mischief.—Yours faithfully,

J. E. CAWSE.

BELLS FULLY MANNED.

Dear Sir,—I, for one, would be very pleased if 'Church Service Ringer' could let us know which three towers were left short-handed on the occasion of the 'mixed band's' recent quarter-peal at Tickhill. I should like to point out that there was only one from Doncaster, leaving eleven there to man the bells; two from Arksey, where very often there are ten or twelve in the tower for the service ringing, and the service in question was, I believe, no exception to the rule, as, from what I understand, all the eight bells were rung. I don't know how they are fixed at Warsop, but I should think there would be enough ringers left for the four bells there, and that leaves only Conisborough, who, I daresay, were short. The conductor could not be accused of leaving any tower in the lurch, as he is at present unattached.

Also, I should like to know what honours are gained by those who stay at home instead of making it a point to be in the belfry at every Sunday service they can possibly get to. Is 'Sunday Service Ringer' a regular attender?—Yours faithfully,

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EXETER.—On Sunday, November 9th (Armistice Sunday), at the Church of St. Thomas, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Triples (1,288 changes) in 50 mins.: F. Will 1, E. W. Biffin (conductor) 2, W. A. Wills (first quarter 'inside') 3, J. Hosgood 4, C. Routley 5, H. J. Corry 6, A. Goad 7, R. Truman 8.

UTTOXETER, STAFFS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, November 9th, for Armistice service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstan's): *G. Wainwright 1, E. Roberts 2, T. Meredith 3, F. Richardson 4, R. G. Lewis 5, F. Oliver 6, C. Smith (conductor) 7, *G. Tomlinson 8. * First quarter-peal. Rung with bells half-muffled. Ringers of 1 and 3 hail from Marchington.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, November 9th, for Armistice service, a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Triples in 46 mins.: L. Pelling (first quarter) 1, A. Richardson 2, F. S. Hart (first quarter 'inside') 3, A. J. Pierpoint 4, B. Saunders 5, F. Weller 6, J. A. Hart (conductor) 7, C. J. Hart 8.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Sunday, November 9th, for Armistice service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: W. Ward 1, G. Neville 2, G. F. Margetson 3, F. Haslam 4, J. Blower 5, S. Bingham 6, G. Smith 7, W. H. Judd (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal of Major on the bells by a local company.

PENTRE RHONDDA.—On Sunday, November 9th, at St. Peter's Church for Armistice service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 47 mins.: W. Cross 1, W. Palmer 2, G. Palmer 3, G. Wines 4, H. Page 5, H. Davies 6, T. Page (conductor) 7, W. Page 8. First quarter in the method by ringers of 1, 2 and 3.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, November 9th, for the annual service of the British Legion, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: J. W. Pemberton 1, F. S. Sanders 2, W. J. Meers 3, C. Cottrell 4, J. Preston 5, W. Davies 6, G. F. Swann (conductor) 7, J. E. Pywell 8.

DEVIZES.—At St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 45 mins. was rung on November 9th after the laying of a wreath on the war memorial by the ex-Service men: V. E. Swift (first quarter in the method) 1, S. Hillier 2, G. J. Winter (first quarter in the method) 3, W. A. Swift 4, J. H. Lucas 5, E. Hancox 6, E. G. Swift 7, F. Corke (composer and conductor) 8. Ringers of 5, 6, 7 and 8 hail from Uxbridge, Middlesex. For evening service at St. Mary's Church, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 25 mins.: J. H. Lucas 1, E. G. Swift 2, V. E. Swift 3, W. A. Swift 4, E. Hancox 5, F. Corke (conductor) 6.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.—At the Church of St. Michael, with the bells half-muffled for the memorial service on Armistice Sunday afternoon, November 9th, 1,080 Bob Royal: E. R. Goate 1, Miss D. Constance 2, Miss K. Lewis 3, S. Copling 4, E. Bailey 5, R. Gaul 6, R. J. Goate 7, C. Bailey 8, J. Spalding 9, C. F. Sayer 10.

COCKERMOUTH, CUMBERLAND.—On Sunday, November 9th, for the memorial service at All Saints' Parish Church, 720 Cambridge Minor in 26½ mins.: J. Burns 1, J. Smithson 2, J. Casson 3, W. Rowe 4, W. Thornthwaite 5, W. T. Holmes (conductor) 6. Rung with the bells deeply muffled in memory of the fallen. First 720 in the method by ringers of 1 and 5.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Armistice Sunday morning, 720 Bob Minor (two 360's called differently), with the bells half-muffled: A. Symonds 1, A. Root 2, C. Snowden 3, Ed. Pritchett 4, W. Coppin 5, J. Root (conductor) 7, with the 6 and tenor covering. All are local men.

FEERING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, November 9th, on the occasion of the annual Armistice service at 3.15, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes): S. Fisher 1, J. Mason 2, S. Pye 3, J. C. Newman 4, E. Mingay 5, W. Keeble (composer and conductor) 6, G. Hayward 7, F. Fludder 8, 4.5.6. only in 5.6.

CROYDON.—On Armistice Sunday, November 9th, at St. Peter's, South Croydon, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 48 mins.: D. Wright (conductor) 1, F. Leeks 2, W. Bulpitt 3, W. Joiner 4, H. Wooding 5, E. Denham 6, J. Trimmer 7, J. Adcock 8.

ERITH, KENT.—On Sunday afternoon, on November 9th, at the Parish Church for Armistice service, a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: W. C. Dorke 1, N. A. Holden 2, F. J. Cullum, jun. (conductor) 3, T. Culver 4, L. J. Cullum 5, J. S. Morton 6, B. W. Aldridge 7, O. Robinson 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the fallen, also to the memory of Pilot Officer F. R. Goad, who was killed at Manton, Kent, on November 4th. At one time he was a ringer at the above church.

CHIDDINGFOLD.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, November 9th, for Armistice service, a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins., composed by Harvey Reeves: A. J. Bartlett (conductor) 1, G. Luff 2, C. W. Trussler 3, T. Attwell 4, M. Smithers 5, T. Champion 6, H. Mullard 7, W. Bartlett 8.

STOKE POGES.—On Sunday, November 9th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. J. Bateman 1, L. Albrow (first 'inside') 2, A. D. Barker (conductor) 3, T. G. Hawkins 4, Mrs. A. D. Barker 5, H. C. Albrow 6.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on Nov. 20th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 25th, Southwark Cathedral on the 27th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oundle Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Nassington on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea (1s. each) 5 p.m. Those who wish to have tea kindly let me know as soon as possible.—Rev. L. S. Clark, Polebrooke Rectory, Peterborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells ready 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Expecting a good attendance.—J. Bracewell, Branch Sec.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD. — The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Tenterden on Nov. 15th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at the Temperance Hotel 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. A card from those wanting tea will help. — A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at Pendleton on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells ready 6 p.m. Hoping to have a good attendance.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — The annual district meeting will be held at Coggeshall on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m., also Feering bells between 7 and 9 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Harmston (8), Saturday, Nov. 15th. Tower open 2 p.m. Notification for tea to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672)—A whist drive and dance will be held at St. Mary's Institute, Barker Gate, on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Tower open for ringing 3 to 6 p.m. Whist starts 6.45 p.m. Tickets, 1s. each, from the officers. Will members please note and give their support? All ringers and friends will receive a cordial welcome. — F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Swindon, on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (8) available after 3 p.m. All subscriptions for 1930 are due. A card would be appreciated from those requiring tea.—S. Hopper, Hon. Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Coppull on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. — James Wm. Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Newbury on Saturday, Nov. 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, Berks.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District. — The next meeting will be at St. Martin's, Epsom, on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Please attend to nominate your officers for 1931.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Steyning on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea, 1s. 2d. each, at the Station Hotel, at 5 o'clock.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Cowden on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Tower opened 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. — G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wimborne Branch.—A practice will be held at St. John's, Surrey Road, Bournemouth, and St. James', Poole, on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Ringing at St. John's 3 to 5. Tea at Voysey's, 107, Poole Road, Westbourne. Ringing at Poole from 6.30.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Marlborough Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Pewsey on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 o'clock, followed by tea. — Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec., East Grafton, Marlborough.

BROMLEY.—SS. Peter and Paul.—The bells will be re-opened on Saturday, Nov. 15th, with a thanksgiving service at 3.30 p.m., which all visitors are earnestly requested to attend. Ringing, after, till 6 o'clock, with a break till 6.45 p.m., and then onwards till 8 p.m. — I. Emery.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—N. & E. District.—Practice meeting at St. Paul's, Glyn Road, Homerton, on Tuesday, Nov. 18th. Bells from 7.30 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

HERTS AND ESSEX ASSOCIATIONS. — A joint meeting will be held at Hoddesdon on Wednesday, Nov. 19th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5 and tea at 5.30 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise us.—C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford; W. Lawrence, Little Munden, near Ware, Herts.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Stoney Stanton on Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells available 3.45. A good meeting is requested.—W. A. Cope, Smockington.

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District Meeting, Puttenham, Nov. 22nd. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Members are reminded that nominations for district officers must be made at this meeting. Numbers for tea to me, please, by Nov. 17th. —G. L. Grover, Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, near Guildford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The district annual meeting will be held at Breatwood on Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea kindly provided by the St. Thomas' Society to those who advise me by Wednesday, the 19th. Meeting to follow.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting at St. Bartholomew's has been brought forward to Nov. 22nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. Business: Arrangements for 1931 meetings calendar. — Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Shilton on Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock at a moderate charge. Midland Red buses leave Coventry (Greyfriars Green) Nuneaton route every half hour from 2.15, and leave Nuneaton (Bond Gate) Coventry route every half hour from 2.20.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Horton (6 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 22nd, at 4 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head, for those who notify me not later than Nov. 17th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Warkton (5) on Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Tuesday, Nov. 18th?—H. Baxter, Bredon, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Albans on Saturday, Nov. 22nd. St. Peter's tower (10 bells) open from 2.45 until 5 p.m. The Cathedral tower open after tea. Service at St. Peter's at 5 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made. All welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Cheltenham Branch will be held on Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea by kind invitation of the Rev. Bagot de la Bere (Vicar). Will all those intending being present please notify me not later than the 18th inst.? — Walter Yeend, Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting will take place at King's Langley (8 bells) on November 22nd, when a service, tea and meeting will be held. All ringers welcomed.—J. Cuplett, Hon. Sec., Aylesbury Road, Tring.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Re-opening of the bells of St. George's, Bolton, Saturday, Nov. 29th. Service in the church 3.30 p.m., with address by Archdeacon Howson, Warden of the Liverpool Diocesan Guild. Tea in the school after service for all those who send in their names to Canon Elsee, M.A., St. George's Vicarage, Bolton, not later than Nov. 27th.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Mitcham on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Christ Church bells (6) available from 3 p.m. and after tea until 8 p.m. Parish Church bells (8) open after tea until 9 p.m. Service at Christ Church at 5 p.m., followed by tea at the Welfare Centre, Cavendish Road (by kind invitation of the Christ Church Company). Those requiring tea please let Mr. A. Miller, 2, Clarendon Road, Collier's Wood, S.W.19, know by Wednesday, Nov. 26th. All ringers are heartily welcome. — D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A dinner will be held at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday, Jan. 10th, 1931.—Tickets 5s. 6d. each. Early application should be made, as accommodation is limited.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

LEICESTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual dinner will be held in Leicester on Saturday, Feb. 7th, 1931. Particulars later. —Alban Disney, 3, Highgate, Aylestone Lane, Leicester.

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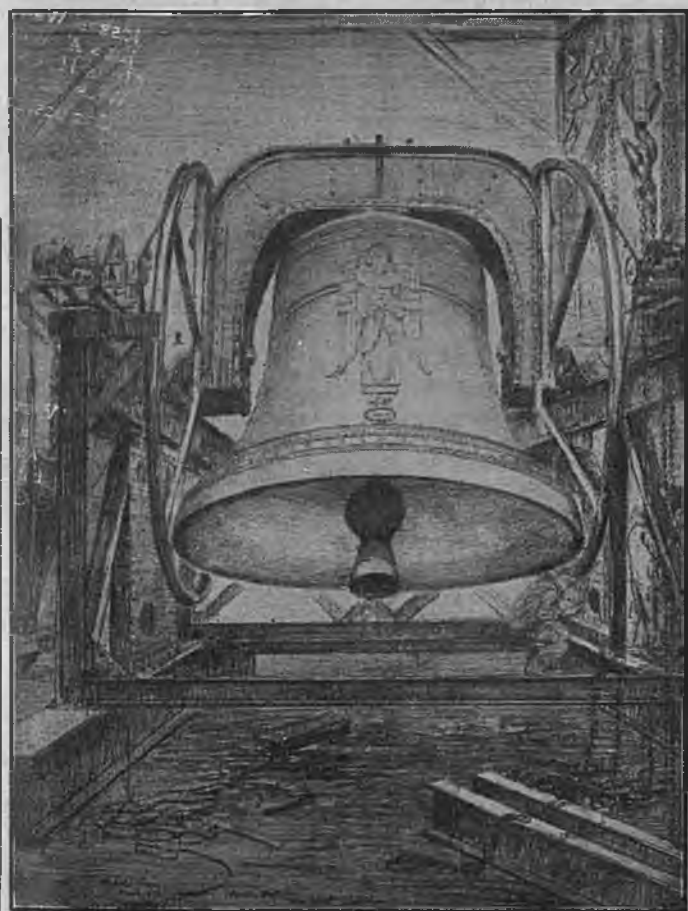
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THE PAINSWICK PEAL.

What is the 'twelve-bell record'? This question is raised by a letter, which appears in another column, from Mr. C. T. Coles, hon. secretary of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, as the result of the description applied to the peal of Grandsire Cinques rung at Painswick on Saturday week. Mr. Coles' argument is, in brief, that a twelve-bell peal can only be a peal of Maximus, and, that being so, the twelve-bell record is still the peal of Cambridge Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne on August 5th last year. When it comes to a question of record performances it is only right that these matters should be treated seriously, and for that reason the claim that is made by Mr. Coles is one for serious consideration. On the face of it, the simple question appears to us to be was or was not the Painswick performance a twelve-bell peal? If it was, then, in our view, it was a twelve-bell record; if it wasn't—well, where does Mr. James George come in, after having rung a 26 3/4 cwt. tenor for 11 hrs. 36 mins.? Surely it cannot be suggested that he did not take part in the peal? The facts that the twelve bells were rung throughout the peal, and, while eleven bells provided the changes, the tenor was essential to the effective completion of each change, place it, in our opinion, clearly in the twelve-bell category. Mr. Coles' argument that a twelve-bell peal can only be rung in a twelve-bell method puts a limit on the expression 'twelve-bell peal,' which, we think, will not be generally accepted.

It might be as well, perhaps, if the Central Council were to classify the records, and then obviously Cinques and Maximus would be definitely separated. As a matter of fact, in all such performances so many different factors have to be taken into account that it is difficult, if not impossible, to make comparisons between them, and the only thing the Exercise has recognised up to now has been the number of changes rung, and the number of bells engaged in ringing the peal. Neither the time occupied, nor the weight and 'go' of the bells, nor the method rung, enter into consideration—so far as records go it is a question of the longest length. At the moment the longest length that has been rung in which twelve bells have been employed is the peal at Painswick, but that does not detract one jot from the greatness of the achievement at Ashton-under-Lyne. While one peal was two thousand changes longer than the other, they are not in the same category and no question of comparison between the performances, *qua* performances, arises. What remains to be settled, however, is whether or not the Painswick peal was a twelve-bell

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peal, and in settling the question let there be no confusion between the expressions 'a twelve-bell peal' and 'a peal in a twelve-bell method.'

Having said this, let us add our congratulations to the men of the Painswick Youths upon their really great performance. Every time some new record length is set up there is a feeling that this, at last, must be the limit, but every time others are found prepared to put their skill and endurance to the test and show that the final word has not been said. These long peals—and they are long peals indeed when they last nearly round the clock—are remarkable exhibitions of pertinacity, stamina, and concentration. To the conductor, Mr. Albert Wright, the moving spirit of so many long peals at this famous belfry, and to all the band the congratulations of the Exercise will be extended upon a wonderful achievement, but perhaps to Mr. James George more than to anyone will these expressions go. We all know that long peals are not exclusively the prerogative of youth, as are the records in most other pursuits, but for a man within a few days of his 77th birthday to ring a 26½ cwt. bell for 11½ hours without rest or refreshment is almost beyond belief. Yet Mr. George has done it. For a man thirty years his junior it would be a great achievement; his performance is a marvellous feat and demonstrates not only his exceptional physical fitness, but his ability and judgment in handling a bell.

TEN BELL PEALS.

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.

THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 12, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

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| *CHARLES TINDALE Treble | GEORGE WHITE 6 |
| †ALBERT HUNTER 2 | WILLIAM A. BRECKON 7 |
| *JOHN WALLER 3 | HARRY SHORT 8 |
| ALBERT V. COATES 4 | HUBERT WATERS... .. 9 |
| ALFRED E. OXLEY 5 | RICHARD HANSRELL Tenor |

Composed by JOHN COX.

Conducted by W. A. BRECKON.

* First peal, and elected members of the association previous to starting. † First peal away from the treble. First peal on ten bells by all the band except the ringers of 4 and 7, and first on ten by an entirely local band. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. C. E. Hone, who has been Rector of Whitby for ten years, and in honour of his appointment as first Bishop of the new Suffragan Bishopric of Pontefract.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

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| MRS. HAZELDEN Treble | FREDERICK E. COLLINS 6 |
| FRANK BENNETT 2 | GEORGE TOMSETT 7 |
| *FREDERICK W. RADFORD 3 | CHARLES HAZELDEN 8 |
| EDWARD A. ETHERIDGE 4 | SEPTIMUS RADFORD 9 |
| JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 5 | †LESLIE G. W. HUNTER Tenor |

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by SEPTIMUS RADFORD.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal on 10 bells.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BURGHILL, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

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| *THOMAS H. BEEKS Treble | WILLIAM H. SYMONDS 5 |
| †FRANK DOWNES 2 | ALBERT E. HURCOMBE 6 |
| WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS 3 | HENRY J. TAYLOR 7 |
| CHARLES EDWARDS 4 | HERBERT COLCOMBE Tenor |

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples.

TENTERDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Monday, November 10, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mildred,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 30 cwt. in D flat.

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| CHARLES TRIBE Treble | WILLIAM P. TICKNER 5 |
| ROBERT EDWARDS 2 | KENNETH PATTENDEN 6 |
| *ALFRED J. BATTIN 3 | CHARLES W. PLAYER 7 |
| HARRY BAKER 4 | CECIL H. BALLARD Tenor |

Conducted by C. W. PLAYER.

* First peal of Stedman away from tenor. Arranged as a compliment to the Vicar's warden (Lt.-Col. W. A. Findlater) on his election as Mayor of Tenterden.

EX-SERVICE MEN'S MEMORIAL PEAL.

JESMOND, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 11, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

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| Ex-Act. Sgt. JAMES E. SCOTT, 2nd London San. Co., R.A.M.C. Treble | |
| Ex-Pte. JOHN ANDERSON, 18th Northumberland Fusiliers 2 | |
| Ex-Sgt. HAROLD G. FRAMPION, 73rd Squadron R.A.F. 3 | |
| Ex-Corpl. HAROLD B. DITCHBURN, 50th Divisional Train R.A.S.C. 4 | |
| Ex-Pte. STEPHEN W. STRATFORD, 10th Royal Scots Fusiliers 5 | |
| Ex-Sapper ROBERT L. PATTERSON, 72nd Field Co., R.E. 6 | |
| Ex-Act. Corpl. DAVID VINCENT, M.M. 7th Middlesex Regt. 7 | |
| Ex-Sapper ADAM DEAS, 526th Field Co., R.E. Tenor | |

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by DAVID VINCENT.

Rung with the bells half-muffled on the 12th anniversary of the Armistice, by men who served in the B.E.F. in France, in memory of their comrades who gave their lives in the war.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(St. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, November 12, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

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| MISS FLORRIE WYMAN Treble | ROBERT SWIFT 5 |
| GEORGE OLLIVER 2 | CECIL NICE 6 |
| GEORGE ELLIS 3 | NELSON ELLIOTT 7 |
| KENNETH SNELLING 4 | OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor |

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor, and rung at the first attempt.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 12, 1930, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Alkmund,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

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| PERCY DUDLEY Treble | HENRY FLETCHER 5 |
| MAURICE SWINFELD 2 | EDWARD C. GOBEY 6 |
| JOSEPH BAILEY 3 | JAMES S. HUTCHBY 7 |
| JOHN H. SWINFELD 4 | JAMES GEORGE Tenor |

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS.

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

First peal in the method by all.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 11, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

On the Memorial Bells at St. Mary's Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

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| L. NOEL CAWTHORNE Treble | ELSIE E. SMITH 5 |
| JOE GARTH 2 | *REGINALD PAYNE 6 |
| JOE BERRIDGE 3 | †LESLIE HAYWOOD 7 |
| HAROLD TAYLOR 4 | FRED WATKINSON Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by L. NOEL CAWTHORNE

* First peal. † First peal of Major. First peal as conductor and first attempt. Rung with the clappers half-muffled in honour of those who gave their lives in the Great War, 1914-1918.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, November 13, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. PIGOTT'S SIX-PART (No. 1.)

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| *REGINALD ALLPORT Treble | CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 5 |
| WALTER MASTERS 2 | THOMAS WILLIAMS 6 |
| WILLIAM POTTER 3 | JOHN LLOYD 7 |
| HARRY HOLDEN 4 | THOMAS HEMMING Tenor |

Conducted by C. SKIDMORE.

* First peal. All are members of the local band. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of the men who fell in the Great War.

FRAMSDEN.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, November 13, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

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| GEORGE BENNETT Treble | CECIL W. PIPE 5 |
| *JAMES BENNETT 2 | LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 6 |
| GEORGE PRYKE 3 | T. WILLIAM LAST 7 |
| LESLIE G. BRETT 4 | WILLIAM C. RUMSEY Tenor |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by T. W. LAST.

* First peal in the method with an inside bell.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, November 14, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

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| P.C. ERNEST GWILLIAM Treble | P.C. FREDERICK DIGBY 5 |
| P.C. THOMAS BANNISTER 2 | P.S. PETER CROOK 6 |
| INSPR. WILLIAM BOYTRILL 3 | P.C. NORMAN S. BAGWORTH 7 |
| P.S. GEORGE SHIPP 4 | *CH. INSPR. J. MELDRUM Tenor |

Conducted by SERGT. PETER CROOK.

* First peal. Chief. Insp. Meldrum is from Liverpool City Police Force, Sergt. Crook from Bolton Borough Police Force, the remainder are members of Metropolitan Police Guild of Ringers. Rung on the occasion of the meeting in London of the Police Federation of England and Wales.

DUNMOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

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| ARTHUR PIPER Treble | PERCY GREEN 5 |
| FRANK HARRINGTON 2 | ERNEST TOWNSEND 6 |
| ARTHUR T. SMITH 3 | JOSEPH C. JENNINGS 7 |
| ALFRED T. PERRY 4 | H. WALTER SMITH Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by H. W. SMITH.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Miss Joan Gibbons, daughter of Col. T. Gibbons, D.S.O., of Dunmow, to Mr. P. Henry, of Stansted. Col. Gibbons takes a keen interest in the bells, and was of great help in raising the necessary funds for their restoration in 1926. The ringers were entertained to tea after the peal.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

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| HERBERT J. ELDRED Treble | GEORGE R. PYE 5 |
| JOHN G. NASH 2 | JOHN T. KENTISH 6 |
| CHARLES T. COLES 3 | JAMES BENNETT 7 |
| JOHN H. CRAMPION 4 | WILLIAM PYE Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

CHARLTON HORETHORNE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANOSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt. (approx.)

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| H. JIM RALPH Treble | WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5 |
| * WILLIAM J. FRY 2 | EDWARD G. L. COWARD 6 |
| EDWARD T. GRIFFIN 3 | SIDNEY A. RICKETTS 7 |
| † FRANK PRICE 4 | THOMAS J. SETTER Tenor |

Conducted by EDWARD G. L. COWARD.

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

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb.

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| WILLIAM H. SHOKER Treble | SAMUEL HOLT 5 |
| * ARNOLD FEARNHEAD 2 | F. RALPH WILLIAMS 6 |
| WILLIAM BRAMMER 3 | * JOHN FEARNHEAD 7 |
| ARTHUR RIDYARD 4 | BENJAMIN THORP Tenor |

Composed by JOHN THORP.

Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 15, 1930, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

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| GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble | WALTER THOMAS 5 |
| GEORGE SPEERING 2 | GEORGE R. JONES 6 |
| RONALD G. W. JONES 3 | THOMAS GRIFFITHS 7 |
| EDWARD HARRISON 4 | ARTHUR TILSTON Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE R. JONES.

HOUNSLOW, MIDDLESEX.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

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| FRANK E. HAWTHORNE Treble | JOSEPH HERBERT 5 |
| FREDERICK G. GODDARD 2 | HORACE BELCHER 6 |
| ARTHUR CUTMORE 3 | HARRY A. FOLKARD 7 |
| CHALLIS F. WINNEY 4 | CHARLES J. TRICKER Tenor |

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. J. Milner, J. Herbert and C. J. Tricker.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1930, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES

Tenor 13½ cwt.

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| ROBERT SWIFT Treble | CECIL NICE 5 |
| GEORGE ELLIS 2 | JACK M. CRIPPS 6 |
| KENNETH SNELLING 3 | ALAN R. PINK 7 |
| REGINALD V. JOHNSON 4 | OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor |

Composed by F. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE DUBLIN SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

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| HUBERT J. CHAFFEY Treble | GEORGE W. STEERE 5 |
| CHARLES N. BURDOCK 2 | WILLIAM T. BEESON 6 |
| GEORGE WILSON 3 | CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7 |
| C. ERNEST SMITH 4 | ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor |

Composed by HY. DAINS.

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

First peal rung in the method, which was published in 'The Ringing World' of February 17th, 1922.

LEDBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 24 cwt.

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| FRANK LAWRENCE Treble | WILLIAM RANFORD 5 |
| DENNIS R. MORRIS 2 | FRED HAWKES 6 |
| WILLIAM C. JONES 3 | CYRIL TANSELL 7 |
| SIDNEY T. HOLT 4 | CHARLES CAMM Tenor |

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

EXETER, DEVONSHIRE.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(ST. THOMAS' BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAVIES' TEN-PART (No. 1).

Tenor 15 cwt.

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| EDWIN SHEPPARD Treble | TOM G. BARTLETT 5 |
| EDWARD W. BIFFIN 2 | HENRY J. CORRY 6 |
| * FREDERICK WREFOED 3 | WILLIAM HOWE 7 |
| JOHN HOSGOOD 4 | WILLIAM A. WILLS Tenor |

Conducted by EDWARD W. BIFFIN.

* First peal and first attempt.

SWANSEA, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

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| ALBERT W. EDWARDS Treble | JOHN E. BLONHAM 5 |
| FREDERICK E. STONE 2 | EDWARD PHILLIPS 6 |
| DAVID J. LEWIS 3 | ERNEST STITCH 7 |
| WALTON J. NURTON 4 | JOHN WEATHERSBY Tenor |

Conducted by E. STITCH.

The conductor has now rung a peal on each day of the week, each day of the month, and in each month of the year.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

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| * JAMES MITCHELL Treble | JAMES T. WARD 5 |
| ANDERSON Y. TYLER 2 | GEORGE LINES 6 |
| † HENRY W. GAYTON 3 | THOMAS R. HENSHER 7 |
| ARCHIE HENMAN 4 | CHARLES W. CLARKE Tenor |

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE

* First peal on eight bells and first attempt. † First in the method on a working bell.

MACCLESFIELD.—After a Confirmation service at Christ Church by the Bishop of Chester, on Thursday, November 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: W. Stevenson 1, A. Challinor 2, F. L. Ronan 3, A. V. Reeves (conductor) 4, J. Tipper 5, J. Worth 6, W. Gayes 7, J. Waumesley 8.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

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| JOSEPH E. ARNOLD Treble | CLIFFORD ROLLINGS 5 |
| *HENRY B. WHITNEY 2 | *FREDERICK VICKERS 6 |
| *FREDERICK J. PLUMMER 3 | ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 7 |
| GEORGE W. HELEY 4 | *WILLIAM INSLEY Tenor |

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN.

* First peal of Stedman, and, with the treble man, are local ringers.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Olave, Hart Street,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

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| CHARLES HENRY WALKER Treble | WILLIAM BERRY 5 |
| HARRY HOSKINS 2 | P.C. CHARLES DAVIS 6 |
| JOHN JAMES LAMB 3 | GEORGE HENRY DAYNES 7 |
| FREDERICK W. THORNTON 4 | *CHARLES WM. DUMPER ... Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE HENRY DAYNES.

* First peal and first attempt, and elected a member prior to starting for the peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. W. Berry and F. W. Thornton.

HUGHENDON, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| ROLAND BIGGS Treble | JOHN EVANS 5 |
| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2 | THOMAS GOODCHILD 6 |
| *JESSE ELDRIDGE 3 | GEORGE MARTIN 7 |
| FREDERICK BIGGS 4 | HARRY WINGROVE Tenor |

Composed by FRED DENCH.

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First peal in the method. It is thirty years since the 4th man rang a peal of London.

LLANDUDNO, GARNARVONSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

AND THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WILDE'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 15 cwt.

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| SAMUEL JONES, JUN. Treble | JAMES SWINDLEY 5 |
| HARRY F. HOLDING 2 | WILLIAM SCONCE 6 |
| EDWARD V. RODENHURST 3 | ARTHUR E. PAGLAR 7 |
| ROBERT SPERRING 4 | L. JOHN EVANS Tenor |

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

First peal in the method on the bells. The band wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells, and Mr. S. Brown for having everything ready.

WISTANSTOW, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

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| HUBERT JONES Treble | WILLIAM J. BENIAMS 5 |
| ROBERT H. JONES 2 | *FOREST T. MASSEY 6 |
| ALBERT E. JONES 3 | FRANCIS EVANS 7 |
| JOHN J. PRICE 4 | ARTHUR C. NASON Tenor |

Conducted by FRANCIS EVANS.

* First peal of Triples. Rung as a birthday compliment to Hubert Jones and Robert H. Jones.

WANSTEAD.—At Christ Church, on October 28th, 720 of Plain Bob Minor was rung by the following: Miss A. Petty (first Wanstead lady to ring a 720) 1, A. Petty (first 720 'inside') 2, A. Reeve 3, C. Petty 4, J. Chalk 5, G. Morris (conductor) 6.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 16, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

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| HERBERT A. HOLDEN Treble | WILFRED WILLIAMS 5 |
| CHARLES W. ROBERTS 2 | GEORGE H. CROSS 6 |
| HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 3 | FREDERICK J. CULLOM 7 |
| THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 4 | RONALD H. BULLEN Tenor |

Composed by J. REEVES (adapted). Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS

First peal in the method by all, and rung at the first attempt without previous practice. Also the first in the method on the bells, by the association, and in the county.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

YARDLEY HASTINGS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

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| JOSHUA J. PARTRIDGE Treble | HARRY PETTITT 4 |
| WILLIAM STOCK 2 | AMOS SMART 5 |
| HENRY W. GAYTON 3 | ALBERT MINNEY Tenor |

Conducted by AMOS SMART.

GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, November 9, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight 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 of Plain Bob.

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| ALPHAUS J. BERRY Treble | HARRY D. LISTER 4 |
| LAURENCE POULSON 2 | ARTHUR GRIMWOOD 5 |
| KEITH W. WHITTLE 3 | GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor |

Conducted by H. D. LISTER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of those men and women of the British Empire who fell in the Great War.

CLUTTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 9, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes

At the Church of St. Augustine,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 22 six-scores of Plain Bob, and 20 of Grandsire, with 14 different callings. Tenor 9½ cwt. (approx.).

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| *CECIL MOGFORD Treble | †ERNEST TOSSELL 4 |
| JEFFREY TOSSELL 2 | HAROLD E. BLACKER 5 |
| CHARLES R. LILLEY 3 | JOHN HOUSE Tenor |

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

* First peal in two methods. † First peal in two methods 'inside.' First peal in two methods on the bells. Rung with half-muffled clappers for the evening Armistice service in memory of the fallen. It was arranged to ring Minor, but at the last moment Doubles had to be substituted.

TYDD, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Sunday, November 9, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising an extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Double Court, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

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| GEORGE LADD Treble | JOHN CURRY 4 |
| HORACE M. DAY 2 | ARTHUR J. FARR 5 |
| ARTHUR RIGGALL 3 | JOHN G. AMES Tenor |

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

These bells were dedicated after the morning service after being rehung in a new iron frame with a new treble added by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and their 'go' leaves nothing to be desired.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 11, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three 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 | ARTHUR WILSON 4
KITTY WILLERS 2 | EDWARD HAYNES 5
FRANK KEMPTON 3 | JACK HARPER Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD HAYNES.

Rung with muffled clappers on the Day of Remembrance, also on the fourth anniversary of the death of the late Mr. W. B. Kempton, who instructed the newly-formed Trumpington band in 1918. Mr. F. Kempton conducted the first peal on the bells on Armistice Day, 1920, when K. Willers and A. Wilson scored their 'first.'

BLACKWELL.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, November 11, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 1,200 changes of St. Dunstan's, 1,200 of Grandsire, 1,200 of Old Doubles and 1,440 changes of Bob Doubles.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM PARKES Treble | ROBERT BAILEY 3
ARTHUR SMITHSON 2 | BERNARD BAILEY 4
WILFRED RILEY Tenor

Conducted by B. BAILEY.

Rung with clappers half-muffled, in memory of those who gave their lives in the Great War. This is the first peal on the bells by an all-local band. First peal as conductor.

COMPTON MARTIN, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 11, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With ten different callings. Tenor 15½ cwt.

SIDNEY ROWE Treble | ERNEST TOSSELL 4
JEFFREY TOSSELL 2 | WILLIAM WEBB 5
CHARLES FIELD 3 | JOHN HOUSE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WEBB.

First peal on the bells with the bells half-muffled. All the above are Sunday service ringers.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 11, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*F. J. WILCOX Treble | †J. E. ROOTES 4
G. R. GOODSHIP 2 | *H. O. HOLMER 5
*MISS E. K. FULTON 3 | *W. T. HORROD Tenor

Conducted by G. R. GOODSHIP.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. Believed to be the first peal on the bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled as an act of remembrance.

HALLATON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and 720 Plain Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

WILLIAM HECTOR Treble | RONALD RUSSELL 4
J. GHOFFREY GEARY 2 | ERNEST MORRIS 5
FRED E. WALLINGTON 3 | C. ARTHUR MANNING Tenor

Conducted by C. ARTHUR MANNING.

Specially arranged as a welcome to the Rev. W. Fairlie Clarke, who was inducted to the living during the week. The band were kindly entertained after the peal by the Rev. and Mrs. W. F. Clarke.

BURFORD, OXON.—On Sunday, November 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: E. Aldridge 1, E. Pearson 2, T. Timms (first quarter on an 'inside' bell) 3, T. Midwinter 4, R. Hudson 5, W. Dixon 6, F. Soden (conductor) 7, A. Bishop 8.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 13, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 120's of Stedman, 8 of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

*FREDERICK HOOPER Treble | EDWARD FOSTER 3
GEORGE E. FOSTER 2 | LEONARD PIERRETON 4
J. FREDERICK MILNER Tenor

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

PIRBRIGHT, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Cambridge Surprise, two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

*FREDERICK CHERRYMAN ... Treble | GEORGE CLODE 4
SAMUEL PETER 2 | WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 5
GEORGE CHARDLER 3 | †WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... Tenor

Conducted by W. J. ROBINSON.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

MARBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

*HAROLD W. CLUTTON ... Treble | JOHN BRASSINGTON 4
*FREDERICK W. CHAPMAN ... 2 | ALBERT CRAWLEY 5
†ALBERT J. BIGGS 3 | *THOMAS P. BARLOW Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal, and belong to the local band. † First peal of Doubles.

WOLVEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*JOSEPH H. BEALE Treble | FRANK W. PERRENS 4
OSWALD J. HUNT 2 | FRANK E. PERVIN 5
GEORGE GARDNER 3 | †WILLIAM HIBBERT Tenor

Conducted by F. E. PERVIN.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Surprise Minor as conductor. First peal of Surprise Minor on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

STOCKPORT.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 13, 1930, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT 23, GREYK STREET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

*GEORGE F. SWANN 1-2 | FRIDER'CK PAGE 7-8
HAROLD JACKSON 3-4 | ALFRED BARNES 9-10
ALLEN F. BAILEY 5-6 | MORRIS J. MORRIS 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Referees: WILLIAM JACKSON and ERNEST BENNETT.

* 150th handbell peal. Rung as a birthday peal for Mr. Harry Chapman.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 16, 1930, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT 3, CRESSING WAY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5055 CHANGES;

FRANK CLAYDON 1-2 | WILLIAM KERBLE 5-6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 3-4 | GEORGE GREEN 7-8

Composed by WM. H. INGLESANT. Conducted by WILLIAM KERBLE

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**SNOWDON DINNER 'TOO ELABORATE.'**

The monthly meeting of the Barnsley and District Association was held at Penistone on Saturday, November 8th, when the towers represented were Aston-under-Lyne, Bolsterstone, Cawthorne, Darfield, Ecclesfield, Felkirk, Handsworth, Hoylandswaine, Royston, Sandal, Shelley, Wath and the local company. Ringing in various methods of Major, Triples and Minor was continued from 3 to 5 p.m., when tea was served in the schoolroom, followed by a short business meeting, at which the Vicar (Rev. E. B. Carleton) presided, and welcomed the association to Penistone.

Five new members were elected, and it was decided that the next meeting should be a joint meeting with the Yorkshire Association (Southern District), the Sheffield and the Doncaster Society at Rawmarsh on the second Saturday in December.

A discussion arose on the Snowdon Commemoration Dinner, the general opinion being that it was too elaborate for the majority of ringers to attend.

It was finally agreed to ask the committee of the Yorkshire Association to try and arrange a meeting at Ilkley (where Jasper Snowdon is buried) some time next summer, and to make it as nearly as possible meet the desires of the majority of ringers, so that it may be termed the 'Snowdon Commemoration Ringers' Rally.'

Mr. Rayner moved the vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the ladies who provided tea.

Further ringing was afterwards continued until 9 p.m.

FORTY-NINE YEARS A RINGER.

The band at Christ Church, North Shields, has suffered a severe loss by the death, after a long illness, of Mr. Clark Edward Waugh, aged 59. He had been a member of the band nearly 50 years, having commenced his ringing career at the early age of ten, and as his father had been a ringer, and his grandfather verger and beadle at the same church, the family connection with Christ Church extended over almost a century.

Mr. Waugh had only one peal, in 1896, to his credit, but he was a regular attender for Sunday service ringing, and also on special occasions, and, being of a cheerful disposition, he was loved and respected by his fellow-ringers.

At the funeral, on Monday last, a short touch on handbells was rung at the graveside, and in the evening a muffled peal of Stedman Caters was rung on the bells of Christ Church, particulars of which will be found in the peal columns.

Deepest sympathy is extended to his widow in her bereavement.

PASSING OF A HAGBOURNE WORTHY.**DEATH OF MR. E. E. NAPPER.**

Visitors to East Hagbourne will miss a familiar figure now that Mr. Ernest Edwin Napper has passed away.

Born the youngest of a family of thirteen at the Fleur de lys, he had been the popular landlord there since 1902, the house having been in the Napper family for over two hundred years.

Practically all the village organisations have had their headquarters there, including the football club, cricket club, the local branch of the British Legion and the St. Andrew's Bellringing Guild. The deceased was one of the original change ringing band first formed in the village, the company including two of his brothers, two cousins, and others. He rang a fair number of peals of Grand-sire and Stedman Triples with the local band, and also with the late Rev. F. E. Robinson and J. W. Washbrook at various towers, including Bishopstone, Great Tew, Shipton-under-Wychwood, etc.

A perfect striker, he preferred to ring a small bell, but when persuaded could ring a heavy bell with the best, as behoved a man of 6ft. in height and about 16 stone in weight.

He passed away on Saturday, November 8th, at the age of 70 years, and the interment took place on Tuesday week.

A very large number of people attended the funeral, including many brother ringers, among them Messrs. F. Napper, D. Napper (cousins), W. E. Napper, J. S. Napper, J. F. Napper, W. H. Napper (nephews), W. J. Napper, C. W. Allen, J. E. Butler, E. A. Butler and J. Bower. Eight nephews acted as bearers. The bells were rung half-muffled before the service, and also while the cortege proceeded to the cemetery, and again after the interment. In the evening eight members of the local band rang a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Triples in 50 mins.: A. W. Cox 1, W. V. Webb 2, H. K. White 3, W. Lambell 4, T. East (conductor) 5, J. Sawyer 6, A. H. Webb 7, J. Hitchman 8.

ANOTHER RING OF SIX FOR LINCOLNSHIRE.

Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, have added a treble to the bells at St. Mary's Church, Tydd, Lincolnshire, and rehung the old ring of five, the tenor of which is 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. The bells were dedicated on Sunday, November 9th, after the morning service, and the opening ringing consisted of a 720 of Bob Minor in 28 mins.: G. Ladd 1, H. M. Day 2, A. Riggall 3, J. Curry 4, A. J. Farr 5, J. G. Ames (conductor) 6. For evening service 360 St. Clement's Minor was rung. In the afternoon the same ringers rang a peal of Minor in seven methods, as recorded in our peal columns.

John Taylor & Co.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

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PICTURES OF CHURCH TOWERS FOR
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.

Grayshott, Hants, hopes to have a peal of eight bells in the near future. At present there are three, but a parish meeting has decided to recast them as part of the octave. About £200 has been subscribed up to the present, and an appeal is to be made for the rest of the money required.

Mr. W. C. Ryde, K.C., who over forty years ago was a ringer at Woking, is the moving spirit in the scheme.

Double Dublin Surprise Major, the first peal of which was rung at Hersham, Surrey, on Saturday, is a method by the Rev. E. Bankes James.

The Ancient Guild of St. Stephen's Ringers (Bristol) was granted a Royal Charter on November 17th, 1620. It is still in existence, although it has now no direct connection with bellringing.

The first peal of Grandsire Cinques on the present ring of twelve at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, was rung on November 23rd, 1775.

On November 24th, 1816, the first peal of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus on handbells was rung at Sheffield.

A peal of 15,120 Bob Major was rung at West Ham on November 25th, 1737, by the Eastern Scholars, a now long defunct London society.

Next Thursday Mr. James George, hero of the Painswick peal, will be 77 years young. It won't be long before he rings his 1,100th peal. Most people at his age would be thinking of giving up ringing, but Mr. George is looking for more worlds to conquer.

The carillon cast at the Croydon Bell Foundry for the Wellington (New Zealand) War Memorial, and which was erected at the North-East Coast Exhibition last year, and has been regularly used for recitals in Hyde Park this year, is now to be taken to Buenos Aires for the British Empire Exhibition next spring. It is hoped to hang the carillon in Wellington in time to ring for Armistice Day next year. When it arrives at its ultimate destination the carillon will surely be the most travelled set of bells in the world.

Was the peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, rung at Twerton, Bath, on November 10th, the first by the Bath and Wells Association by resident members? asks a correspondent, who congratulates the band on a capital performance.

The peal of Superlative Surprise at Warnham on November 1st was rung in 2 hrs. 53 mins. (not 2.43). The ringer of the 7th in the peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major at Stowmarket on October 25th was Arthur Grimwood, not Greenwood as published.

'BELLS FULLY MANNED.'

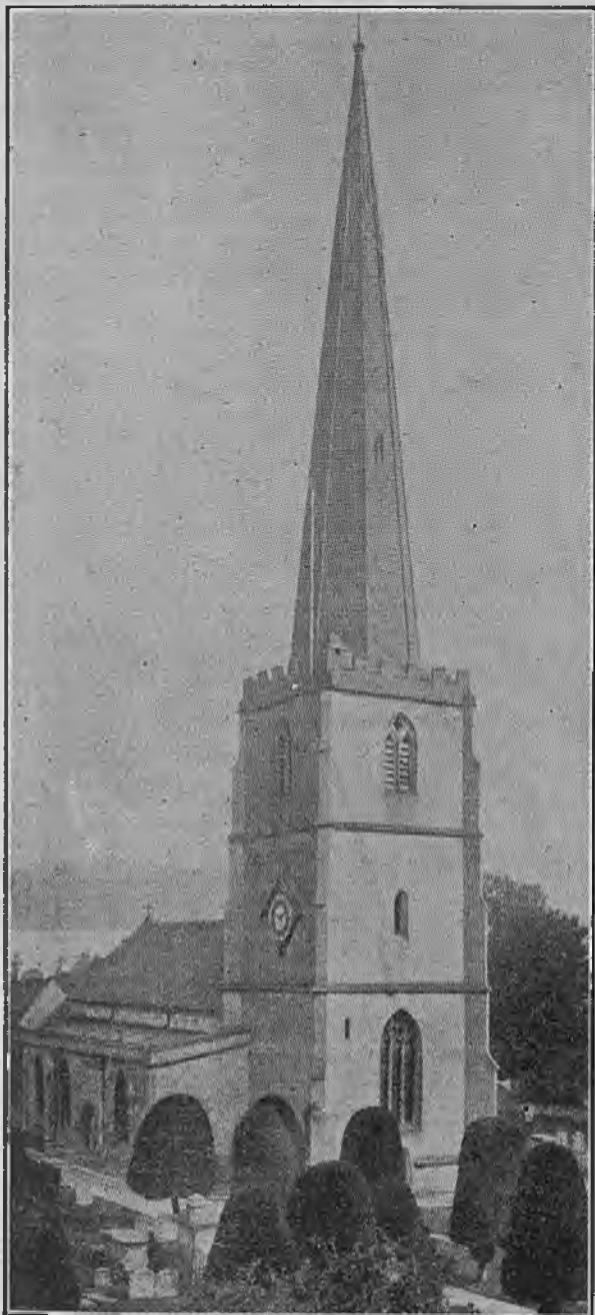
To the Editor.

Sir,—I would like to draw Mr. E. Cooper's attention to the facts of his letter on the above. He writes that the bells 'should have been' fully manned, but does not know if they were. As regards Doncaster, it is true eleven were left to man the bells, but they were manned by six ringers and one learner not yet able to ring rounds correctly.

One of the most relied-upon ringers was away at Tickhill. I don't think he makes his case any better by his remarks on the conductor. If a ringer wants to go to another church to ring he ought, in my opinion, to give reasonable notice, so that his place in the tower may be filled. I know Mr. Cooper does not like to hear six bells at his church on Sundays. I attend regularly.—Yours faithfully,
Doncaster, W. E. LLOYD.

CELEBRATED PEALS AT PAINSWICK. A TOWER OF MANY 'LONG LENGTHS.'

The peal of 17,687 Grandsire Cinques rung in 11 hrs. 36 mins. at Painswick, Gloucestershire, on November 8th, has naturally been a matter of great interest throughout ringing circles, for it is a feat that has few equals. For a couple of centuries Painswick has been conspicuous in ringing annals, for as soon as ten bells were put in the tower the ringers there went in for long lengths, a 10,000 of Caters being rung in 1735 and a 12,000 in 1736.



THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PAINSWICK.

Previous to the year 1686 there were six bells in the tower. In January of that year a meeting was held at which it was decided

to add two more bells, which were cast by Abraham Rudhall, of Gloucester. Forty-five years later it was determined to add two more bells and recast the existing eight, which was done at the Gloucester foundry, from which in 1821 came two trebles to complete the ring of twelve. The new bells did not come up to the calibre of the old ones, and in 1887 were replaced by two recast trebles from the Whitechapel Foundry. In 1902 Messrs. Taylor and Co. rehung the whole twelve on one level, and they have not had any attention from a bell hanger since—one more proof that the more bells are rung the better they are cared for.

The Painswick Youths have in their possession some interesting records of peals of past days:—

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| Feb. 29th, 1731 | Yo whole | | in ye | 3.27. |
| Mar. 1st, 1731 | Peal of | 5,040 | space | 3.36. |
| Mar. 26th, 1731 | Triples | changes | of | 3.24. |
| Mar. 1st, 1734 | | 8,064 | in ye | 4.45. |
| Mar. 1st, 1735 | A peal of | 10,080 | space | 6.27. |
| Apr. 18th, 1736 | Caters | 12,006 | of | 7.55. |

Various long lengths rung on the bells since then have been:—

| | | hrs. mins. |
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| Sept. 23rd, 1816. | 10,278 Grandsire Caters. | 6.48. |
| May 5th, 1817. | 12,312 Grandsire Caters. | 7.44. |
| Sept. 21st, 1818. | 6,300 Bob Royal. | 4. 2. |
| Dec. 9th, 1832. | 10,224 Treble Bob Major. | 6.50. |
| Feb. 16th, 1858. | 8,448 Stedman Cinques. | 5.52. |
| Mar. 24th, 1913. | 7,325 Grandsire Cinques. | 5. 0. |
| Feb. 14th, 1920. | 13,001 Grandsire Cinques. | 8.45. |
| Feb. 15th, 1930. | 9,261 Grandsire Cinques. | 6.10. |
| Apr. 21st, 1930. | 12,231 Grandsire Cinques. | 8. 0. |
| Nov. 8th, 1930. | 17,687 Grandsire Cinques. | 11.36. |

Only three peals with more changes than that on November 8th have been rung on tower bells, two of them being Stedman Caters, and the other Oxford Treble Bob Major.

This is the way the record length of Cinques has grown:—

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| Apr. 27th, 1861. | 8,580 Stedman. | 6.41 | Cornhill. |
| Feb. 28th, 1881. | 9,238 Stedman. | 6.48 | Birmingham. |
| Dec. 26th, 1901. | 11,111 Stedman. | 8. 2 | Birmingham. |
| Feb. 14th, 1920. | 13,001 Grandsire. | 8.45 | Painswick. |
| Nov. 8th, 1930. | 17,687 Grandsire. | 11.36 | Painswick. |

The Maximus records have included the following:—

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| Dec. 9th, 1833. | 10,224 Treble Bob. | 6.50 | Painswick. |
| Apr. 17th, 1911. | 12,240 Treble Bob. | 8.39 | Ashton-under-Lyne. |
| Aug. 5th, 1929. | 15,312 Cambridge Surprise. | 11.30 | Ashton-under-Lyne. |

Other lengths longer than the last Painswick peal have been:—

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| Apr. 12th, 1909. | 18,027 Stedman Caters. | 12.18 | Loughborough. |
| Apr. 22nd, 1922. | 21,363 Stedman Caters. | 12.25 | Appleton. |
| Apr. 18th, 1927. | 17,824 Oxford Treble Bob Major. | 10.51 | Heptonstall. |

THE TWELVE BELL RECORD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—First to congratulate Mr. Albert Wright and his band on a fine performance, which I do most heartily. If any member is deserving of special praise it is the veteran tenor man, Mr. James George.

But does this peal constitute the twelve-bell record? The daily press referred to it as containing the 'greatest number of changes on twelve bells,' which the peal certainly did not. Unless Jimmy George was at fault, and I cannot imagine that he was, the peal did not contain one change on twelve bells, and I cannot see why it is described in 'The Ringing World' as the twelve-bell record. If it is, where is the eleven-bell record? This one cannot be both!

The Central Council's 'Glossary of Technical Terms,' compiled by six famous members of the Exercise in 1901, contains, on page 17, the following definitions:—

Cinques.—The changes produced on eleven bells, in which five pairs of bells change at each permutation.

Maximus.—Change ringing in which twelve bells are concerned in producing the permutations is known as 'Maximus,' or, more familiarly, as 'twelve-in.' Methods adapted for twelve bells are usually known as twelve-bell methods.

If anything further is needed, Mr. Editor, I will refer you to 'The Ringing World,' Vol. I., page 74, which contains the following:—

'The long peal of Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne (i.e., 12,240 Treble Bob Maximus in 1911), setting up a new record for twelve bells, naturally revives interest in the previous record which was set up over 77 years ago. This peal was rung at Painswick, Gloucester, in 1833' (i.e., 10,224 Treble Bob Maximus). The explanatory notes in parentheses are mine.

Now, between those two peals the 11,111 Stedman Cinques was rung at Birmingham in 1901, and this peal 'The Ringing World' did not consider as having superseded the Painswick 10,224 Maximus. In other words, 'The Ringing World' in 1911 considered that only Maximus could beat Maximus for the record on twelve bells. This, I submit, is quite correct, and maintain that the 15,312 Cambridge Surprise Maximus rung last year still remains as the twelve-bell record.

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THE COLLEGE YOUTHS' DINNER.

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Mr. Cockerill, who was very cordially received, responded to the toast of 'The Ancient Society of College Youths,' proposed by Canon Coleridge, and first announced apologies for absence from the Dean of St. Paul's, Dr. Perkins (Westminster Abbey), Rev. Canon Haldane (Southwark), the Rectors of St. Michael's (Cornhill), Bow (Cheap-side), St. Dunstan's (Stepney), St. Michael's (College Hill), and St. Clement Danes, and the Vicar of Cripplegate, Rev. C. A. Clements (Chester Guild), and Rev. W. J. Besley (St. Lawrence Jewry), Messrs. P. J. Johnson (hon. secretary of the Yorkshire Association), L. Pitslow (Saffron Walden), J. T. Dyke (hon. secretary, Bath and Wells Association), A. Walker (Deputy Ringing Master, St. Martin's Guild), J. F. Smallwood (Derby) and A. Brooks (manager of the Columbia Record Company). A radiogram had also been received from the A.S. 'Winchester Castle': 'Viramus vanimeter felicitations.—Young.' During the year, continued the hon. secretary, they made twenty-three new members, and most of these purchased a copy of the original certificate engraved by Bartolozzi. They had lost nine members by death, viz.: Thomas W. Emsden (Chislehurst), George Bowen (Hiracombel), James C. F. Bayley (steeplekeeper at Cripplegate), T. Hervey Beams (Bradpole), Wilfred Richardson (Barnsley), Henry A. Barnett (Tottenham), Harry Dyas (St. Andrew's, Wells Street), Harry Torble (West Ham), and Reuben Copelin (Gravesend).

The names of these departed members were received by the company standing in silence.

During the year, proceeded Mr. Cockerill, they had had 71 practices at the various city churches and Southwark Cathedral. At these practices a good number of young members obtained practice on 12, 10 and 8 bells, and acquired that necessary habit of good striking (hear, hear). During the year 24 peals had been rung, not a great number perhaps, but they did not worry about ringing a lot of peals; they thought they were doing more good by holding practices and carrying on the ringing for the church services (hear, hear). The peals were made up of Grandsire Triples 2; Bob Major 1, Stedman Triples 5, Stedman Caters 5, Stedman Cinques 3, Double Norwich Major 2, Cambridge Surprise Major 2, Superlative Surprise Major 1, London Surprise Major 1, Cambridge Surprise Royal 1, Kent Treble Bob Maximus 1. In conclusion, Mr. Cockerill asked the members to join with him in wishing Canon Coleridge many happy returns of Monday, which would be his birthday.

Canon Coleridge's health was drunk with musical honours, and in acknowledging it he said his advancing years was one reason why he did not continue as president of the Central Council, and now that he was no longer president he thought the toast which he had for so long proposed should be entrusted to his successor, who had a far prior claim to him. Mr. Lewis was a much younger man, much more in touch with ringers than he (Canon Coleridge) could be at his mature age. Failing Mr. Lewis, there was another gentleman they could fall back on. He referred to Dr. Joyce, churchwarden of St. Mary's, Reading, who had now become a ringer, and only a week ago succeeded in ringing his first peal, one of Stedman Triples (hear, hear), and to whom he (Canon Coleridge) owed a great debt of gratitude.

Mr. A. A. Hughes proposed 'The Visitors,' by which toast, he said, they meant particularly the incumbents of the city churches, to whom they were indebted for the use of the bells for their practices. Unfortunately they had been disappointed that evening by several absences, including that of the Rector of St. Lawrence Jewry, who was unable to be with them. The bells there were silent for nearly thirty years, but since their restoration the Rector had brought forward recruits from his church, and with the help of several members of that society they were training a band who were going on very well indeed (applause). Two or three members of that band were present as visitors that night; he hoped next year they would be there as members (applause).

The Rev. E. C. Bedford (St. Andrew's, Holborn) responded, and he spoke of the valuable services rendered to his own church by the ringers of St. Andrew's Guild.

Mr. J. Bullock (vice-chairman) proposed 'London and Provincial Societies,' many of whom were represented that night. They extended a hearty welcome to them all.

Mr. F. W. H. Scrgison (St. Clement's Youths) replied for the London Societies, and referred to the difficulties which were experienced in regard to the ringing at London churches, first because of the proximity of business and office premises, and secondly because the ringers themselves had moved farther out. The smaller London societies like his own valued very much the help and support they got from the Ancient Society of College Youths.

FROM BRISTOL TO LONDON.

Mr. W. A. Cave (Bristol), whose name was also coupled with the toast, said there is just one thing about being a provincial: one never knows in these days of rapid changes, how soon circumstances may so alter as to turn him into a Metropolitan. When this happens in the case of a ringer, it is good to know that he will at once be able to meet friends who will do all that is possible to make him feel at home. Mr. Cave mentioned three who had passed from the provinces to Lon-

don by way of Bristol, and had attained the highest honour in London's premier ringing societies. Mr. O'Meara, who was Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths for four years, 1899, 1900, 1905 and 1908, did some of his earliest change ringing in the neighbourhood, but left there before his (the speaker's) time. The other two he knew well. Mr. J. D. Matthews, the worthy Master of the Royal Cumberlands, who came to Bristol from Northamptonshire, and was the only ringer in his (Mr. Cave's) experience to make a lengthened stay in Bristol, who knew more about ringing than they themselves, and he was not forgetting Mr. Fred May, who developed into such an excellent conductor after his arrival. Mr. Matthews was largely instrumental in the St. Stephen's band ringing the first Surprise peal in Bristol. Mr. Charles Horton, Master of the College Youths, 1918 and 1919, learnt all his ringing at Bristol before coming to London. Many handbell practices the three of them had at Mr. Matthews' home when his eldest son, Cecil, was a baby in the cradle by the fire-side. There were, continued Mr. Cave, two peal performances he would like to refer to. One was the so-called peal of Minor at Isham. As a speaker at the Central Council meeting said, 'There is nothing in the world to prevent any band ringing just what they like.' True, but if it was to be recognised as a peal it must be within a certain standard, and 14 360's were definitely not within that standard. It might have been rung with a certain object in view. Of that he knew nothing; but if the Analysis Committee decided not to recognise it as a peal, he thought they would be quite justified, and it was good to know they had the support of such eminent men as Mr. Trollope and the editor of 'The Ringing World.' The other peal was the one at Buckfast, the record of which was published the previous day. He considered Mr. Pye and his band had done a great service to ringing and ringers generally in visiting the Abbey and ringing such an excellent peal of Stedman Cinques. It was performances such as this that did an immense amount of good to the cause of change ringing. And especially did this apply to Devonshire, where there was such powerful opposition. He knew how thoroughly this opposition society did its work. He had seen in Devonshire towers large posters printed in red and blue announcing competitions, on both six and eight bells, giving the figures of the changes to be rung, besides the list of prizes to be won. They were a church society, recognised by their clergy, so that they were one with the rest of the Exercise, and it was up to them as change ringers to try and convert them to change ringing. This could only be done by visiting ringers giving of their very best, and not giving the round and call change ringers a chance to say, 'Us can ring better'n that ourselves' (laughter and applause).

Mr. R. T. Hibbert proposed 'The Press' in his typically outspoken manner. Amid laughter, he summed up all newspaper men as 'sons of Ananias.' He appealed to ringers to support their own paper, 'The Ringing World,' in which he hoped to see further encouragement given to young ringers, and took the Editor to task for the article which appeared in the previous day's issue describing the College Youths as exclusive and aloof. They were, he said, always glad to welcome any ringer. The College Youths were the hub of the wheel in ringing, and the provincial societies were only the spokes, the felloes and the tyres.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, Editor of 'The Ringing World,' replied to the toast, and this brought the speechmaking to a close.

The musical programme was exceptionally enjoyable. Mrs. A. A. Hughes again delighted the company with her handbell solos, 'Sol-veig's Song' (Grieg) and 'Until' (Sanderson), being followed, as an encore, by the ever popular 'Land of hope and glory.' Mr. E. Cave greatly amused the party with his humorous stories and sketches, while the baritone songs of Mr. Reginald Johnson were finely rendered, and the vocalist had to respond to an encore at each appearance. Mr. H. N. Pitslow was the accompanist. The very happy evening terminated with 'Auld Lang Syne.'

THE TWELVE BELL RECORD

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If any doubts remain, the point is one which, to use a phrase which has lately become very popular, 'in the interests of truth' should be cleared up.

I am not attacking the latest Painswick performance. I have nothing but admiration for any band that can put up a peal lasting nearly twelve hours, but I do object to claims being made that do not conform to ringing custom. I have yet to find the text book that describes Cinques as anything else but 'changes on eleven bells,' and emphatically state that the Painswick ringers have beaten no record but their own.—Yours faithfully,

C. T. COLES.

21, Vincent Road, E.4.

November 15th, 1930.

P.S.—The Central Council's 1927 edition of 'Rules and Decisions' states (page 17), with regard to peals on nine and eleven bells: 'That there be not less than 5,000 true changes rung without interval, in each case with the addition of a covering bell'; and on eight, ten and twelve bells, 'That there be not less than 5,000 true changes rung without interval' (1892 and 1925).

DEATH OF CANON W. W. C. BAKER.

We deeply regret to announce the death, which took place on Friday, of the Rev. Canon W. W. C. Baker, president and one of the founders of the Bedfordshire Association. For a considerable period Canon Baker was Vicar of Dunstable, but a few years ago he took the living of Southill, Beds.

Canon Baker was a member of the Cambridge University Guild and one of the few surviving original members of the Central Council, on which he had served without a break up to the time of his death. His passing will be a great loss to the Bedfordshire Association, and removes from the Exercise a very lovable figure.

Canon Baker has led a very active life that extended outside his parochial duties. For many years he was a member of the Bedfordshire County Council, and he was one of the members of the first Church Assembly.

BROMLEY BELLS RESTORED.

TUNING EFFECTS GREAT IMPROVEMENT.

The bells of SS. Peter and Paul's, Bromley, Kent, were reopened on Saturday last, after a complete restoration by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The bells have been retuned and recappeded on modern principles, with some new headstocks, all new wheels and fittings, including ball bearings. The old bells have tuned up wonderfully well, everyone present expressing their pleasure and surprise at their volume compared with the way they sounded only a few short weeks ago.

A service of thanksgiving was held at 3.30, at which, despite the inclement weather, there was a fair congregation present, including about 30 ringers. After the prayers of dedication and thanksgiving, the Vicar, the Rev. Prebendary Basil Rolton, gave a very bright and interesting address on bells, and their relation to divine worship, which was much appreciated. After the service an opening touch of two courses of Stedman Triples was rung by the local ringers, the Society of Bromley Youths, and then the bells were made good use of by local and visiting ringers for about two and a half hours, practically all the popular methods being rung, including London, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise, Double Norwich, Bob Major, Stedman Triples, and some Grandsire for the younger ringers. The company present included Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mr. A. Macdonald, Mr. J. H. Thomas, and Mr. G. Oliver (who hung the bells), of the firm of Mears and Stainbank, Messrs. H. Langdon, A. Colles, W. Hewett, C. Kippen, D. Cooper, E. F. Pike, W. Smith and other well-known ringers. All the ringers were not only well pleased with the greatly improved sound of the ancient bells, but also with the improved 'go' of them. In fact, the whole job leaves nothing to be desired, and in all ways reflects the greatest possible credit on the skill and workmanship of the ancient Whitechapel firm. I. E.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 8th, the North Notts Association held their last meeting of the year at Ordsall, near Reicford, when members from East Markham, Edwinstowe, Everton, Collingham, Cuckney, Gainsborough, Gamston, Mansfield Woodhouse, Misterton, Scotter, Sutton-on-Trent, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Treeton and Worksop came forward to test their skill on the light peal of six bells, and a full company of local ringers gave them a hearty welcome.

Tea was partaken of in the Parish Hall, excellently served by a few lady workers of the parish, who in due course were thanked for their admirable work.

The business meeting was presided over by the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, Rector of Ordsall, who in welcoming the association said that it was much to his regret that he could not be with them at every meeting, but his attendance this year had been affected by his illness. Mr. H. Haigh, in reply, said the association was very pleased to see the Rector back with them again as he was a very great help to the society. Mr. Haigh also remarked that not many towers had two clergyman ringers, but Ordsall had, and he wished the Rev. A. Dooxey the best of success in the art of change ringing.

Mr. P. W. Briggs, of Everton, was elected a new member, while Mr. Jas. Swindin, Mr. John Swindin, Mr. G. W. Stevenson, Mr. H. Stevenson, Mr. R. Lindy and Mr. F. Gibson were re-elected. It is very interesting to note that these gentlemen were ringers at Everton when the society was founded in 1887, and were among the leaders in the art of change ringing of the association. The same success, it is hoped, will favour the young band at Everton now.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Sutton-on-Trent on January 17th if possible.

The secretary had received quotations for the insurance of the Crawford Cup, and the premium quoted by the Phoenix Assurance Company was accepted.

Mr. H. Haigh thanked the Rector and all who had helped to make such a pleasant day for the visitors. This concluded the business, after which the tower was again visited.

NEW RING OF EIGHT FOR LEEDS.

A LIGHT PEAL AT BURLEY CHURCH.

The reopening of the bells at St. Matthias' Church, Burley, Leeds, after being silent for some considerable time, took place on Thursday, November 13th, and was attended by ringers from Leeds, Armley, Bramley, Headingley, Far Headingley, Calverley, Bradford and Holbeck. The founders of the new bells were represented by Mr. C. F. Johnston.

St. Matthias' Church was consecrated by the Bishop of Ripon on November 10th, 1854, and forms a very attractive object in the picturesque valley in which it is situated. The church is designed on the geometrical or middle-pointed style; the plan is cruciform, and consists of an attached tower 21ft. 6in. square at the west angle of the south transept. The tower is of three stages, and forms the entrance to the church. It is stone vaulted and surmounted by a spire 163ft. high. The steeple was built at the sole expense of Mr. Wm. Beckett. It originally contained a peal of six bells (tenor 7½ cwt.) presented by Mary and Elizabeth Beckett, of Meanwood Park, Leeds, in 1854. For some time, however, the bells have been unringable. The work of restoring them was given to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, who have cleared out the scaffold-like structure on which the old wooden frame was placed, and recast the existing peal of six into a peal of eight. The bells with their inscriptions are as follows:—

- 1.—B flat. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1930. Weight, 3 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.
- 2.—A. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1930. Weight, 3 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.
- 3.—G. Cast 1855. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1930. Weight, 3 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.
- 4.—F. Cast 1855. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1930. Weight, 3 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.
- 5.—E flat. Cast 1855. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1930. Weight, 4 cwt. 0 qr. 19 lb.
- 6.—D. Cast 1854. This peal of six bells recast and increased to a peal of eight bells 1930 by public and private subscriptions. Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. Weight, 4 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.
- 7.—C. Cast 1854. This bell restored in memory of Elizabeth Hannah Watson, Park Hill, Burley, 1930. Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. Weight, 5 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.
- 8.—B flat. Cast 1854. This bell restored in memory of William Plews, Esq., J.P., of the Woodlands, Burley, 1930. The original peal of six bells presented by Mary and Elizabeth Beckett, of Meanwood Park, 1854. Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. Weight, 7 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

The peal has been placed in an iron frame on rolled steel girders securely grouted into the walls, thus putting an end to all that movement of the tower which the previous six bells caused when rung. They have also put the chimes in order. The layout of the bells and the great care used in distributing the swinging weight of the metal is a revelation, and the founders are to be congratulated on their work.

The service of dedication commenced at 7.30 p.m., and was conducted by Rev. F. H. Moore, M.A., Vicar. During the singing of Psalm 122, 'I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the house of the Lord,' a procession was formed to the south porch, where the dedicatory prayers were offered by the Bishop of Ripon. While the procession returned to the chancel the bells were raised in peal by: P. J. Johnson 1, R. Thomas 2, W. Slack 3, G. Bennett 4, F. G. Sherwood 5, E. Hutchinson 6, G. Robinson 7, S. Sadler 8. The anthem, 'Let all men praise the Lord' was rendered by the choir, and the address which followed was given by the Bishop of Ripon.

After the service the bells were open to visitors, who expressed satisfaction at the 'go' of the bells, but complained of the noisiness in the ringing chamber. It is hoped that this will be remedied.

After the bells had been lowered, ringers and friends were entertained to supper, which was served by ladies in the Parish Hall.

OLD LANCASHIRE RINGER'S DEATH.

Another old member of the Lancashire Association has passed away in the person of Mr. John Smith, of 153, Palatine Road, Blackpool, who died from cancer on Saturday, October 11th, at the age of seventy years.

He began his ringing career at Christ Church, Bacup, and became a member of the association in 1887. From Bacup he removed to Rawtenstall, and was a ringer at the Parish Church there for many years. He went to live in Blackpool over twenty years ago, and had been most regular in his attendance at St. John's for Sunday service ringing. He never failed to attend the Fylde Branch meetings whenever his health and his work allowed him, and was Fylde Branch secretary for a year or so at one time.

Touques of Stedman Triples and Double Norwich were rung with the bells half-muffled in his memory at St. John's, Blackpool, by the local company on Thursday, October 16th.

A GLOUCESTERSHIRE RING RESTORED.

After being silent since the autumn of 1914, St. Nicholas' Church bells, Standish, Gloucester, were heard again for the first time on Saturday, November 8th, when they were re-dedicated by the Rt. Rev. Dr. Headlam, Bishop of Gloucester.

The church was crowded to its utmost capacity for the service, which took the form of evensong, during which the Vicar, churchwardens and Bishop proceeded to the west end of the church. Here the Bishop dedicated the bells and offered suitable prayers. The bells, which had been raised prior to the service, were then rung in rounds, this being the first time for over 16 years.

After the dedication, a new English altar was dedicated and vested, the Bishop then giving an address. At the conclusion of the service, a picked band of members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association rang 360 Grandsire Doubles, and for the remainder of the evening visitors from Painswick, Gloucester, Stonehouse, Great Witcombe, Elkstone, and other towers, had the opportunity of trying the bells.

The founders, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, who were represented by Mr. R. H. Dove, have made an excellent job, the 'go' of the bells being perfect, and the tone appreciably improved. No. 3 bell, which was cracked, has been recast, and the remainder retuned and turned, while the whole peal has been equipped with complete modern fittings, and hung in a two-tier metal frame. New oak floors to the ringing room, intermediate chamber and bell chamber, have been installed, while new louvres have also been fitted.

The cost of the work has been raised by voluntary subscription, and reflects great credit on such a small and scattered parish.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—

- Treble.—Charity brought me hear in the 1720th year A.R.
- 2.—Gloriam : Dei = in : Excelsis : Sono : 1656. W. : Chew : G. : Stratford Gardi, 1656.
- 3.—W. Chew. G. Stratford Gardi, 1656. Recast 1930. Andrew Freeman, Vicar. George Knight, Richard Thomas, Churchwardens. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon.
- 4.—Giles. Weyman. John Pridley. Chvrehwardens. Peare. God. 1651.
- 5.—Peace and Good Neighbourhood. A.R. 1748.
- 6.—Sancta : Maria : Ivo : Sverre : Piissima : Servo : Winelmo : Lawley : Viquaire : Cave : Me. (Weight, 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.)

THE FIRST RING OF BELLS IN JERSEY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Having made several journeys to my many relations in the Channel Islands, and having spent the most happy times of my life there, particularly in Jersey, I was keenly interested in the article in 'The Ringing World' under the above heading.

I know St. Thomas in Val Plaisant very well, and have in my collection a picture postcard of a most beautiful bell, shown suspended in this church, ready for hoisting up into its place in the tower. The wording on this postcard reads: 'Maria Immaculata bell of St. Thomas' Church, Jersey, rung for the first time December 8th, 1904.'

But this is not the first ring of bells in Jersey, for within a stone's throw, at the corner of David Place and St. Mark's Road, stands the Episcopal Church of St. Mark, which may be termed a daughter church of St. Helier, and a peal of six was installed here in 1844.

It is a musical ring of six, tenor about 11 cwt., cast at Whitechapel in 1844 by C. and G. Mears.

In looking through my diary of my ringing activities I find that on Friday, July 15th, 1904, at 3 p.m., I inspected the whole of this tower with my island friend, Mr. Philip Gaudin, and saw the six bells by Mears pushed into the corner to make room for the 2 ton clock bell by Taylor, 1881. On the following Sunday at 3 p.m. we met the Rev. Cobbe, of Devizes, hon. secretary, Salisbury Diocesan Guild, and tapped a few changes on these bells.

I have been in every parish church in the Islands, and as far as I know there has never been any change ringing, nor do I know of any other ring of bells in Jersey.—Yours sincerely,

F. W. RICHARDSON.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

A very successful meeting of the Southern District was held at Buckland on Saturday, November 1st, between forty and fifty ringers attending from Limsfield Chart, Charlwood, Mersham, Reigate, Godstone, Redhill, Kingswood, Burstow, Horley, and the local band, with visitors from Dorking, St. John's and St. Peter's, Croydon, Beddington, Mitcham, Turner's Hill and Swindon. At the service the Rector (the Rev. H. W. Dunk) welcomed the gathering, and paid a warm tribute to the keenness of the local band, and to their care of, and interest in, the bells. He spoke of the social aspect of a ringing band, and of the characteristic keenness that seemed to rise to such a height among men who had mastered this craft.

Tea was served at the Village Hall, provided by the Rector, his wife and other ladies, forty-four being present. After tea the usual business meeting was proceeded with, the Rector presiding.

The Rev. H. W. Dunk was elected as an honorary member, and Wilfred Tidy and Albert Brown, of Limsfield Chart, as ringing members (Continued in next column.)

MEMORIAL TO A RINGING MASTER.

DEDICATION AT ACTON.

A meeting of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at Acton on Saturday, November 8th. The bells pealed forth at 3.45 p.m., this being the first time they had been rung in the year 1930. The methods indulged in ranged from Grandsire Triples up to and including London Surprise Major.

To the citizens of Acton, the ringing was a summons to an impressive ceremony in the Parish Church, in memory of the late Mr. Robert E. Holloway, who was Ringing Master of the South and West District of the association, for 15 years captain of the local band, and a most zealous churchworker.

The service consisted of shortened evensong from the Ringers' Manual, and opened with the hymn, 'Ye servants of the Lord.' The prayers were read by the Rev. H. Segil (assistant priest), and the lesson, from the Book of Wisdom, was read by Mr. J. Armiger Trollope (vice-president). By special request the hymn, 'We love the place, O God,' was sung, while the Rector (the Rev. Percival Gough), followed by Rev. H. Segil, Mr. Trollope, Mrs. Holloway (the widow), and her son and daughters, and Mr. Wm. H. Hollier (hon. secretary), proceeded to the west end of the church for the dedication of a memorial in the shape of a handsome peal board recording a half-muffled peal of Bob Major, rung on October 6th, 1928, in memory of the late Mr. Holloway.

By permission of the Rector, Mr. Trollope gave an address, in which he pointed out that Mr. Robert Holloway's claims to their remembrance and gratitude arose from his devotion to his duty as a churchman and ringer. The lesson they had to learn, he said, was duty and loyalty to the band to which they belonged and to their church. It was not given to many of them to leave names behind them, even as ringers, but it was well if it could be said of any man, when his time came, as they said of Robert Holloway, that he served his generation according to the will of God, and had fallen asleep.

The board, which hangs on the screen, was then dedicated by the Rector. The hymn, 'Unchanging God Who livest,' was sung while the members of the little procession returned to their places. Afterwards the Rector read the final prayers and gave the blessing.

The ringers then adjourned to St. Andrew's Hall for tea, Mrs. Holloway, her son and daughter, and Mrs. Hollier being also present. Mr. Trollope presided, supported by Mr. Wm. Pickworth (vice-president), Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary), Rev. H. Segil, and Mr. E. Maurice Atkins and others.

After tea, Mr. Pickworth, on behalf of the Guild, presented to Mrs. Holloway a framed photograph of the peal board.—Mrs. Holloway thanked the members for the gift, which she would greatly treasure.

Mr. C. T. Coles and Mr. W. H. Fussell spoke in terms of admiration and respect of the late Mr. Holloway.

Members were present from Acton, Chiswick, Isleworth, Ealing (St. Mary's and Christ Church), Hillingdon (St. John's), Putney, Harrow, Twickenham, Harrow Weald, Chelsea, Beaconsfield, Southgate, St. Giles-in-the-Field, Kilburn, Bishopsgate, Stanmore, Ruiship, Willesden, Bushey Heath, Slough, Beaconsfield, Hammersmith, Kettering and Walthamstow.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector, to Mr. Trollope, to the assistant priest, the organist, to Mr. Fruin of the local band, and to the host and his assistants.

The District Ringing Master being unable to be present, best thanks are given to Mr. Albert W. Coles, Ringing Master of the North and East District for his assistance, and to all the officers and members who met to pay their last tribute of respect to the late Mr. Robert E. Holloway.

It was decided to hold a meeting in December, of which notice will appear in 'The Ringing World.'

The tower was again visited after tea, and further ringing took place.

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The next meeting is to be held at Blechingley or Betchworth, the arrangements being left to the secretary.

The next quarterly peal is to be attempted at Charlwood.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the use of the bells, for his address at the service, and for his and the ladies' hospitality in providing the tea. Votes of thanks were also accorded the organist for presiding at the organ during the service, and Mr. Frank Sanders for his assistance in making the arrangements for an enjoyable meeting.—This concluded the business, the ringers returning to the tower, where the bells were kept going till nine o'clock from rounds to London Surprise Minor.

CANON'S FIRST QUARTER-PEAL.

At Sherborne Abbey, Dorset, on November 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 58 mins.: J. Rickman 1, W. P. Lambert (first quarter-peal as conductor) 2, R. C. Day 3, D. Clothier 4, F. Price 5, Canon Wingfield Digby (first quarter-peal) 6, H. Pope 7, C. Vowles 8. Rung with ten different callings and 7.6.8 covering.

ARMISTICE ANNIVERSARY.**MEMORIAL TOUCHES.**

MORTON, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, November 16th, for evening Armistice service, a quarter-peal of Minor (240 Cambridge, 360 Oxford, 360 Kent and 300 Plain Bob) in 40 mins.: F. W. Knowles (conductor) 1, E. Mallender 2, V. Cox 3, F. Wheeler 4, F. Clarke 5, B. Wheeler 8.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Sunday, November 16th, before the annual Armistice memorial service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled: A. W. Cox 1, T. East 2, W. V. Webb 3, W. Lambell 4, H. K. White 5, A. H. Webb (conductor) 6, J. Sawyer 7, R. G. Rice 8.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.—On November 11th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): G. Jones 1, A. E. Richards 2, J. W. Clarke 3, R. Sperring 4, J. Swindley 5, J. Morgan 6, H. W. Wilde (conductor) 7, W. Thomas 8. Rung to commemorate the 12th anniversary of the Armistice.

ORDSALL, NOTTS.—On Tuesday, November 11th, in 47 mins., at All Hallows' Church, a quarter-peal of Minor (720 Oxford Bob and 540 Plain Bob), with the bells half-muffled: W. K. Brett 1, J. Hurst 2, R. W. Broomfield 3, D. A. Piercy 4, H. Revill 5, R. W. Stockdale (conductor) 6. First quarter-peal by the treble ringer, who is only 14 years of age.

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER.—On November 11th, at St. Lawrence's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) with the bells half-muffled, by a band composed entirely of ex-Service members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association: H. James 1, A. W. Wright 2, H. J. Hill 3, Mrs. F. A. Clements 4, H. Barrett 5, C. Robins 6, F. A. Clements (conductor) 7, E. Gardner 8. The band also had in mind Mr. Wright, father of the ringer of the 2nd, of Windrush, whose kindness and hospitality endeared him to all ringers who visited Windrush tower, and who was interred in Windrush cemetery on Wednesday, October 29th last.

GREAT TEY.—On Tuesday evening, November 11th, at the Parish Church of St. Barnabas, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,332 changes) in 52 mins., with the bells half-muffled, in remembrance of those who fell in the Great War: E. Percival 1, H. Webb 2, B. Webb 3, H. Garrard 4, T. Evans 5, G. Evans 6, T. Piper 7, J. Dyer (conductor) 8.

BURFORD, OXON.—On Tuesday evening, November 11th, in memory of all the day stands for, at the close of evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: E. Aldridge 1, E. Pearson 2, W. Brunsdon 3, A. Bishop 4, R. Hudson 5, W. Dixon 6, F. Soden (conductor) 7, T. Midwinter 8.

OXTON, BIRKENHEAD.—On November 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): H. Martin 1, W. Hughes 2, H. S. Brocklebank 3, S. Moston 4, E. Glenville 5, J. W. Evans 6, R. Birchall (conductor) 7, R. G. Edwards 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled on the occasion of the anniversary of the Armistice.

LILLINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.—At St. Mary Magdalene's Church, on Tuesday, November 11th, to mark the twelfth anniversary of the signing of the Armistice, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. Huxley 1, E. H. Adams 2, W. Harrison 3, A. W. Bond 4, H. C. Burt 5, W. A. Stote (conductor) 6. Rung with open clappers. First 720 in the method by all except the conductor.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.—On Armistice Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins., with the bells half-muffled: Miss H. Orchard 1, Miss B. Stadden 2, Miss G. Stadden 3, Mrs. W. Edwards (conductor) 4, A. Berg 5, F. Smith (first quarter-peal) 6, A. E. Colburn 7, J. Thomas 8.

WINDSOR.—On Armistice Day, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 48 mins.: W. P. Cross (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 1, H. G. Owen 2, T. Smith 3, W. Welling 4, W. Henley 5, L. Stilwell 6, E. S. T. Farr (first as conductor) 7, J. H. Cropley 8.

LEICESTER.—On Sunday evening, November 9th, at St. Margaret's, with the bells half-muffled, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Ex-Pte. E. E. Tanser (M.G.C.) 1, G. Humphreys 2, ex-Sergt. E. Morris 3, T. Bent 4, J. Morris 5, W. Tanser 6, L. Johnson 7, E. Cattell 8, G. S. Morris 9, ex-Pte. E. T. Sandall (Lincolns) 10. Composed and conducted by Staff-Sergt. Ernest Morris, R.A.S.C.

IDLE, YOKES.—For afternoon service, on November 9th, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich (1,280 changes) with fully-muffled clappers was rung: R. Humpbley 1, H. Haigh 2, F. Seager 3, H. Davison 4, T. Hill 5, F. Kilbshall 6, W. Feather 7, E. H. Simpson (conductor) 8.

BEDWELLTY, MON.—On Sunday, November 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 Doubles) was rung at St. Sannan's Church, in 45 mins., with the bells half-muffled in memory of those who fell in the Great War: I. Rowlands 1, G. Williams (conductor) 2, S. Williams 3, I. Werrett 4, T. Werrett 5, J. Rowlands (first quarter) 6, T. Hyde 7, R. Pearce 8; 7.6.8 covering.

EAST ILSEY.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, November 9th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): A. H. Webb 1, E. Warwick 2, F. G. James 3, W. Webb 4, C. J. Hibbert (conductor) 5, T. East 6, W. Hibbert 7, H. Brown 8. Ringers of 1, 3, 4 and 6 hail from Hagbourne. First quarter-peal as conductor. Rung with clappers half-muffled for the Armistice.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 25th, Southwark Cathedral on the 27th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Stoney Stanton on Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells available 3.45. A good meeting is requested.—W. A. Cope, Smockington.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District Meeting, Puttenham, Nov. 22nd. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Members are reminded that nominations for district officers must be made at this meeting.—G. L. Grover, Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, near Guildford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The district annual meeting will be held at Brentwood on Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Meeting to follow.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting at St. Bartholomew's has been brought forward to Nov. 22nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. Business: Arrangements for 1931 meetings calendar.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Shilton on Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock at a moderate charge. Midland Red buses leave Coventry (Greyfriars Green) Nuneaton route every half hour from 2.15, and leave Nuneaton (Bond Gate) Coventry route every half hour from 2.20.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Horton (6 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 22nd, at 4 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Warkton (5) on Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Usual arrangements.—H. Baxter, Bredon, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Albans on Saturday, Nov. 22nd. St. Peter's tower (10 bells) open from 2.45 until 5 p.m. The Cathedral tower open after tea. Service at St. Peter's at 5 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made. All welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Cheltenham Branch will be held on Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea by kind invitation of the Rev. Bagot de la Bere (Vicar).—Walter Yeend, Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting will take place at King's Langley (8 bells) on November 22nd, when a service, tea and meeting will be held. All ringers welcomed.—J. Cuplett, Hon. Sec., Aylesbury Road, Tring.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next meeting will be at Matlock, on Saturday next, Nov. 22nd, at the Church of St. Giles (8 bells, tenor 15 cwt.). Tea about 5 p.m.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Re-opening of the bells of St. George's, Bolton, Saturday, Nov. 29th. Service in the church 3.30 p.m., with address by Archdeacon Howson, Warden of the Liverpool Diocesan Guild. Tea in the school after service for all those who send in their names to Canon Elsee, M.A., St. George's Vicarage, Bolton, not later than Nov. 27th.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Mitcham on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Christ Church bells (6) available from 3 p.m. and after tea until 8 p.m. Parish Church bells (8) open after tea until 9 p.m. Service at Christ Church at 5 p.m., followed by tea at the Welfare Centre, Cavendish Road (by kind invitation of the Christ Church Company). Those requiring tea please let Mr. A. Miller, 2, Clarendon Road, Collier's Wood, S.W.19, know by Wednesday, Nov. 26th. All ringers are heartily welcome.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Norton-sub-Hamdon on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Dis. Sec., North Street, Martock.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A district meeting will be held at Ash on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in Parish Room. Nominations for district officers must be handed in at this meeting. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, 26th inst.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hertford on Saturday, November 29th, when the towers of All Saints' (10) and St. Andrew's (8) will be open during the afternoon and evening. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30. All will be made welcome. Good bus service from all parts.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—The annual meeting of the Gloucester Branch will be held at the Church of St. Lawrence, Barnwood, on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells (8) open at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., provided by the Vicar (the Rev. E. Bryce). All ringers welcome. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Nov. 25th?—W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 15, Painswick Road, Gloucester.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Baldock.—The reopening of Baldock bells, which have been rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, will take place on Saturday, Nov. 29th. The bells (8) will be available at 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Note.—Numbers for tea by Nov. 26th. Please make an effort to attend to make the meeting a success.—Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Wirral branch will be held at Wallasey (St. Hilary's), on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5.30. Tea and meeting afterwards in the Parish Hall.—H. S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 29th, at the Headingley towers. The bells of St. Chad's will be available from 3 to 5.30 p.m., and the bells of St. Michael from 6.30 to 9 p.m. Tea can be obtained near the churches, and arrangements will be made for anyone who send in their names to me before Nov. 26th.—H. Loft-house, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Houghton-le-Spring on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., in Kipper School, and please advise Mr. Chas. H. Humphrey, 13, Glebe Terrace, Houghton-le-Spring, by Nov. 27th. All ringers are welcome, and we hope for a bumper meeting. Even if it is 'wet' it will be 'fine' at the meeting, so turn up in force.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Water Street, West Hartlepool.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport and Bowdon Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Stalybridge, on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea, please inform Mr. A. Jackson, 14, Kay Street, Stalybridge, not later than Tuesday, Nov. 25th.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Writtle on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service in church 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Will all those intending being present please notify, not later than morning of Nov. 27th, Mr. T. Lincoln, Oxney Green, Writtle, Chelmsford?—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Arlesey on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Good train and bus service. A good company is requested. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The monthly meeting at St. Chad's, Poulton, has been altered to Dec. 6th, at the request of the Vicar and wardens. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business 6 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., Fylde.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next branch meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's, Colne, on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD. —Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Swansea, on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., with tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District. —The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting, Manchester, on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, at a reasonable charge. Names for tea to be sent to Mr. J. Hall, 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester, not later than Dec. 4th. Cars No. 20, 21 or 24, from Stevenson Square, Oldham Street, to the Osborne Theatre. Gentlemen cordially invited.—N. Cawthorne, Dis. Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The next by-meeting of the district will be held on Saturday, Dec. 6th, at Chilham. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at the Woolpack. Please notify me before Thursday, Dec. 4th.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at St. Matthias', Burley, Leeds, on Saturday, Dec. 6th. The augmented peal of 8 (tenor 8 cwt.), recently recast and rehung, will be available from 2.30 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head, to all those who send in their names to Mr. G. W. Slack, 12, Wolseley Mount, Burley, Leeds, not later than Tuesday, Dec. 2nd. —F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Colchester, on Saturday, Dec. 6th next. Bells will be available at 3.15 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5.15 p.m., 1s. each. All wishing to attend, will they notify me not later than Wednesday, Dec. 3rd?—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 6th, at St. Mary Redcliff. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Parish Room, Guinea Street, 5.15. All ringers and friends welcome. Will tower secretaries please note alteration of date? Subscriptions for 1930 now due. Preliminary notice: Quarterly meeting, Dec. 27th, at Brislington. Annual Meeting, St. Stephen's (City), Jan. 25th, 1931.—Harry Bennett, Branch Sec., Highfield, Runswick Road, Brislington.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Leonard's, Bilston, Staffs, on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Clement's, Hastings, on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow. The bells of Christ Church, St. Leonards, will be available after the meeting.—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A dinner will be held at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday, Jan. 10th, 1931.—Tickets 5s. 6d. each. Early application should be made, as accommodation is limited.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

LEICESTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES. — Preliminary Notice. — The annual dinner will be held in Leicester on Saturday, Feb. 7th, 1931. Particulars later.—Alban Disney, 3, Highgate, Aylestone Lane, Leicester.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — The new certificate is now ready; price 1s. Application should be made to the district secretaries, accompanied with remittance. **PLEASE BUY ONE.**—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec.

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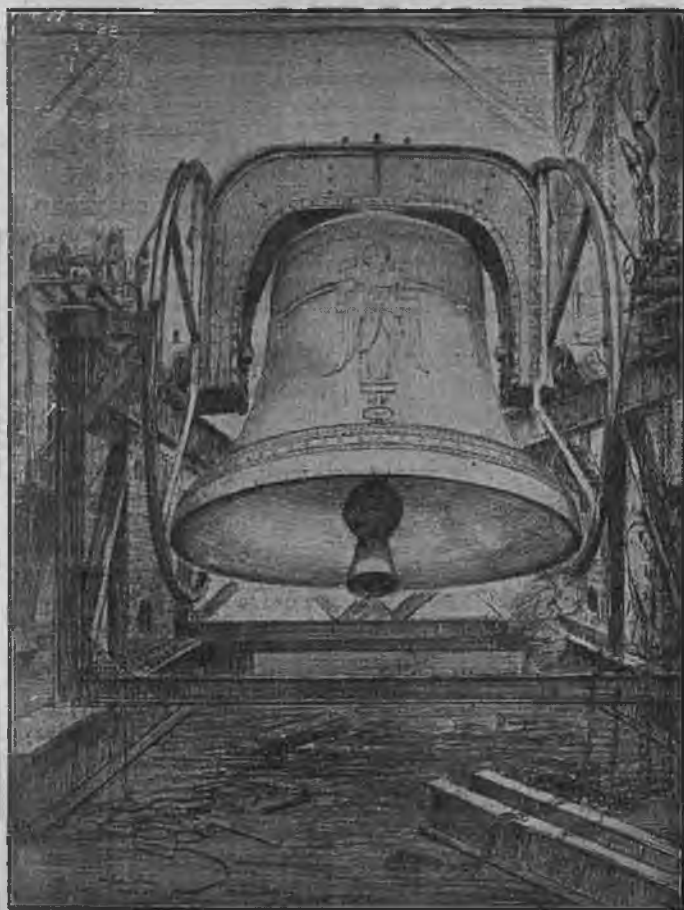
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The columns of 'The Ringing World' have ever been open for the making of appeals, either on behalf of distressed members of the Exercise, or to assist ringers in their efforts to raise funds for bell restoration or augmentation. It is always a pleasure to bring these appeals to the notice of our readers, for it gives an opportunity to those who are able and willing to do so to lend a helping hand. These, however, are days when, with depression in industry and vast unemployment, the resources of ringers, in common with other classes, are depleted, and not all have anything to spare for outside objects. Yet, whenever these appeals are made, how much might be done if everyone who is earning a regular wage would contribute even a shilling? Except where the cases have a direct human appeal, however, requests for help are frequently passed over as being of no concern of the reader, because they do not happen to relate to some tower which he knows or which is in his own association's area; yet there is at the back of all these appeals a genuine need for help, and help which could be given in many cases without much, if any, sacrifice on the part of the giver. There are those cases, for instance, where impoverished parishes are anxious to have their bells set in order and are absolutely without the means of raising sufficient funds locally to do the work; and cases where, with the parish already giving its utmost to carry out a scheme of restoration, an opportunity presents itself for effecting further improvement if only outsiders will come to the aid of the local people.

Such an appeal as this appears in our present issue. The little Worcestershire agricultural village of Hinton-on-the-Green is spending all the money it can raise at home upon putting its bells in order and adding another to make them into a peal of six. Simultaneously an offer comes of a new bell if the ring is made into eight. The opportunity seems too good to be missed, for that part of Worcestershire is sadly handicapped by want of a handy octave for eight-bell practice. The task of raising the rest of the funds, therefore, falls largely upon the shoulders of the ringers, who, for years, have steadfastly discharged their duties to the church and maintained a band of double numerical strength and more to ensure that the bells should be regularly rung on Sundays. Is this not one of the cases, therefore, where not only members of the Worcestershire Association, who took such an admirable share in the recasting of their Cathedral bells, but members of the Exercise generally should lend a helping hand to further, as they undoubtedly would, the art of ringing in a district which promises

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well to repay any effort made to assist it? Many of us are apt to spend shillings without thought upon personal trifles of no consequence. We should be doing some real service to our art sometimes if, when restoration appeals are made, we diverted what would otherwise be a promiscuously spent shilling to a channel in which it could help to do some permanent good. We hope there will be a ready response to the appeal from Hinton-on-the-Green, in substantial sums by all means, if possible, and in those small contributions from the multitude, which would not only count up to a considerable total, but show a spirit of goodwill in an undertaking which, at the moment, is a venture of faith and a project which will enable its sponsors to carry on their work with greater scope, if not more worthily, than in the past.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(St. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

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| ROBERT H. BRUNDLE | Treble | WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 7 |
| CHARLES J. SEDGLEY | 2 | GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 8 |
| WILLIAM P. GARRETT | 3 | CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 9 |
| HARRY R. ROPER | 4 | *EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 10 |
| *STANLEY MOSS | 5 | GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 11 |
| HAROLD E. SYMONDS | 6 | *LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... Tenor |

Conducted by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

* First 'touch' of Pudsey Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

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| *CHARLES MOUNSEY | Treble | FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 6 |
| SAMUEL BAKER | 2 | J. D. G. HARRIS ... 7 |
| LOUIS S. GRIFFITH | 3 | WILLIAM A. COOPER ... 8 |
| *ALBERT COLLINS | 4 | HARRY BOSWELL ... 9 |
| WALTER FARLEY | 5 | ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM A. COOPER
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal of Grandsire Caters with an 'inside' bell.

NEWPORT, MON.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PRO-CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLOS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 8003 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

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| GEORGE HAWKINS | Treble | WILLIAM PHILLIPS ... 6 |
| DONALD G. CLIFT | 2 | CHARLES GREEDY ... 7 |
| WILLIAM PIKE | 3 | ALBERT HAWKINS ... 8 |
| KENNETH KNOWLES | 4 | REGINALD LEWIS ... 9 |
| PERCY JONES | 5 | ALBERT THOMAS ... Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by C. GREEDY.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5103 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

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| KEITH HART | Treble | ROBERT SWIFT ... 6 |
| KENNETH SNELLING | 2 | ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 7 |
| FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... 3 | | JOHN H. B. HESSE ... 8 |
| C. ERNEST SMITH | 4 | *FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 9 |
| FREDERICK S. BAYLEY | 5 | ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING

SWINDON, WILTS.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb.

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| JACK ROBERTS Treble | JOHN BERRY 6 |
| LOUIS A. WILSON 2 | CHARLES J. GARDINER 7 |
| SIDNEY PALMER 3 | HENRY W. L. WELLS 8 |
| WILLIAM W. T. DANIELS 4 | WALTER TRUEMAN 9 |
| HERBERT W. BISHOP 5 | WILLIAM A. BULLOCK Tenor |

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by C. J. GARDINER

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, November 8, 1930, in Two Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| BRUCE BERRINGTON Treble | JOHN E. BIBBY 5 |
| WILLIAM BIBBY 2 | *JOHN E. RANGLES 6 |
| OSWALD CLAYBROOK 3 | GEORGE H. RANGLES 7 |
| CYRIL VALENTINE 4 | FRANCIS BIBBY Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

* First peal of Major.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 11, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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| *ARTHUR HUME Treble | JOHN WOOD 5 |
| HARRY ALLEN 2 | ARTHUR HEAD 6 |
| WILLIAM LINCOLN 3 | RICHARD C. CLARK 7 |
| HERBERT DEVENISH 4 | LESLIE J. CLARK Tenor |

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD.

Conducted by LESLIE J. CLARK.

* First peal of Major. Rung on the front eight, with the bells half-muffled, in memory of Frederick J. Tolworthy, who passed away on November 6th. The deceased had for several years been a ringer at the Cathedral, and formerly lived in Suffolk.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 11, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, LEESEFIELD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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| JAMES ALBISON Treble | HARRY CORSER 5 |
| WALTER EGERTON 2 | WALTER HOWARTH 6 |
| ERNEST MOORES 3 | ABRAHAM BROMLEY 7 |
| SYDNEY GOULDEN 4 | OGDEN MOORES Tenor |

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by O. MOORES.

Rung with the bells half-muffled on the anniversary of the Armistice. First peal in the method by all, and first peal as conductor.

YATELEY, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 13, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

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| *MAJOR J. G. STILWELL ... Treble | *GEORGE IVES 5 |
| GEORGE BUTLER 2 | *ALBERT GOOLALL 6 |
| HAROLD TICE 3 | SYDNEY RIDDELL 7 |
| *CYRIL BUNCH 4 | *ALBERT HEARMON, JUN. ... Tenor |

Conducted by G. BUTLER.

* First peal. † First peal on 'inside' bell. Rung by the local band as a complimentary peal to the president of the band, Mr. S. Riddell, by whom all the ringers were taught. This is the first peal by the Basingstoke district of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

LOXTON, SOMERSET.—On Monday, August 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 40 mins.: E. Stith (conductor) 1, E. Cook 2, A. Ham 3, C. Weare 4, W. E. Wiseman 5, A. Hunt 6.

LAPIS REPROBATUS CAPUT ANGULI

MASONIC PEAL.

MELKSHAM, WILTSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
BY MARK MASTER MASONS OF ENGLAND AND WALES
AND THE

DOMINIONS AND DEPENDENCIES OF THE BRITISH CROWN.

JOHN CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

Brother CANON G. F. COLERIDGE, P.M. Valentia Lodge, No. 623,

P. Grand Chaplain, Secretary and Registrar of

Marks, No. 623. Treble

" GEORGE H. ARCHARD, P.M. Chaloner Lodge, No. 599.

P. Prov. Senior Grand Deacon, Wilts. 2

" CHARLES H. JENNINGS, United Service Lodge, No. 634. 3

" W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM, P.M. Sanitarian Lodge, No. 786.

P.A.G.I.G. Debenham Lodge, No. 636. Panmure

Lodge, No. 139. W.M. Macdonald Lodge, No.

104. P. Prov. Grand Warden, Herts. 4

" ERNEST BISHOP, P.M. Swindon Keystone Lodge, No.

401. P. Prov. Grand Warden, Wilts. 5

" JAMES H. SHEPHERD, P.M. Swindon Keystone Lodge, No.

401. P. Prov. Grand Registrar, Wilts. 6

" ARTHUR PRINCE, P.M. D.C. Talbot Lodge, No. 179.

Wiltshire Keystone Lodge, No. 178. Langley

Lodge, No. 28. Royal Cumberland Lodge, Time

Immemorial, Provincial Grand Registrar, S. Wales 7

" W. S. BURBIDGE, P.M. Chaloner Lodge, No. 599.

Secretary No. 599. P. Prov. Senior Grand War-

den, Wilts. Tenor

Conducted by Wor. Bro. ARTHUR PRINCE, Prov. G. Reg.

GRATIA DOMINE TIBI : BENE STUDUIMUS, OPUS PEREGIMUS.

The first peal rung by Mark Master Masons. It was most gratifying to the brethren that Very Worshipful Bro. Canon G. F. Coleridge was able to take part on this occasion, it being three years and three months since he rang his last peal. This peal commemorated his 73rd birthday, and the brethren wished him many happy returns. He has been Secretary and Registrar of Marks of the Valentia Lodge for eleven years.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

WASBROOK'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 19½ cwt.

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| CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Treble | *HARRY A. HOVERD 5 |
| LEONARD H. BAYBUT ... 2 | WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 6 |
| *RICHARD SMITH 3 | HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 7 |
| JAMES E. DAVIS 4 | WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor |

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal of Cambridge with an 'inside' bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. R. Smith and C. W. Roberts.

STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

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| ERNEST BENNETT Treble | WILFRED STEVENSON 5 |
| THOMAS JONES 2 | ALFRED W. FROST 6 |
| JOHN BRIERLEY 3 | CHARLES OLLIER 7 |
| ERNEST GARSIDE 4 | JOHN WORTH Tenor |

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ERNEST BENNETT.

First peal of Major on the bells. Rung as a quarterly peal for the Stockport and Bowden Branch.

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DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 17, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

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| JAMES E. DAVIS Treble | WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 5 |
| *JOHN A. WAUGH 2 | WILFRED WILLIAMS 6 |
| *JOHN H. CRAMPION 3 | *RONALD H. BULLEN 7 |
| EDWIN F. PIKE 4 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal in the method.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 19, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

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| NELSON ELLIOTT Treble | CECIL NICE 5 |
| KENNETH SNELLING 2 | KEITH HART 6 |
| REGINALD V. JOHNSON 3 | GEORGE ELLIS 7 |
| JACK M. CRIPPS 4 | OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

Rung on the 40th anniversary of the wedding of the respected steepkeeper, Mr. W. Stanning.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 20, 1930, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TEN-PART, No. 2.

Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

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| MADRICE SWINFELD Treble | RICHARD W. DRAGE 5 |
| JOHN H. SWINFELD 2 | EDWARD C. GOBEY 6 |
| CHARLES DRAPER 3 | JAMES GEORGE 7 |
| JOSEPH BAILEY 4 | JAMES S. HUTCHBY Tenor |

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. Percy Hancock, who had been a respected sidesman of the above church for a number of years.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, November 20, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

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| LESLIE G. BRETT Treble | GEORGE BENNETT 5 |
| GEORGE WHITING 2 | ERNEST E. LANHAM 6 |
| GEORGE PRYKE 3 | T. WILLIAM LAST 7 |
| JAMES BENNETT 4 | LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN Tenor |

Composed by N. J. PISTROW.

Conducted by T. W. LAST.

First peal in the method in the county and for the Suffolk Guild; also first in the method by all the band and rung at the first attempt.

LEWISHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 20, 1930, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 22½ cwt.

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| CHARLES H. WALKER Treble | JAMES BENNETT 5 |
| HARRY WARNETT, SEN. 2 | GEORGE H. DAYNES 6 |
| JOHN J. LAMB 3 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7 |
| *JACK DAFTERS 4 | J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

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| JOHN H. CHANCE Treble | ALBERT FLEET 5 |
| CYRIL HERBERT 2 | DOUGLAS HARRISS 6 |
| ALFRED KING 3 | EDMUND J. HOBBS 7 |
| ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 4 | HORACE H. SMITH Tenor |

Composed by J. W. BARKER. Conducted by EDMUND J. HOBBS.
Rung half-muffled in memory of 'our friend and president,' the Rev. Canon W. W. C. Baker.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

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| FREDERICK BORRETT Treble | WALTER BARRETT 5 |
| GEORGE HOWLETT 2 | CHARLES LOOME 6 |
| *CYRIL BARBER 3 | ERNEST WHITING 7 |
| STANLEY COPLING 4 | †TOWNSON ADCOCK Tenor |

Composed by T. POLLITT.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

* First peal. † First peal of Kent. 600th peal by conductor.

CRESWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| JOHN HOLMAN Treble | ERNEST WAGSTAFF 5 |
| JESSE J. MOSS 2 | GEORGE L. CHAMBERS 6 |
| EDWARD E. ROBBINS 3 | LESLIE W. BACON 7 |
| JOHN H. BROTHWELL 4 | JOHN FLINT Tenor |

Composed by SIR A. P. HAYWOOD.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

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| RONALD H. DOVE Treble | †ALBERT E. CHERSEMAN ... 5 |
| GEORGE W. STEERE 2 | †FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN ... 6 |
| FREDERICK G. WOODISS 3 | ALFRED J. BULL 7 |
| *ROYDEN DAVIS 4 | CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor |

Composed by N. J. PISTROW.

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

* First Surprise peal. † First peal in the method

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

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| *ERNEST W. ELDRIDGE Treble | JESSE ELDRIDGE 5 |
| †WILLIAM E. TAYLOR 2 | *WILLIAM WALKER 6 |
| THOMAS S. GOODCHILD 3 | GEORGE MARTIN 7 |
| CHARLES SMITH 4 | ARTHUR MARTIN Tenor |

Composed by FRED DENCH.

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN. 9

* First peal in the method. † First in the method away from the treble. First peal in the method by the local band. It is 24 years since the first Surprise peal was rung by the local band at this church. Four of the above took part in it, viz., G. Martin, A. Martin, W. Walker and J. Eldridge.

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PENSNETT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mark,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

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| GEORGE A. BAKER | JOSEPH FLAVELL | 5 |
| *FREDERICK WARR | HARRY BOSWELL | 6 |
| ERIC N. SANT | ALFRED FALLON | 7 |
| ALBERT D. COLLINS | JAMES SHAW | Tenor |

Conducted by A. FALLON.

* First peal inside.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1930, in Three Hours,

At the Church of SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

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| HECTOR A. KNIGHTS... .. | GEORGE A. NEWTON | 5 |
| *ERNEST E. PICKERING | ALFRED BALLARD | 6 |
| C. HENRY WEBB | T. KELHAM DEACON | 7 |
| ERNEST MORRIS... .. | T. HENRY WRIGHT | Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First Major peal. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Miss Ellen West, a worshipper at this church, who was interred in the churchyard prior to the peal. The conductor has now rung each bell in this tower to peals. This composition had 188 singles and 8 dobs.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOE DEANERIE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

At the Church of SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

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| GEORGE LADD | SYDNEY E. ANDREW | 5 |
| JOHN T. BROWN | WILLIAM HOLLINGWOOD | 6 |
| ARTHUR J. FARR | *HARRY NICHOLS... .. | 7 |
| *GEORGE W. SIMPSON | JOHN G. AMES | Tenor |

Composed by J. NICHOLS.

Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday peal for G. W. Simpson.

WHITCHURCH, SHROPSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

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| GEORGE F. SPERRING | RICHARD T. HOLDING... .. | 5 |
| ROBERT SPERRING | HARRY F. HOLDING | 6 |
| WILLIAM J. CHESTER | PERCY SWINDLEY... .. | 7 |
| WALTER THOMAS... .. | EDWARD V. RODENBURST | Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 22, 1930, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt.

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| ALFRED REYNOLDS | SIDNEY G. THOMPSON | 5 |
| SAMUEL J. HUGHES | JOHN BASS | 6 |
| WILLIAM H. COOPER | WALTER FARLEY | 7 |
| JOSEPH H. COX | PERCIVAL C. RICHARDS | Tenor |

Conducted by WALTER FARLEY.

TRING.—At the Parish Church, on November 18th, 720 Oxford Bob Minor in 30 mins.: J. Cheery 1, H. Brackley 2, J. Puplett 3, F. C. Reeve 4, H. Bull 5, C. Badrick 6, F. J. Reeve (conductor) 7, N. Brackley 8. The changes were on the middle six. First 720 in the method by all except the 3rd ringer.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

On Saturday, November 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

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| *MISS RUBY HAZELL | MISS KATHLEEN FLETCHER | 5 |
| MISS STELLA DAVIS | MRS. R. F. DEAL | 6 |
| MISS DOROTHY R. FLETCHER | MRS. G. W. FLETCHER | 7 |
| MISS IRENE L. HASTIE | MRS. A. D. BARKER | Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by MRS. G. W. FLETCHER

* First peal in the method.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HALEY'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

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| JOHN ANDERSON | JOSEPH E. R. KEEN | 5 |
| WILLIAM H. BARBER | STEPHEN W. STRATFORD | 6 |
| *JAMES S. REDHEAD | ADAM DEAS | 7 |
| WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON | WILLIAM M. RICHARDSON | Tenor |

Conducted by ADAM DEAS.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Triples as conductor.

BRENTCHLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of All SAINTS,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

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| ALBERT RELFE | HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHREY | 5 |
| THOMAS E. SONE | WILLIAM BIDNELL | 6 |
| MRS. H. BAKER | CHARLES W. PLAYER | 7 |
| HARRY BAKER | KENNETH PATTENDEN... .. | Tenor |

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

The conductor has now called a peal from each bell in this tower.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

DOWNHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(MARSHLAND BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, November 11, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. EDMOND,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

Tenor 13 cwt.

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| FREDERICK MATTHEWS | PORTER PECKETT | 4 |
| ALFRED E. BACON | ERNEST MASTIN | 5 |
| *ERNEST HARRIS | WILLIAM BUCKENHAM... .. | Tenor |

Conducted by W. BUCKENHAM.

* First peal. First peal as conductor and on the bells since they were rehung in 1929. Rung with the bells half-muffled for Armistice Day, also for Mr. Walter Scott, who was buried at the above church earlier in the day.

KIMBOLTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 11, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. JAMES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Original, St. Dunstan's, Old Doubles, Morning Star, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, and Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

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| WILLIAM E. JAINE | WILFRED E. BROOKES | 4 |
| JOHN F. FOX... .. | THOMAS G. COOKE | 5 |
| FREDERICK A. JAINE | WILLIAM H. JAINE | Tenor |

Conducted by F. A. JAINE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of the men of the parish who lost their lives in the war, 1914-1918. Also as a memorial peal to the late Mrs. F. Jaine, of Kimbolton, wife of a former conductor in the tower. The conductor of this peal and the ringer of tenor are sons, and the ringer of treble a grandson of Mrs. Jaine, who was interred at Kimbolton the previous Saturday.

MUCH MARCLE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 11, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings.

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| CHARLES COX Treble | JOHN J. WEBB 4 |
| ALFRED T. POULTON 2 | ERNEST COX 5 |
| CECIL COX 3 | HARRY E. COX Tenor |

Conducted by ERNEST COX.

First peal as conductor. Rung on the anniversary of Armistice Day.

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

On Tuesday, November 11, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of four six-scores each of New Doubles, Old Doubles, St. Simon's, Canterbury and Plain Bob, and 22 of Grandsire.

Tenor 8 cwt.

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| HERBERT MONTON Treble | REGINALD WILLIAMSON 3 |
| RONALD C. COLEMAN 2 | GEORGE MIDDLETON 4 |

GEORGE S. F. BROWN ... Tenor

Conducted by R. WILLIAMSON.

All the band reside at Pynchley and are Sunday service ringers at the Parish Church of All Saints. Rung with the bells half-muffled for the Armistice anniversary by an entirely local band.

BEDWELLY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

On Tuesday, November 11, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Sannan,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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| I. ROWLANDS Treble | T. MERRETT 5 |
| *MISS R. LANE 2 | *J. ROWLANDS 6 |
| G. WILLIAMS 3 | R. PEARCE 7 |
| S. WILLIAMS 4 | F. MORGAN Tenor |

Conducted by S. WILLIAMS.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung with 7.6.8 covering and the bells half-muffled. Miss Lane is the first lady to ring a peal on these bells.

PITSFORD, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 13, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor different callings.

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| *FRANK COX Treble | FRANK BURGESS 3 |
| GEORGE PARKER 2 | THOMAS WISE 4 |

ISAAC BENNETT ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS WISE.

* First peal.

ALDFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr.

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| HERBERT ROBERTS Treble | CHARLES DRYLAND 4 |
| GEORGE CASE 2 | JOHN TILSTON 5 |
| JOHN HUGHES 3 | THOMAS GUEST Tenor |

Conducted by T. GUEST.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to George Case.

WESTON-UNDER-PENYARD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 12 cwt.

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| *JOHN J. WEBB Treble | FRANK VOYCE 4 |
| HENRY E. COX 2 | ALFRED T. POULTON 5 |
| WILLIAM T. POSTON 3 | WILLIAM POSTON Tenor |

Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal of Minor.

STANDON.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1930, 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, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 17 cwt.

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| A. PHILLIPS Treble | S. CARTER 4 |
| MISS NORA WELCH 2 | B. PATMORE 5 |
| *J. WILLIAMS 3 | J. WELCH Tenor |

Conducted by S. CARTER.

* First peal and first attempt. Ringers of 1, 3 and 4 from Little Munden, 2 and 5 from Bennington, and 5 from Great Munden.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's in 16 methods, viz.: (1) Morpeth and Alnwick, (2) Northumberland and Carlisle, (3) Durham, York, Surfleet and Beverley, (4) Norfolk and Primrose, (5) Ipswich and Cambridge, (6) London, Cuneastre and Wells, (7) Norwich. Tenor 13 cwt.

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| ARTHUR T. HOLMES Treble | JAMES OSBORN 4 |
| JOHN W. LAKE 2 | ALBERT S. ALLEN 5 |
| HORACE M. DAY 3 | THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

The largest number of Surprise methods rung by the Guild in one peal.

ALMELEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, November 16, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 22 six-scores, five 240's of Pitman's and five 240's of Morris', twenty callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

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| OWEN DAVIES Treble | EDMUND MORRIS 4 |
| JAMES P. HYETT 2 | JAMES RANDLE 5 |
| ERIC R. WEBB 3 | CHARLES WEBB Tenor |

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

Rung as a thankoffering to the donors of the treble bell, which was given as a memorial to the late Mrs. C. T. Hunt, an hon. member of the Guild.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 17, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 College Exercise, two each of Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

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| JOHN D. BUCKINGHAM ... Treble | *FRANK W. SHYNN 4 |
| BERNARD C. MANN 2 | CHARLES J. MANN 5 |
| ALFRED APPLETON 3 | EDWARD P. BUCKINGHAM ... Tenor |

Conducted by E. P. BUCKINGHAM.

* First peal. Arranged for E. P. Buckingham, of Blackmore. It was 21 years since the brothers Buckingham rang their last peal together.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 19, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt. 15 lb.

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| ALBERT H. STEBBINGS ... Treble | HARRY STEBBINGS 4 |
| WILLIAM G. GRIDLEY 2 | HARRY S. BARKER 5 |
| STANLEY W. BIGMORE 3 | EDWARD J. HOWARD Tenor |

Conducted by HARRY S. BARKER.

First peal on the bells by a local band, who are all Sunday service ringers, and their first attempt.

DODDERHILL, DROITWICH, WORCS.—At St. Augustine's Church, on November 11th, in 55 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes, ten different callings): F. Summerton 1, A. Moseley 2, C. Harrison 3, C. Smith (conductor) 4, H. Maycroft 5, A. Thomas 6. All the above ringers are members of local Sunday service band of ringers.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
 (THE CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, November 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes.

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. AND MRS. PHILPOTT.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor size 14 in D.

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| WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 1-2 | RAYMOND PHILPOTT ... 5-6 |
| ALFRED H. POLLING ... 3-4 | *GEORGE S. CLODE ... 7-8 |

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

Umpire: GEORGE WILSON.

First peal on handbells by the Guild. * First peal 'in hand.'
 Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Melville's mother.

ARMLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 19, 1930, in Two Hours and Five Minutes.

AT ASHLEY DALE, 28, ARMLEY GRANGE VIEW.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

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| MALCOLM MOORHOUSE ... 1-2 | JOHN W. MOORHOUSE ... 5-6 |
| JOSEPH THACKRAY ... 3-4 | LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 7-8 |

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by JOHN W. MOORHOUSE.

Umpire: MISS LEACH, of Bramley.

First peal in the method on handbells by the ringer of 7-8. It is 33 years since the ringer of 3-4 rang his last peal on handbells.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 20, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT 23, GREEK STREET.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor size 20 in E.

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| FREDERICK PAGE ... 1-2 | ALFRED BARNES ... 7-8 |
| HAROLD JACKSON ... 3-4 | WILLIAM JACKSON ... 9-10 |
| ALLEN F. BAILEY ... 5-6 | PETER LAFLIN ... 11-12 |

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by ALLEN F. BAILEY.

Umpire: ERNEST BENNETT.

A MID-WEEK MEETING.

A very enjoyable and encouraging joint meeting of the Heris and Essex Associations was held at Hoddesdon on Wednesday, November 19th, when no less than 15 parishes were represented, viz., Cheshunt, Brockley, Enfield (St. Andrew's), Harlow, Harlow Common, Edmonton, Hertford, Walthamstow, Leytonstone, Stortford, Romford, Hunsdon, Ware, Hoddesdon and Little Mundon.

The Vicar gave an address, and went to considerable trouble to secure the choir and organist for the service. He was heartily thanked for his and their help, which made a bright and happy service.

Some very good ringing was done, ranging from a plain course of Grandsire Triples to Superlative and Cambridge Surprise, and several received great help in the practical side of the art.

This new venture of holding a mid-week meeting for those whose work prevents attendance on Saturdays has proved the great usefulness of the movement, and will no doubt be kept up. It is hoped to hold the next at St. Andrew's, Enfield, in January.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Western Division of the Sussex County Association was held at Steyning on Saturday, November 15th. Although there was not a large gathering of members, some good practice was put in in methods from Grandsire to London and Bristol Surprise Major. Twenty-five put in an appearance during the afternoon and evening, representing the following towers: Brighton (St. Peter's, St. Nicholas' and Good Shepherd), Hove, Kirdford, Itchingfield, Hentfield, Lewes, Horsham, Shoreham, Warnham, and members of the local band.

Tea was partaken of at the Railway Hotel, and at the business meeting, with Mr. Walter Charman presiding, the following new members were elected: Messrs. William Morey, Eric Morey, Frank King, Ronald Childs, and Harold Trower, of Henfield, Frank Halstead, Alex Hancorn and Horace Gardener, of Shoreham.

Votes of thanks to the chairman, the Vicar and Mr. W. Hills, for making local arrangements, were passed, and the ringers then returned to the belfry, where the bells were kept going until eight o'clock, when a very successful meeting was brought to a close.

STAPLEFORD, CAMPS.—On November 15th, 720 Munden Surprise: Cecil N. Austin (first 720) 1. Miss K. Willers 2. J. W. Ward 3. A. E. Austin 4. F. Harper 5. E. H. Finch (conductor) 6.

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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 marriage will take place at St. Mary's Church, Cadogan Street, London, to-morrow, at 2.15 p.m., of Mr. Cyril Frederick Johnston (son of the late Mr. Arthur Anderson Johnston and of Mrs. Johnston, of Broadwater, Addiscombe, Croydon), head of the Croydon Bell Foundry, and Miss Mary Evelyn O'Leary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Evelyn O'Leary, of Sydney House, Bedford Park, W.

Sh-h-h, not a word! Mr. James George, who yesterday celebrated his 77th birthday, has been put in the parish stocks! This happened at Painswick, and the painful incident might have remained unnoticed had it not been for a press photographer who passed at the moment. The picture of the prisoner undergoing his 'sentence' is now on record for all time in the 'Gloucester Journal.'

'A first peal by all' has been rung at Badgeworth, Gloucestershire. This is always a creditable performance, and in this case there were five young members of the band, and the peal was in three methods of Doubles. The tower owes much of its progress to Mr. W. Yeend, secretary of the Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, who started a young band at this church between four and five years ago.

William Douthleday Crofts, the Nottingham solicitor and famous Sherwood Youth, died on November 29th, 1899. His interesting peal book is still preserved.

The first peal by Mark Master Masons, which we record this week, recalls the fact that the first Freemasons' peal was Grandsire Caters, rung at St. Clement Danes, London, on December 4th, 1819.

On November 27th, 1789, the London Scholars rang a peal of 6,204 Grandsire Cinques at Cornhill.

Members of the Bristol Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association are reminded of the altered date of the Redcliffe meeting, which is now to be held on December 6th.

THE MAITLAND KELLY MEMORIAL.

COMMITTEE'S PROPOSALS.

The Devon Guild decided at the last annual meeting to provide a permanent memorial to the late Rev. Maitland Kelly, in recognition of his lifelong unselfish devotion to its welfare.

The general committee has considered carefully various proposals that were brought before it, and has decided to recommend:—

(1) The erection of an oak tablet, with incised letters, in the Exeter Cathedral bellry, at a cost not exceeding £10.

(2) Participation in a scheme to instal carved oak panelling in the sanctuary of Kelly Church. This scheme to improve the east end of the church is one long desired by Mr. Kelly himself. A definite section of the panelling, the extent of which can be arranged in accordance with the amount of money received, will be assigned to the Guild, and will be distinguished from other portions provided by parishioners and personal friends.

An appeal has been issued to all the towers in the Guild, but there are many members outside the county who will doubtless like to contribute, and they are invited to send their contributions to Mr. T. Laver, general secretary, 21, Cross Park, Heavitree, Exeter. Contributions should be forwarded before December 31st next, when it is intended to close the appeal.

THE LATE CANON W. W. C. BAKER.

A GREAT LOSS TO BEDFORDSHIRE.

We briefly chronicled last week the loss which the Exercise, and particularly the Bedfordshire Association, had sustained by the death of Canon W. W. C. Baker, Vicar of Southill, a member of the Central Council and president of the Bedfordshire Association, of which he was one of the founders. Canon Baker, who was 70 years of age, was taken ill after attending a meeting of the Bedfordshire Elementary Education Sub-Committee, and succumbed to an attack of bronchial pneumonia on Friday, the 14th inst.

He began his ringing when an undergraduate at Cambridge, and was one of the early members of the University Guild. For a great number of years he joined them on their annual summer tour, and was present last year at the jubilee celebrations. He acted for many years as hon. secretary of the Bedfordshire Association, and later became president, which office he occupied at the time of his death. He represented the Bedfordshire Association on the Central Council from the latter's formation to the present time. He had rung a number of peals, but kept no record of these performances. Among the peals in which he took part was the first peal of Treble Bob by the Bedfordshire Association in 1887; his first peal as conductor was rung in 1888. His last peal for the association was, we believe, a



THE LATE CANON BAKER.

peal of Stedman Triples with his own hand just before leaving Dunstable. One of his unfulfilled ambitions was to return to Dunstable and ring with his old friends there a peal of Superlative Surprise, a method of which he was very fond.

Born at Long Melford, Suffolk, Canon Baker was first educated at the village school at Eversholt, where his father was then incumbent. Later he went to King's College School, London, and Clare College, Cambridge. He took his B.A. degree in 1882, and his M.A. in 1886. In 1884 he was ordained deacon, and priest in 1885, and his first curacy was at St. Mary's, Nottingham, which he took in 1884. After two years in the north, he returned to his native county, and became Vicar of Milton Bryan. He remained there for ten years, and removed to Ridgmont in 1896. In 1903 he became Rector of Dunstable, the appointment being made by the Bishop of Ely, and when Dunstable became a part of the diocese of St. Albans the Rector was appointed by Bishop Jacob an honorary Canon and Rural Dean of Dunstable. He also served as a Proctor in Convocation from 1917 to 1919, and was a member of the Diocesan Board of Finance and a large number of other diocesan committees. For some years, up to the beginning of the war, he was chaplain to the County Territorial Battalion.

Canon Baker, says a writer in 'The Bedfordshire Times,' was an active force for good, not only through his eloquent preaching and distinguished services for his church, but also through his work and example in the public life of the county. An intimate friend said of him this week, 'He was the truest example of a Christian that I have ever met.' He was the intimate and cherished friend and neighbour of the Lord Lieutenant of his county: he was no less the friend of the humblest of his parishioners. The elementary teachers of Bedfordshire valued him and trusted him as a staunch friend. His death is indeed an irreparable blow to Bedfordshire education on its administrative side.

Generous and warm-hearted, never turning a deaf ear to any appeal, affable and easy of approach at all times, possessing the gift of disagreeing in a friendly way with those holding other views than his own, a manly man who could enjoy a good story and tell one too, and was very fond of a joke, Canon Baker was a popular and a dominating figure in whatever company he happened to be.

He was appointed to the first Education Committee for Bedfordshire on May 8th, 1903, and served as a co-opted member until

March, 1910, when he was elected to the County Council as one of the Dunstable representatives. From then, until 1922, when he retired from the Council, he represented the Council on the Committee. In the meantime, in September 1914, he had been appointed chairman of the Elementary Sub-Committee, and his services on that body had become so valued that he was prevailed upon to continue his service as a co-opted member. On several occasions since 1922 attempts were made to persuade him to accept an aldermanship, but he preferred to concentrate his energies and time on the educational side of the Council's work.

When Canon Baker resigned the living of Dunstable in 1924, a cheque for £100 and an album containing the names of 525 subscribers were presented to him by the Mayor in the presence of several hundred residents of all denominations.

Canon Baker married, in 1888, Catherine Anna, the younger daughter of the Rev. Truman Tanqueray, Rector of Tingleth. There were nine children, six of whom are living. Canon Baker's second and third sons died in action in the war, Capt. Charles Baker in Gallipoli in 1915, and Lieut. Aveling Baker in France in March, 1918. With Mrs. Baker and the surviving members of the family, widespread sympathy has been expressed.

Canon Baker's great work in various directions in Bedfordshire was manifested by the large and representative gathering from all parts of the county that attended the funeral on Tuesday week.

The coffin was taken into Southill Parish Church on Monday evening, and a requiem celebration of the Holy Communion was held at 8.30 a.m. on Tuesday morning, the Rev. Scott Baker (the deceased's son, chaplain of King's College, Cambridge) being the celebrant.

The opening sentences of the funeral service were read by the Rev. G. H. Strange, of Sheffield, and the lesson by Archdeacon Parnell. The remainder of the service in church and at the graveside was taken by the Rev. A. G. Hodgson, who was Canon Baker's curate at Dunstable from 1907 to 1909. The Blessing was pronounced by the Archdeacon. Among the clergy present who robed was Canon G. F. Coleridge, while the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild) and the Rev. R. Copeman (representing Cambridge University Guild and Ely Diocesan Association) were also present, as well as Miss E. Steel (Bedford), Mr. A. King (Luton), Mr. Cyril Herbert (Woburn), vice-presidents of the Bedfordshire Association, Mr. A. E. Sharman (hon. secretary), Messrs. F. Smith, H. Tysoe and E. Tingey (St. Paul's, Bedford), C. Page (Biggleswade), etc. There were a large number of beautiful wreaths, including one sent by the Bedfordshire Association.

At St. James' Church, Husbore Crawley, where Canon Baker often rang, the bells were rung half-muffled for morning and evening service on Sunday, November 16th. Touching reference was made by the Rev. A. Rust during his sermon to the great loss the association had sustained. Those taking part in the ringing were the Rev. A. Rust, H. Fleet, C. Fleet, A. Fleet, sen., A. Fleet, jun., W. Peacock, E. Redding, F. Bowler and Horace H. Smith.

At Priory Church, Dunstable, on Sunday, November 23rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) was rung at the close of the memorial service with the bells half-muffled, in affectionate remembrance of the late Canon, who in past years took part in many such quarter-peals with the band: G. H. Sentance 1, C. Rollings 2, G. W. Harris 3, E. Chappell 4, G. W. Heley 5, A. E. Sharman (conductor), B. A. G. Matthews 7, B. F. Calcott 8. Dunstable tower is under repair, and special permission had to be obtained from the architect for the ringing.

Memorial peals rung for Canon Baker will be found recorded in our peal columns. A muffled peal of Grandsire Caters attempted at St. Paul's, Bedford, on the day of the funeral was unfortunately lost after an hour and fifty minutes' ringing.

THE DUFFIELD METHOD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I write as an ignoramus on matters appertaining to campanology, being, as yet, one of the babes of the Exercise. It is, therefore, someone deigns to reply to my letter, I hope they will bear this in mind and forgive my ignorance.

However, to come to the point, some days ago, I was fortunate enough to discover Sir A. P. Heywood's treatise on 'Duffield.' My only other acquaintance with this method had been through 'Standard Methods,' and I had paid it but little attention. The discovery of the original treatise, however, led me to a fuller investigation. Among many interesting points I noted the following: In Major the course-ends recur every 48 changes with 7 and 8 double dodging in the home position. Further, throughout the course 7 and 8 keep well together, and, even in peals, it is possible to keep the 6th at home throughout. From a musical point of view, this is all that can be desired. Moreover, the method is easily extended to 10 and 12 bells by simply double dodging in the extra places, as in Stedman. These are not the only advantages pointed out by the author, but these few seem to me to warrant a wider practice of the method. Yet peals of 'Duffield' are few and far between, notwithstanding the fact that the author believed that, 'as in Stedman is found the perfection of odd-bell ringing, so in this new method will be found the most musical and adaptable even-bell system possible of attainment.'

Perhaps there is some reason for the falling from grace of this method. Can anyone enlighten me?—Yours, etc., FRED F. RIGBY.

THE TWELVE-BELL RECORD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It has been said that 'consistency is the refuge of little minds,' or something to that effect. Whether it is or not, I cannot object to your inconsistency on the subject of what constitutes the twelve-bell record, but I must emphasise that in 1911 you stated that a 12,240 Maximus had supplanted as that record a peal of 10,224 Maximus rung in 1833, quite ignoring a peal of 11,111 Cinques rung between those dates. What I do object to is that you should now, because I want to insist that you were right in 1911, interpret that as an argument that a twelve-bell peal can only be rung in a twelve-bell method. I cannot find anything in my previous letter which justifies such an interpretation being put on my case that the recent Painswick peal is not the twelve-bell record.

The difference between Cinques and Maximus seems to have been decided by the Council long ago, and for the sake of clearness I repeat the definitions for peals:—

'On nine and eleven bells: That there be not less than 5,000 true changes rung without interval, in each case with the addition of a covering bell (1892 and 1925).'

'On eight, ten and twelve bells: That there be not less than 5,000 true changes rung without interval (1892 and 1925).'

The sentence 'in each case with the addition of a covering bell' also answers your question as to where the tenor man comes in.

The whole question is not the simple one as to whether the Painswick peal was, or was not, a twelve-bell peal. It is the larger issue of whether we are going to mix up Triples with Major, Caters with Royal, and Cinques with Maximus. When the Council decided that a peal on eight bells could be of 5,000 changes, it obviously did not intend this to apply to a peal of Triples, which has to contain the extent of 5,040. And yet a peal of Triples, with the usual covering bell, is still an eight-bell peal.

The Council has distinguished between peals on eleven bells and peals on twelve bells, and have provided for the former to be rung with an additional bell. I, therefore, think I am entitled to repeat the question, 'If the Painswick peal is the twelve-bell record, where is the eleven-bell record?' If there is no such thing, what is the use of the Council's definition of an eleven-bell peal?—Yours faithfully,

C. T. COLES.

21, Vincent Road, E.4.

[While admitting that the extract from a paragraph in 'The Ringing World' of April 21st, 1911, which Mr. Coles quotes against us to show 'inconsistency' may, when taken by itself, be read as he suggests, we hardly think 'The Ringing World' can actually be accused of inconsistency in this matter, for, from the very first number, reports of peals of Cinques have appeared in its columns under the heading of 'Twelve-bell peals,' and for nearly twenty years no one has objected to that designation. We, of course, have used the expression in its broad sense, and the sense in which, for want of evidence to the contrary, we believe it has been accepted by the Exercise.—Ed., 'R.W.']

CERTAINLY NOT.

Dear Sir,—By all the 'Rules and Decisions' on ringing, Grandshire Cinques is regarded as an eleven-bell method. Now, if the Painswick peal is regarded as the twelve-bell record, may I ask if a band ringing 18,000 of Minor with 6-8, or 7-8 covering (and 720's are frequently rung this way) could claim this as the eight-bell record?—Yours faithfully,

A. E. REEVES.

Bristol.

[As we are asked the question, we would say, in our opinion, 'certainly not.' Twelve bells are essential to a properly recognised peal of Cinques, but eight bells are not essential for a peal of Minor.—Ed., 'R.W.']

WHY WORRY?

Sir,—Why worry, and cause a useless argument? Let us call each peal by its proper name—Ashton is the longest of Maximus, Painswick longest of Cinques.

That twelve bells are involved, all ringers know, and they know—or should do—the difference between Cinques and Maximus.

Ninety per cent. of the outside public would not know the difference between Grandshire and Cambridge even if they heard them rung consecutively. Ringers would know! So again—why worry?

ERNEST MORRIS.

Leicester.

THE LONGEST PEAL ON FIVE BELLS?

To the Editor.

Sir,—A fortnight ago in your issue of October 31st you published particulars of the dedication of a peal table at West Deeping, Lincs, recording what is so far believed to be the longest peal yet rung on six bells by members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. It would be interesting to know what is the longest peal yet rung on five bells. I once read of a band who rang 6,000 changes on five at Barrow-on-Soar, Leicestershire. Has anyone ever exceeded this?

EXTREMES!

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BENEVOLENT SCHEME IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

On Saturday the St. Albans District held a meeting at St. Peter's, St. Albans. Mr. E. P. Debenham (whose long association with this tower is so well known) was present to meet the visitors, and various methods were rung during the afternoon on the ten bells. A service was held in this church, at which the Rev. W. B. Lea Wilson gave an interesting address. Tea was served at the Clarendon Hotel, and was followed by the business meeting, at which one new member was elected.

A discussion took place on the forming of a benevolent fund.

Mr. G. W. Carlmel explained the scheme, and it is hoped to get it started in the near future.

Kimpton was proposed for the next meeting place, the third Saturday in January being the provisional date selected.

A vote of thanks to all concerned with the arrangements of the meeting was carried with accord.

The Cathedral was then visited, where the ringing on the five peal was enjoyed by all.

WESTERN DIVISION.

The meeting of the Western Division at King's Langley was attended by about twenty ringers from Apsley, Hemel Hempstead, Tring, Rickmansworth, Watford, Welwyn Garden City, and eight of the local company. The methods rung included Grandshire and Stedman Triples, Bob, Kent Treble and Double Norwich Major.

A short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. D. Lushington), who gave a most interesting address. After service, he invited the ringers to tea in the Parish Hall, and presided both at the tea and the business meeting which followed. In the course of the meeting the hon. secretary was asked to write a feeling letter to Mr. F. Norris, of Berkhamstead, who has been ill for a length of time, and has been missed at these gatherings.

The next meeting, if the tower is available, will be held at Great Gaddesden on Saturday, January 10th, 1931.

The secretary, Mr. J. Puplett, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his hospitality, and for all he had done to help make the gathering a success. This was seconded by Mr. Ayre and carried.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NEWBURY BRANCH'S SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

The annual meeting of the Newbury Branch was held at Newbury on Saturday, November 15th, when the following towers were represented: Beeton, Bucklebury, Brightwalton, Chieveley, Compton, East Isley, Hungerford, Peasemore, Shaw, Thatcham, and Newbury. Visitors were present from Swindon, Abingdon, Reading, Overton, Maidenhead, Woodford and Farnham. Service was conducted by the Rev. W. L. Cooper (Rector of Newbury), who gave a very inspiring address. The Rev. J. M. Beaufort presided at the organ.

Tea was served in the Parish Room by Mrs. H. W. Curtis, assisted by other ringers' wives, and 76 sat down to an excellent meal.

The business meeting followed, over which the Rev. H. Bonsey presided, supported by the Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), Rev. W. L. Cooper, Rev. A. Browning, Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford, Rev. R. C. Moore, Mr. H. W. Curtis (hon. branch secretary and treasurer), Mr. R. T. Hibbert (Guild secretary), Mr. A. J. Wright (Guild treasurer), and Mr. E. J. Davis (secretary of the Parochial Church Council).

The secretary's report showed a record of successful meetings held during the year. Eight peals had been rung in the branch, four of them entirely by members of the Newbury Branch, and conducted by H. W. Curtis. Several ringers rang their first peal. Five pounds had been paid to Thatcham tower, £2 to St. Laurence's tower, Reading, £3 3s. to Hampstead Norris tower, leaving a balance in hand of £3 15s. 9d.

The Rev. H. Bonsey was unanimously re-elected chairman of the branch. Mr. H. W. Curtis was also re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer, and thanked for his work.

Messrs. T. Curtis, S. Quintin, F. Owen and A. Smith were elected as representatives to the general committee of the Guild.

Good reports were received from nearly every tower in the branch.

The Master congratulated the branch, and mentioned that he had given the address for some years past at the annual meeting, and said he very much appreciated the opportunity of being able to listen to so inspiring an address as the Rector's.

Mr. R. T. Hibbert congratulated the branch on the work of restoration, and Mr. A. J. Wright complimented Newbury Branch on its progress. He said it was fifth in order in the list for the whole of the Guild.

Two new honorary members were elected, and eleven new ringing members were also elected.

The next meeting was fixed for Beeton in February and the spring meeting for Kintbury in April, the dates being left to the secretary to arrange.

The meeting concluded with thanks, proposed by the chairman, to the Rector for his address, to the organist (Rev. J. M. Beaufort), and to Mrs. Curtis for providing an excellent tea.

The tower was again visited, and the bells kept going till 9.15.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. DISTRICT OFFICERS NOMINATED.

A meeting of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held at Puttenham on Saturday, when members and visitors attended from Aldershot, Farnborough, Seale, Puttenham, Ash, Haslemere, Guildford, Godalming, Cranleigh, Clandon and the local band. The Guild's form of service was conducted and an address given by the Rector (the Rev. S. Power).

Ringling in various methods from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor was enjoyed on the bells during the afternoon and evening.

Mr. S. Marshall, churchwarden, presided at the business meeting, which followed tea in the Church Hut, and in accordance with the rules of the Guild nominations for district officers for 1930 were received. In the case of the District Ringing Master, secretary and auditor, no election will be necessary at the annual general meeting, as only one nomination was made for each office, namely, Mr. W. R. McIlville, of the Cathedral Church, Ringing Master; Mr. G. Glover, of East Clandon, secretary; and Mr. C. Hazelden, of S. Nicolas', Guildford, auditor.

For the two vacancies for ringing members on the executive committee of the Guild, Messrs. R. Whittington, S. Radford, S. Petter and L. Hunter were nominated, and this will necessitate a ballot at the general meeting.

Mr. S. Marshall, of Puttenham, was nominated as the district's hon. member on the executive committee.

The annual meeting of the district had been fixed for January 10th, but as the Guild dinner is to be held on that date it was decided to hold the former on February 14th.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector, the organist, and Mr. S. Marshall.

LEATHERHEAD DISTRICT.

The last meeting of the year of the Leatherhead District was held at the Parish Church of St. Martin, Epsom, on Saturday, November 15th, but, despite good going bells of easy access, the number of ringers attending was very poor. Maybe it was the weather or the ten bells, or was it that everyone said to himself, 'There will be plenty without me; I shall not be missed'? Anyway, the service was conducted at 4.30 by the Rev. Pattison Muir, who omitted the address; as he jokingly remarked afterwards, he had not the heart to preach to so few.

The service was followed by tea in the Church House, at which the Vicar presided, and at the business meeting, which followed, two ringing members and one honorary member were elected.

The retiring officers were renominated with the addition of two extra names to be submitted for election to the general committee.

A report on the last meeting of the Central Council was read by Mr. Grover, one of the Guild's representatives.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and the organist brought the business to an end. The tower was then revisited, and several 'firsts' were scored in Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, London and Cambridge Surprise Major, Stedman Caters and Treble Ten, with rounds for two young visitors.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A MEETING AT BRENTWOOD.

The meeting on Saturday last at Brentwood was not quite so well attended as is usual for the meetings of the South-Western Division, the inclement weather no doubt accounting for this, but nevertheless between 40 and 50 members were present during the afternoon and evening, the bells being made full use of for some excellent ringing. The service at 4.30 p.m. was conducted by the Vicar, who gave an inspiring address, and during the singing of the last hymn the collection for the Association Bell Restoration Fund was taken, and amounted to £1 7s. 8d.

A bounteous tea, kindly provided by the wives, mothers and friends of the St. Thomas Society, was partaken of in the Greenstead Hall. The meeting which followed was presided over by the Vicar (Canon Brown), supported by Mr. C. H. Howard (Master), A. Prior (District Master), Col. Frank Landon, Messrs. H. Hodgson, A. E. Rainbird, and R. B. Davey, hon. members. Miss D. M. Landon, of Brentwood, was elected a life member, together with one new honorary, one ringing, and one life non-resident member. Messrs. A. Prior and E. J. Butler were unanimously re-elected Master and hon. secretary respectively of the division for the ensuing year.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at West Ham, if possible in January next, and also to send a letter of condolence to Messrs. W. Miller and W. Watson sympathising with them in their illness, and wishing them a speedy recovery.

The meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for allowing the use of tower and bells, for his inspiring address at the service, and for presiding at the tea and meeting, to the organist for kindly accompanying psalms, hymns, etc., to the ladies for providing tea, and to Messrs. Ringe and Ong and members of the Brentwood band for having everything in readiness.

During the afternoon and evening members were present from Romford, Maldon, Shenfield, Leigh, Prittlewell, Leytonstone, Langford, Great Baddow, Barking, West Tilbury, Braintree, Bentley, Chelmsford and Brentwood, and touches in various methods ranging from Grandsire to London Surprise were rung.

PEAL OF EIGHT FOR HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN.

HELP WANTED FOR TINY RURAL PARISH.

The church in the tiny parish of Hinton-on-the-Green, near Evesham, at present has a peal of five bells (tenor 12 cwt.) of somewhat unique local interest, inasmuch as they are one of the only two complete peals known to have been cast in Evesham. They were cast there by Messrs. Clarke and Bushell in the year 1705. For a number of years the parish has been well blessed with ringers, having an average of ten, and in one year no less than 16, and the bells have been regularly rung for services under the most disheartening conditions until they are no longer safe to ring or even chime.

The Church Council in the first instance decided on a thorough restoration scheme, and to augment the peal to six, when a lover of bells came forward and generously offered to defray the cost of the treble, provided they are increased to the octave, as the tower and present five lend themselves admirably to this fuller scheme.

The whole district is badly in need of a handy peal of eight in good order, as in this district, over a wide rural area, there is not a single peal of eight suitable for beginners.

The parish being a tiny one, with a population of under 200, almost all agricultural workers, it was felt that the undertaking would be too great without considerable outside help, and a few local ringers have set about the task of raising the cost of the 2nd bell. With the gift of the treble and the guarantee of the 2nd, the order for the octave has now been placed with the Loughborough Foundry. The rehanging scheme is a comprehensive one. It includes cleaning, tuning and quarter-turning, rehanging with entirely new and modern fittings and ball bearings in the existing frame, which will be strengthened.

Funds are still required for the scheme, and it is hoped to have the whole of the money in hand by the completion of the work, as, owing to the size of the parish, the question of any debt cannot be entertained.

Should any friends interested be able to assist, subscriptions, however small, may be sent, and will be gratefully acknowledged by:—

J. D. JOHNSON,

The Ferns, Pershore Road, Great Hampton, Evesham, Worcs.

'A SUNDAY SERVICE MAN.'

DEATH OF MR. JAMES ELDERFIELD.

On Friday, November 14th last, James Elderfield, of Farnham Royal, Bucks, passed away suddenly from an internal trouble in the 63rd year of his age. He was one of a family of eleven children, his parents coming from Stoke Poges to Farnham some fifty years ago. Two of the five sons took up bellringing, under the instruction of Mr. J. J. Parker, with other young Farnham men of the period about 1890, including J. Basden (Ealing), C. Clarke, A. Crook, F. Elderfield (Fulmer), J. Parker, jun., C. Chapman, and J. Bovingdon. Of these, the only survivor now is the last-named.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, the 18th, the service being conducted by the Rector. In addition to a number of relatives and friends, officials were present representing the various organisations in which Mr. Elderfield took an active interest, viz., the Cricket and Football Clubs, Special Constabulary, Allotments Association, Church Bellringers, etc. A number of handsome floral tributes were placed around the grave, including one from the Rector and ringers and another from Sir Gomer Berry, of The Chase, where Mr. Elderfield was employed as a gardener for many years.

In the evening muffled touches were rung on the tower bells, conducted by Messrs. Parker and Hooper, in four methods, in which Messrs. Henley, Bateman, Basden, Batten, Bovingdon, Fussell, Smith and Hudson took part.

The deceased was strictly a 'Sunday service man.' He never went outside his own parish for ringing, except when the ringers and choir took their annual outing to some seaside town. He had taken part in fifteen peals on St. Mary's bells, mostly conducted by the veteran steeplekeeper, Mr. Parker: Oxford Bob Triples, 11; Grandsire Triples, 2; Kent Treble Bob Major, 2, including the first peal on the eight bells in October, 1893, and his last on December 1st, 1913. All were rung for the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

W. H. F.

BURNLEY'S LOSS.

DEPARTURE OF MR. RENNIE HARTLEY.

The belfry of Holy Trinity, Burnley, has become the poorer through the departure of Mr. Rennie Hartley, who has just recently removed to Fleetwood. The congregation and the ringers could not let him leave without giving him a small token of their appreciation of his work during the last thirty-four years. The presentation took place on Sunday, November 16th, in the presence of the local clergy and church officers and members of other towers in the district. The senior ringer made the presentation, which took the form of a gold Albert, and many of those present spoke in glowing terms of Mr. Hartley's work for the church and belfry.

Mr. Hartley thanked everyone for the nice things said of him, and managed to stay to ring for the evening service, when a well-struck 640 of Stedman Triples brought his official career at the church to a close. The good wishes of all go with him to his new sphere.

FIRST STEPS.

WELL-KNOWN ESSEX RINGER GIVES AN ADDRESS.

The annual meeting of the Northern Division of the Essex Association was held at Coggeshall on Saturday, November 15th, when, despite the inclement weather, 60 ringers attended from 24 parishes. Very little ringing has been done at Coggeshall for some time past, partly due to the bad 'go' of the bells. However, after a little lubrication several touches in various methods were brought round. A service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. Pickford), Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Association, reading the lesson. The usual collection for the Essex Bell Restoration Fund was made, and amounted to 18s. 3d.

Tea was served at Ye Olde Woolpack Inn, where 58 sat down, the Vicar taking the chair. It is pleasing to note that 51 of that number had notified their intention to be present.

At the business meeting which followed, Mr. Howard took the chair, supported by the District Master (Mr. A. A. Saunders) and the district secretary (Mr. F. Ridgwell).

The secretary read a short report on the work of the division during the past year, in which he stated that five meetings had been held with an average attendance of 40, also two joint meetings. Twenty-five members had been elected and 33 peals had been rung on tower bells and handbells.

The Rev. F. Pickford was then elected an hon. member, and three other ringing members were also elected.

The District Master and secretary were unanimously re-elected for the ensuing year, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Rayne on February 14th, 1931.

Mr. Howard thanked the Vicar for the splendid reception he had given them and the excellent spirit he had shown by joining the association. The Vicar, in reply, said he did not understand much about ringing, only 'Bob Single,' and that was what he paid for his tea (laughter). 'but,' he added, 'with your help and good wishes I hope Coggeshall will soon stand out again among other ringing centres.'

The company was then entertained by Mr. W. Keeble with an essay on 'First Steps,' in the course of which he said that one night in December, 1894, a youth of 16 was about to take his 'First Steps' in the art of change ringing. The method was Grandsire Doubles. Another youth of 18 on the tenor called 'Go,' but just before the half-way single the ringer of the 3rd shouted, 'Call them round at half-way; he will never make a ringer.' However, with a little advice from the tenor man another attempt was made, and a passable 120 was rung. In May, 1895, this youthful aspirant rang 720 Bob Minor, followed up in February, 1896, by a 5,040 in the same method. Another 'first step' was taken by ringing a 5,040 Bob Minor at another tower, this time conducted by the youth referred to, and ringing a non-observation bell. Moral: 'It is never safe to prophesy.' In course of time the before-mentioned youth quitted home, and other 'first steps' were taken with credit and honour. The war intervened, and ringing practically ceased. Afterwards, the work of rebuilding weekly practices commenced. The youth had now become a Bob caller or conductor. During the years following he had the pleasure of tutoring several in that mysterious method called 'London,' and had the pleasing satisfaction of calling the first peal in that method in which the before-mentioned ringer of the 3rd took part. This youth had now become a tutor of 'first steps.' Mr. Keeble added that the first step to take was to teach the pupil to handle a bell properly, so that he could master it at every stroke and never let it master him. One met occasionally with ringers who in a touch in the simplest method were continually 'wool gathering.' Why could they not leave that alone and have a little consideration for the outside public?

It was to be noted that in recent correspondence in 'The Ringing World,' a writer used the word 'drone.' Well, there were some. What would they think if the parson preached the same sermon Sunday after Sunday, or the choir always sang the same hymns? Could not these drones see that in ringing, as in all else, progress must be made or back they would go? A well-known and popular ringer recently said: 'I fear I am entirely ignorant of one branch of ringing, i.e., conducting. What are the "first steps"?' The advice given was successful and much appreciated. 'Meeting here to-day,' concluded Mr. Keeble, 'where the bells go badly, and with the Master's consent, I have given you a brief opinion of "first steps." See that every "first step" you take is the correct one, and if it meets with your approval, my next essay shall be on "Winning through."'

This address opened a wide area for discussion, and various opinions were expressed, the Master thanking Mr. Keeble for the pleasant hour they had spent on the subject.

It was learned with regret that Mr. G. W. Moss, of Manningtree, Mr. W. J. Hazell, of Edmonton, and Mr. H. Evers, of West Bergholt, were all indisposed. The meeting passed a vote of sympathy with them, and requested the secretary to convey this expression in writing, which has since been done.

The towers of Kelvedon and Feering, in addition to Coggeshall, were available, and ringing was continued until 9 p.m.

'BELLS FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP.'

TICKHILL DIFFICULTIES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—As Mr. Lloyd and 'Church Service Ringer' are one and the same person, I will go into the details of the events which led up to the quarter-peal of Stedman being rung at Tickhill.

It will first of all be necessary to go back to the summer of 1928. At that time we had at Tickhill a band of eight change ringers, but as one was nearly always at work on Sundays, and another was only mildly interested, it was nearly always a case of ringing Minor. As a band of service ringers, those six were far ahead of any service band round Doncaster, both as regards the number and quality of methods rung and the striking. A 720 of Cambridge could always be attempted with confidence, and quite a number of visitors rang their first 720 in that method at Tickhill. In a very short space of time, however, that band was broken up. One, owing to age and infirmity, had to give up ringing, the one who was only mildly interested finished altogether, another met with an accident which for some time has rendered him incapable of ringing, and three of us have left the district. This left two, one of whom, Mr. Hill, is both a capable ringer and conductor.

From 1922 to 1928 numerous attempts were made to augment the band, and I myself taught some thirty or forty beginners to handle a bell. A number of these, of course, fell away before they made any attempt at change ringing, but quite a few made good progress. It was most remarkable, however, that every one who made any headway left the district shortly afterwards. When I left in 1929 Mr. Hill was successful in getting together another band of learners, and it is to his credit that at the present time there are at Tickhill eleven ringers capable of ringing rounds, and all the bells are rung every Sunday for morning and evening service. Tickhill is so situated that visiting ringers are conspicuous by their absence, and as five of the band are on shift work, thus causing practices to be few and far between, it will readily be seen that progress is very, very slow. Mr. Hill has several times asked me if I could get a band to go and show them how the bells should be rung, and that was why the quarter-peal was rung. It was only the second occasion this year that genuine change ringing has been heard at Tickhill for a service. That the quarter-peal was appreciated is to put it mildly. The Vicar, lay reader, two churchwardens and quite a number of the congregation expressed their great pleasure and thanks to me at hearing the bells rung in changes again. I might add that nine of the local band turned up, and afterwards everyone had a pull in rounds with us.

Now turning to those ringers of other towers who were asked to stand in. I am assured that the only complaint is from Doncaster. The only ringer from there who was asked to stand in was, until he got married five years ago, a resident of Tickhill, and it was I who persuaded him to take up ringing, and he was the first person I taught to handle a bell and initiated into the art of change ringing. When he came to Tickhill for that Sunday he was but helping those who had helped him. Nearly half the present band at Doncaster were change ringers before they went there. It is nearly always the same: country places do the work, and towns like Doncaster reap the benefit. Of that I do not complain, but when a man like Mr. Lloyd writes a letter such as he did, it is either the height of selfishness or ignorance, or both. No tower has done as much as Tickhill to further the art of change-ringing round Doncaster, and no tower is in more need of help at the present time. I cannot recall one single instance of Mr. Lloyd helping anybody. Can he tell me of one? Has he had anything to say to the other four absentees who were not at Tickhill?

In his second letter I suppose his remark about the conductor means that I ought to be rather ashamed of myself for not being attached to any tower at present. Strictly speaking, I suppose I am still attached to Tickhill, but as I now live ten miles away it is very seldom that I am able to be there. In fact, to ring at any tower now takes up three hours of any Sunday morning or evening, and although I could always manage an hour for every service, I am seldom in a position to spare three.

If Mr. Lloyd is as keen on service ringing as he would have us believe, there is plenty of scope for him round Doncaster. Let him take his coat off and get to work, and when he has had as many setbacks and disappointments as we have had at Tickhill, if he comes through smiling and ready to do the same again, he will, indeed, be a church service ringer.—Yours faithfully,

J. E. CAWSE.

A WRINGTON BELL TO BE RECAST.

The fifth bell at Wrington, Somerset, is to be recast. This bell has become slightly cracked in the crown, and the recasting will be done by the Whitechapel Foundry, who did such excellent work in the tower in 1911. The work is to be carried out in memory of Lt.-Col. John Valentine Hesse and his wife, Ellen McGhie, also of Edward Dowell Marshall, M.A., of Pierce Hay, Wrington, son-in-law, as the gift of Rose Ethelind Marshall and John Harley Bridges Hesse.

An extra floor is to be placed in the belfry to deaden the sound in the ringing chamber, to which the ringers of Wrington are themselves generously contributing £10.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

MANCHESTER.—On Sunday, November 16th, for evening service at the Church of St. George, 1,046 Kent Treble Bob Major in 44 mins.: R. Taylor (conductor) 1, H. Taylor 2, K. Jackson 3, F. Welham 4, F. Walker 5, E. Garside 6, J. Harrison 4, J. Clayton 8. All are regular service ringers at the above church except the ringer of the 7th, who comes from Ashton, and is 78 years old.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows' Church, on Sunday, November 16th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. W. H. Strickland 1, F. Corney 2, E. A. Hull 3, E. D. Lilleywhite 4, W. Dickinson 5, W. J. Ellis (conductor) 6, J. Waugh 7, W. H. Seabrook 8.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, November 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 46 mins.: F. Palmer 1, P. M. Mayne (conductor) 2, J. H. Hunnisett 3, E. C. S. Turner 4, W. Dickinson 5, H. J. Hunnisett 6, E. W. Coulson 7, C. C. Mayne 8.

HOLBORN.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday evening, November 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: T. Benney 1, E. Brett 2, W. J. Norton 3, C. J. Choct 4, R. W. Green 5, J. Hope (conductor) 6, A. C. Darnell 7, T. Joyce 8. Arranged for J. Hope, who was on a visit from Fairford, Glos.

MARKET HARBOROUGH.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday morning, November 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): E. S. Cotton 1, S. Richardson 2, G. Geary 3, W. Wallington 4, R. Russell 5, F. Wallington 6, A. C. Manning (conductor) 7, W. Hector 8.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, November 9th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) with the bells half-muffled in commemoration of Armistice Day: G. W. Clark 1, E. Patrick 2, H. O. Multon 3, R. W. Lawrence 4, B. P. Morris (conductor) 5.

ELLESMERE, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday morning, October 5th, for harvest festival, 360 Stedman Doubles, with 7.6.8 covering: T. Butler 1, A. Allen 2, R. Biggs 3, A. Haynes 4, T. R. Butler (conductor) 5, R. Lloyd 6, W. Higginson 7, J. Beddows 8. Also for afternoon service, 480 Stedman Doubles, and for evensong 360 Stedman Doubles, with 6.4.8 covering: W. S. Higginson 1, R. Biggs 2, A. Allen 3, J. Lloyd 4, T. Butler 5, R. Lloyd 6, T. R. Butler (conductor) 7, J. Beddows 8.

WALTHAMSTOW.—At St. Saviour's Church, on Sunday evening, October 5th, for harvest thanksgiving, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: W. Little, jun., 1, G. B. Lucas 2, R. D. Ward (first quarter inside) 3, W. Little, sen., 4, H. A. Edwards 5, H. E. Hull 6, G. W. Cooper (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, J. Coleman 8.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—On Sunday, October 5th, at the Church of St. Mary, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) for harvest festival evening service: A. House 1, Miss N. Welch (Benington) 2, W. J. Newnham 3, H. Warner 4, D. Tucker 5, G. Maxim 6, J. Welch (Benington) (conductor) 7, E. Pickett 8. First quarter-peal for ringers of treble and tenor.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, October 5th, before 11 a.m. matins, 720 Allendale Surprise (A. Bradley, conductor), 720 Norwich Surprise (E. Sitch, conductor); before 6.30 p.m. evensong 720 Woodbine Treble Bob (H. Wright, conductor), 720 Oxford Treble Bob (G. Camp, conductor). Ringers: L. Camp, G. Camp, E. Sitch, J. Sitch, C. Harrington, H. Wright, A. Bradley.

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NOTICES.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Re-opening of the bells of St. George's, Bolton, Saturday, Nov. 29th. Service in the church 3.30 p.m., with address by Archdeacon Howson, Warden of the Liverpool Diocesan Guild. Tea in the school after service.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Mitcham on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Christ Church bells (6) available from 3 p.m. and after tea until 8 p.m. Parish Church bells (8) open after tea until 9 p.m. Service at Christ Church at 5 p.m., followed by tea at the Welfare Centre, Cavendish Road (by kind invitation of the Christ Church Company). All ringers are heartily welcome.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Norton-sub-Hamdon on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Dis. Sec., North Street, Martock.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A district meeting will be held at Ash on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in Parish Room. Nominations for district officers must be handed in at this meeting.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hertford on Saturday, November 29th, when the towers of All Saints' (10) and St. Andrew's (8) will be open during the afternoon and evening. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30. All will be made welcome. Good bus service from all parts.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—The annual meeting of the Gloucester Branch will be held at the Church of St. Lawrence, Barnwood, on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells (8) open at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., provided by the Vicar (the Rev. E. Bryce). All ringers welcome.—W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 15, Painswick Road, Gloucester.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Baldock.—The reopening of Baldock bells, which have been rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, will take place on Saturday, Nov. 29th. The bells (8) will be available at 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Please make an effort to attend to make the meeting a success.—Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Wirral branch will be held at Wallasey (St. Hilary's), on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5.30. Tea and meeting afterwards in the Parish Hall.—H. S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Writtle on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service in church 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting.—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Arlesey on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Good train and bus service. A good company is requested. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Houghton-le-Spring on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., in Kipper School. All ringers are welcome, and we hope for a bumper meeting. Even if it is 'wet' it will be 'fine' at the meeting, so turn up in force.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Water Street, West Hartlepool.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not met twenty times to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on Dec. 4th and 18th; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 9th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 11th (8 p.m.); *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 23rd; at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's, Colne, on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Swansea, on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., with tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting, Manchester, on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, at a reasonable charge. Names for tea to be sent to Mr. J. Hall, 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester, not later than Dec. 4th. Cars No. 20, 21 or 24, from Stevenson Square, Oldham Street, to the Osborne Theatre. Gentlemen cordially invited.—N. Cawthorne, Dis. Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The next by-meeting of the district will be held on Saturday, Dec. 6th, at Chilham. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at the Woolpack. Please notify me before Thursday, Dec. 4th.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at St. Matthias', Burley, Leeds, on Saturday, Dec. 6th. The augmented peal of 8 (tenor 8 cwt.), recently recast and rehung, will be available from 2.30 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head, to all those who send in their names to Mr. G. W. Slack, 12, Wolseley Mount, Burley, Leeds, not later than Tuesday, Dec. 2nd.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Colchester, on Saturday, Dec. 6th next. Bells will be available at 3.15 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5.15 p.m., 1s. each. All wishing to attend, will they notify me not later than Wednesday, Dec. 3rd?—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The monthly meeting at St. Chad's, Poulton, has been altered to Dec. 6th, at the request of the Vicar and wardens. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business 6 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., Fylde.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 6th, at St. Mary Redcliff. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Parish Room, Guinea Street, 5.15. All ringers and friends welcome. Will tower secretaries please note alteration of date? Subscriptions for 1930 now due. Preliminary notice: Quarterly meeting, Dec. 27th, at Brislington. Annual Meeting, St. Stephen's (City), Jan. 25th, 1931.—Harry Bennett, Branch Sec., Highfield, Runswick Road, Brislington.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Leonard's, Bilston, Staffs, on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Beeston on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) ready from 3.30. All ringers welcome. There are a few subscriptions for 1930 not been paid yet. Will these members kindly pay up and be sports?—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of above branch will be held at Bletchley on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 4.15 p.m. Those requiring tea please send along in good time. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Service, Heavitree Church, 4.15. Tea (free to members) and business meeting at Constitutional Club Rooms, Heavitree, 5 p.m. Towers available: Cathedral (12), St. Sidwell's (10), Heavitree (8), St. Thomas' (8), St. David's (8), St. Petrock's (6). Please notify me number for tea by Dec. 1st.—E. Lomas (Miss), Hon. Sec., Whimple, near Exeter.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Fen Ditton (5) on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. The tower of St. Andrew's, Chesterton (6) open from 6.30.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Dunster on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Tower open for ringing 2 p.m. (8 bells). Service, 3.45. Preacher: Preb. A. C. Harman, R.D. Tea at the Memorial Hall, 4.30. Business meeting to follow. Those intending to be present please notify me not later than Dec. 1st.—Geo. Stacey, Hon. Sec., 6, Park Street, Minehead.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, Dec. 6th. The bells will be available from 3 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Great Bedwyn on Saturday, Dec. 6th, at 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30.—Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Warminster on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5 ('The Magnet'). Short business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Wigan Parish Church on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6. A good attendance is requested. — James Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Daventry (8) on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Usual arrangements. Will those members requiring tea kindly notify me as early as possible?—W. C. Moore, Hon. Sec., Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch.—A meeting will be held at Rothersthorpe on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Please notify me not later than Tuesday, Dec. 2nd, who will require tea. — T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Huntingdon. — A meeting will be held at St. Ives on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5. Will those requiring tea please advise by Wednesday, Dec. 3rd?—D. Clarke, 36, Cromwell Gardens, St. Neots.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—The last meeting of the year will be held at Elstow on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (6) available at 2.45. Tea at 5 p.m. John Bunyan used to ring here. Visitors welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Dis. Sec., Stagsden, Bedford.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wimborne Branch.—The annual meeting is to be held at Wimborne Minster on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Ringing from 3.15. Service 4.30. Address by Vicar (Rev. Canon Keith). Tea in Church House 5.15, followed by business meeting. —C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Clement's, Hastings, on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow. The bells of Christ Church, St. Leonards, will be available after the meeting.—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Preston Parish Church on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells available from 2.30. A good attendance is requested. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division. — The quarterly meeting will be held jointly with the Barnsley, Doncaster and Sheffield District Societies at Rawmarsh, near Rotherham, on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, at 1s. per head. Please notify Mr. F. C. Wilson, 131, Wheatcroft Road, Sandhill, Rawmarsh, by Dec. 10th for tea.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Selby on Saturday, Dec. 13th. The Abbey bells (10) will be available for ringing from 2 p.m. onward. Service in the choir at 4 p.m. Tea served in Mrs. Smith's Café, Finkle Street, at 5 p.m., at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head. Those requiring same are requested to notify Mr. W. A. Hall, 12, Newport Avenue, Doncaster Road, Selby, not later than Thursday, Dec. 11th. The business meeting will be held in the Sacristy of the Abbey immediately after.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division. —The annual meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday, Dec. 13th, at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea in the Parish Room at 5.30 p.m., to be followed by business meeting. Ringing in the evening from 7 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. — C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Preacher: Canon Raven, D.D. Tea and meeting to follow. A good attendance is especially requested, as a further discussion will take place on 'How to make the monthly meetings more attractive.' Names for tea to Mr. W. Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston, by Wednesday, Dec. 10th. — Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

DEC. 13th. WATFORD. — Bells open from 3.30. Tea 5.30.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Burton District.—The next meeting to be held at Overseal on Saturday, Dec. 13th, will take the form of a special meeting in order to welcome the new Rector of Seals (Rev. — Fitzherbert). Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Tea provided for those who notify Mr. J. W. Cotton, Moira Road, Overseal, by 11th at latest. Will members please make a special effort to come? Thank you. — John Leach, 4, Vernon Terrace, Burton-on-Trent.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Bletchingley on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea only for those who notify me by Wednesday, Dec. 10th.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—North-East Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Tiverton on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells available 2.30. Committee meeting 4. Service 4.45. Tea, 1s. each, 5.15, business meeting following. Agenda: Report, balance sheet, election of officers, etc. Notify me for tea by Dec. 9th. — A. G. Selley, The Square, Silverton.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Holbrook on Dec. 13th. Bells (6) available at 2 p.m. and at Stutton (6). Tea, 4.30, at the Church Room.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A dinner will be held at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday, Jan. 10th, 1931.—Tickets 5s. 6d. each. Early application should be made, as accommodation is limited.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

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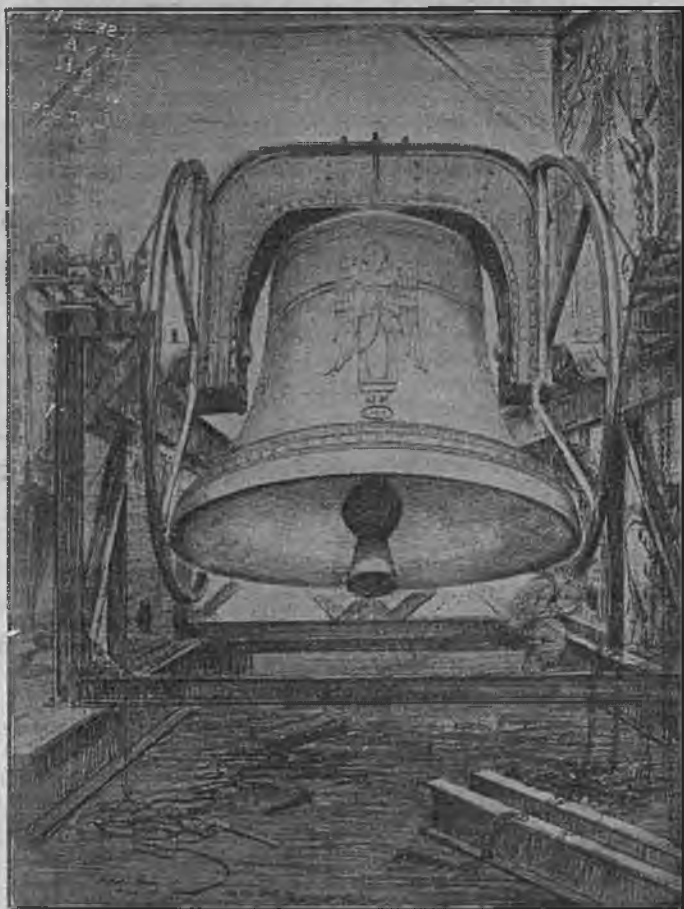
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THE CHOICE OF METHODS.

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How is it ringers, as a whole, show so little desire to ring fresh methods? They have them in plenty, so it cannot be for lack of material. Neither can it be for lack of skill, for there are many ringers to-day who, given a few hours to study a diagram, could make quite a good show at ringing any method of ordinary construction. Is it lack of initiative, or is it that in the great majority of towers a complete band cannot be kept together long enough to get over the stages of laying the foundation? Quite a lot depends upon this latter element. Unless the foundations have been well laid, it is impossible to build properly, but once a band is established and has properly grasped the principles, there is,

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given opportunities, nothing to prevent them from going on from method to method almost indefinitely.

Whatever the cause, it does seem strange, on reflection, that so many of the good methods that exist should go unrun. For those ringers who have got no further than plain Major there are vast and interesting possibilities in the Central Council's Collection, which offers easy steps to the more complicated things. For example, many ringers, if they want to get away from Plain Bob, are turned straight on to Double Norwich. The work in the latter is many stages removed from the former and months are often spent in trying to learn the fresh method; whereas in the Council's Collection is a series of methods which would take the learner by easy and comparatively quick stages, giving him a constant new interest instead of blunting the keenness of his ambition against a rock which he finds tantalisingly difficult to surmount. Yet it seems as if all except a very few limit themselves to the well established methods and make little or no effort to explore what may be termed the by-paths, and it is, we believe, more because of this than of any difficulties or demerits in the vast bulk of other methods that so little is done away from the beaten track and ringers cling to what everyone else is practising and put aside the rest.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, November 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5060 CHANGES;

| | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| JAMES CARTER Treble | *SAMUEL HOLT 7 |
| SYDNEY MARSHALL 2 | *ARTHUR RIDYARD 8 |
| *DONALD BROWN 3 | W. W. WOLSTENCROFT 9 |
| *WILLIAM BRAMMER 4 | *FRED R. WILLIAMS 10 |
| *JACK RAWLINSON 5 | BENJAMIN THORP 11 |
| *HERBERT BARLOW 6 | ALBERT ADAMS Tenor |

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD. Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

* First peal of Cinques.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, November 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

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|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT Treble | JOHN NEAL 7 |
| HENRY H. FEARN 2 | *WILLIAM WEBB 8 |
| ALBERT H. WARD 3 | WILLIAM C. DOWDING 9 |
| FRANK E. HAYNES 4 | ALBERT WALKER 10 |
| GEORGE E. FEARN 5 | JAMES GEORGE 11 |
| SYDNEY T. HOLTY 6 | WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ... Tenor |

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

* First peal at first attempt on twelve bells. This peal and the handbell peal on November 20th, recorded elsewhere, were rung in honour of Mr. James George's 77th birthday, which was duly celebrated.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

GUDHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

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|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| CHARLES W. ROBERTS Treble | WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6 |
| WILFRED WILLIAMS 2 | ISAAC EMERY 7 |
| EDWIN F. PIKE 3 | FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON 8 |
| WILLIAM H. HEWETT 4 | JAMES E. DAVIES 9 |
| HORACE BELCHER 5 | *ARTHUR BYGRAVE Tenor |

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.

* First peal on ten bells and re-elected a member of the association. First peal in the method on the bells.

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.

THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 26, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

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|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| *CHARLES FORD Treble | GEORGE WHITE 6 |
| ALBERT HUNTER 2 | WILLIAM A. BRECKON ... 7 |
| JOHN WALLER 3 | HARRY SHORT 8 |
| ALBERT V. COATES 4 | JOHN W. WATERS 9 |
| ALFRED E. OXLEY 5 | RICHARD HANSELL Tenor |

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by W. A. BRECKON.

* First peal. † First peal on ten bells. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Canon F. M. Sykes, M.A., who was instituted to the Rectorate of Whitby by the Archbishop of York on Monday, November 24th.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1930, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

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|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ROBERT J. DAWE Treble | HENRY STALHAM 6 |
| ROBERT W. E. DAWE 2 | JAMES A. HART 7 |
| *STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ... 3 | JACK M. CRIPPS 8 |
| HERBERT RANN 4 | ALFRED J. TURNER 9 |
| FRANK BENNETT 5 | †FREDERICK H. DALLAWAY Tenor |

Composed by JAMES GEORGE.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal on ten bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the composer.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

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|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| HARRY OVERTON Treble | †ALFRED S. BAYLEY 6 |
| HARRY F. HOLDING 2 | RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 7 |
| *WILLIAM J. CHESTER 3 | EDWARD V. RODENHURST 8 |
| JAMES H. RIDING 4 | J. WILLIAM EDGE 9 |
| RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 5 | WILLIAM SAUNDERS Tenor |

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by J. H. RIDING.

* First peal of Bob Royal. † First peal of Royal. First peal of Bob Royal on the bells.

DERBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, LITCHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

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|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble | ALBERT H. WARD 6 |
| JESSE J. MOSS 2 | JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 7 |
| JOHN H. SWINFELD 3 | JOHN FLINT 8 |
| CHARLES E. HART 4 | ARTHUR BRAINES 9 |
| J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 5 | *JAMES GEORGE Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

* 1,100th peal. This was the conductor's fiftieth peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal, and was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. James George, also a birthday peal for Miss Margaret Ward, daughter of the ringer of the 6th.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 16, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

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| MRS. J. WHEWELL Treble | ALFRED V. WILLIAMS ... 5 |
| *HARRY HOWARTH 2 | THOMAS HOWARTH 6 |
| LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 3 | *EDWARD BILSBOROUGH ... 7 |
| W. F. KENDALL 4 | LEONARD SCHOLES Tenor |

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

* First peal in method. Arranged for ringers of 4th and 5th, who hail from Bacup.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, November 21, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

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| INSPR. WILLIAM BOTTRILL Treble | P.C. JOSEPH C. DOEL ... 5 |
| P.C. FREDERICK DIGBY ... 2 | P.C. NORMAN S. BAGWORTH 6 |
| JAMES E. DAVIS 3 | P.C. CHARLES DAVIS ... 7 |
| P.C. CHARLIE ELLIOTT ... 4 | *P.C. CHAS. WILMINGTON Tenor |

Conducted by INSPR. WILLIAM BOTTRILL.

* First peal on eight bells. Rung in honour of the silver wedding of P.O. Elliott.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 22, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| JAMES MARSH Treble | JOHN BROWN 5 |
| FRED HINDLE 2 | JOSEPH RIDYARD 6 |
| THOMAS WILSON 3 | ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 7 |
| WILLIAM E. WILSON 4 | *EDWIN JENNINGS Tenor |

Composed by REV. H. L. JAMES. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell, and hails from Kendal.

UPPER CLAPTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

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| WILLIAM G. ELLIS Treble | JOHN G. NASH 5 |
| JOHN H. CRAMPION 2 | JAMES BENNETT 6 |
| GEORGE M. KILBY 3 | JOHN T. KENTISH 7 |
| GEORGE R. PYE 4 | WILLIAM PYE Tenor |

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

HIGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| SAMUEL QUINTON Treble | WILLIAM HENLEY 5 |
| *REGINALD W. REX 2 | D. CECIL WILLIAMS 6 |
| GEORGE PULLINGER 3 | GEORGE WILLIAMS 7 |
| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 4 | GEORGE GILBERT Tenor |

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First attempt for a peal of Surprise Major. First peal in the method on the bells. Mr. D. Cecil Williams' 100th peal. He is the first F.R.C.O. to reach this total. First Surprise peal by the treble man, and rung on his 68th birthday. The Rector, the Rev. G. D. Dunlop, M.A., kindly gave the visitors a substantial tea, which was much appreciated; and their thanks were suitably conveyed to him.

GREAT BARDFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5312 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

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| JOSEPH JENNINGS 2 | BERNARD W. PETTITT ... 5 |
| ARTHUR PIPER 2 | OLAVE BROYD 6 |
| WILLIAM KEEBLE 3 | ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 7 |
| *GEORGE PIPER 4 | ERNEST TOWNSEND Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. K. E. Carlwright, who was leaving the parish; also as a birthday compliment to B. W. Pettitt.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| WINIFRED M. RYDER ... Treble | ALBERT NASH 5 |
| L. NOEL CAWTHORNE ... 2 | FREDERICK CARDWELL ... 6 |
| *GRACE BURCHNALL ... 3 | T. COLIN RYDER 7 |
| *KATHERINE BURCHNALL ... 4 | FRED WATKINSON Tenor |

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by F. WATKINSON.

* First peal in the method.

WILBY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, November 23, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ALPHAUS J. BERRY ... Treble | †DAVID CRACKNELL 5 |
| DAVID WHITING 2 | †CHARLES F. GOODMAN ... 6 |
| NOLAN GOLDEN 3 | ERIC G. BENNETT 7 |
| *JOHN NOLLER 4 | GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First of Oxford for thirty-three years. † First peal of Major.
† First of Oxford Treble Bob Major.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 24, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| GEORGE GREEN Treble | DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS ... 5 |
| GEORGE R. PYE 2 | ROBERT HEAZEL 6 |
| *PERCY GREEN 3 | ERNEST J. BUTLER 7 |
| WILLIAM KEEBLE 4 | ALBERT PRYKE Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal in the method.

DERBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 26, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

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|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| JOHN H. SWINFELD ... Treble | JAMES S. HUTCHESY 5 |
| MAURICE SWINFELD ... 2 | BENJAMIN GREATORREX ... 6 |
| JOSEPH BAILEY 3 | JAMES GEORGE 7 |
| CHARLES DRAFER 4 | JOHN CURTIS Tenor |

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. James George. One hundredth peal of Triples as conductor for the M.C.A. Each one has been a different composition.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 27, 1930, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAVIES' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

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| *LEONARD P. COOPER ... Treble | JOHN CRAWFORD 5 |
| JOHN BEAMS 2 | †ARTHUR WOOD 6 |
| EDWARD T. GROVE 3 | THOMAS A. SHRUBB 7 |
| J. T. M. FLETCHER 4 | JAMES SHRUBB Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN BEAMS.

* First peal. † First peal inside. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a tribute to the late Mr. A. J. Warren, churchwarden at the above church, through whose generosity the bells were recast and rebung.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 27, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edward,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

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|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| ERNEST J. BUTLER ... Treble | ROBERT HEAZEL 5 |
| *CHARLES PRYKE 2 | ALBERT PRYKE 6 |
| FRANK G. RINGE 3 | ALFRED PYE 7 |
| GEORGE R. PYE 4 | JAMES BENNETT Tenor |

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by J. BENNETT.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, Rev. H. C. Robins, who is leaving Romford for Barking.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 29, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew, Wells Street, W.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

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|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... Treble | WILLIAM E. JUDD 5 |
| ARTHUR CUMORE 2 | ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS ... 6 |
| PERCY E. CLARK 3 | THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7 |
| JOSEPH S. HAWKINS 4 | EDWARD J. SAMPSON Tenor |

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE.

This peal was rung for evensong and the patronal festival of St. Andrew, and on the 50th anniversary of the opening of the bells.

THORVERTON, DEVONSHIRE.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 29, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

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| GEORGE LUXTON ... Treble | HENRY J. CORRY 5 |
| MRS. E. S. POWELL 2 | REV. E. S. POWELL 6 |
| RICHARD GRATER 3 | FRED NEWCOMBE 7 |
| FRANK VINEY 4 | SIDNEY RIDGEWAY Tenor |

Conducted by F. NEWCOMBE.

THATCHAM, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 29, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| WILLIAM E. TAYLOR ... Treble | REGINALD W. REX 5 |
| JAMES ABERY 2 | PERCY J. DYKE 6 |
| MISS STELLA DAVIS ... 3 | HARRY W. SMITH 7 |
| *MISS RUBY M. HAZELL ... 4 | GEORGE GILBERT Tenor |

Composed by the late I. G. SHADE. Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Major on the bells.

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On Saturday, November 29, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

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|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| *NORMAN V. HARDING ... Treble | *JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... 5 |
| *CHARLES N. BURDOCK ... 2 | *WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6 |
| GEORGE WILSON ... 3 | *C. ERNEST SMITH ... 7 |
| WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 4 | ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor |

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method by the Guild and on the bells. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Cyril F. Johnston, of the Croydon Bell Foundry, a life member of the Guild, and Miss Mary Evelyn O'Leary, on the occasion of their marriage.

DENHAM, BUCKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 29, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt.

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| PERCY E. JONES ... Treble | WILLIAM HONOR ... 5 |
| EDGAR HANCOCK ... 2 | EDGAR G. SWIFT ... 6 |
| JAMES H. LUCAS ... 3 | FRANK CORKE ... 7 |
| *RICHARD WARNETT ... 4 | WILFRED S. CHILDS ... Tenor |

Conducted by FRANK CORKE.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. Ringers of 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7 hail from St. Andrew's, Uxbridge, 5 from St. John's, Hillingdon, tenor local. Great credit is due to all of the band for the way in which they rang the bells.

SHEPHERD, SALOP.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 29, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E flat.

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| ALFRED FALLON ... Treble | ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 5 |
| JOSEPH FLAVELL ... 2 | ALBERT D. COLLINS ... 6 |
| HAROLD L. FLAVELL ... 3 | HARRY BOSWELL ... 7 |
| HERBERT E. BOOTH ... 4 | JAMES SHAW ... Tenor |

Conducted by ALFRED FALLON.

Rung on the eve of the festival of St. Andrew, and also as a birthday compliment to Mr. James Shaw, the ringer of the tenor.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, November 29, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HAYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THORSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

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| JONATHAN PRESTON ... Treble | MORRIS J. MORRIS ... 5 |
| *MISE O. MURIEL SANDERS ... 2 | JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 6 |
| GEORGE F. SWANN ... 3 | WILLIAM DAVIES ... 7 |
| FRED PRICE ... 4 | WILLIAM C. RHODES ... Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

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

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 29, 1930, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HAYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THORSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

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| FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... Treble | WILLIAM SIMMONDS ... 5 |
| WALTER V. WEBB ... 2 | RICHARD A. POST ... 6 |
| HUGH J. BALCOMBE ... 3 | WALTER F. JUDGE ... 7 |
| RICHARD G. RICE ... 4 | HARRY BISHOP ... Tenor |

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

Rung for the patronal festival.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

RIPPLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 10, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 24 six-scores of Plain Bob, 12 callings, and 18 of Grandsire, 10 callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

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| *CHARLES HAYTINGS ... Treble | CHARLES CAMM ... 4 |
| FRANK LAWRENCE ... 2 | FRED HAWKES ... 5 |
| CHARLES YOUNG ... 3 | HENRY BISHOP ... Tenor |

Conducted by FRED HAWKES.

* First peal. First peal of Doubles on the bells.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 11, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

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| EDWIN BROMLEY ... Treble | ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 4 |
| *ROBERT COLLINS ... 2 | FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. ... 5 |
| ALAN BROMLEY ... 3 | REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... Tenor |

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of those who gave their lives in the Great War.

BADGEWORTH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 12, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 six-scores of Canterbury Pleasure, 10 six-scores of Plain Bob, and 22 of Grandsire. Tenor 17 cwt. (approx.).

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| ALBERT NEWMAN ... Treble | GEORGE KILMINSTER ... 4 |
| THOMAS DAVIS ... 2 | ALBERT WILLIAMS ... 5 |
| WILLIAM OAKLEY ... 3 | CHARLES STAITT ... Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM OAKLEY.

First peal by all and on the bells in three methods by entirely local band.

BARRINGTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 17, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 11½ cwt.

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| MISS KITTY WILLERS ... Treble | CHARLES W. COOK ... 4 |
| ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... 2 | FRANK HARPER ... 5 |
| JOHN W. WARD ... 3 | EDWARD H. FINCH ... Tenor |

Conducted by A. E. AUSTIN.

BURSTOW, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Monday, November 17, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

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| *JOHN BRADLEY ... Treble | *LESLIE W. PENFOLD ... 4 |
| †ERNEST RAZZELL ... 2 | *HAROLD KEW ... 5 |
| *HENRY H. PARSONS ... 3 | ALFRED J. BULL ... Tenor |

Conducted by ALFRED J. BULL.

* First peal of Minor in three methods. † First peal of Minor.

RICKINGHALL SUPERIOR, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court and Oxford Treble Bob, and two each of Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

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| PERCY L. JOHNSON ... Treble | GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 4 |
| NOLAN GOLDEN ... 2 | ERIC G. BENNETT ... 5 |
| ALPHAEUS J. BERRY ... 3 | WILLIAM C. ROMSEY ... Tenor |

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

SOUTH NORMANTON, DERBYSHIRE.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 19, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 changes each of Double Court, Single Court, College Single, Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr.

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| CYRIL M. HEATHCOTE Treble | ARTHUR B. JUDGE 4 |
| HAROLD DOUGHTY 2 | * ERNEST W. RILEY 5 |
| FRED W. KNOWLES 3 | JOHN W. ENGLAND Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN W. ENGLAND.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell. First peal in seven methods by all the band. The last occasion on which a seven-method peal was rung for this association was at Tibshelf on June 19th, 1909.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Wednesday, November 19, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 720 of College Exercise and two 720's each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| * RAYMOND WICKENS Treble | * WALTER TOPPEN 4 |
| * EDWARD ILLMAN 2 | HORACE EDWARDS 5 |
| ARTHUR KNAPP 3 | ALBERT ELLIS Tenor |

Conducted by ALBERT ELLIS.

* First peal. First peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. All are Sunday service ringers at the above church. Quarterly peal for the district.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 20, 1930, in Three Hours and Six 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, Kent and Plain Bob. Tenor 18½ cwt.

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| HARRY FLEET Treble | WILLIAM PEACOCK 4 |
| CHARLES W. SMITH 2 | EDMUND J. HOBBS 5 |
| ALBERT FLEET 3 | HORACE H. SMITH Tenor |

Conducted by E. J. HOBBS.

Rung with clappers half-muffled in memory of 'our friend and president,' the Rev. Canon W. W. C. Baker.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 24 six-scores of Plain Bob, with 12 callings and 18 of Grandsire with 10 callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

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| CHARLES HAYLINGS Treble | CHARLES YOUNG 4 |
| FRED HAWKES 2 | CHARLES CAMM 5 |
| FRANK LAWRENCE 3 | HENRY BISHOP Tenor |

Conducted by FRED HAWKES.

BLACKWELL.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Werrburgh,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 changes of Chase, 1,200 Grandsire, 960 Old Doubles, 1,080 changes of Bob Doubles. Tenor 9½ cwt.

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| * ALAN WOODWARD Treble | HUBERT BAILEY 3 |
| ARTHUR SMITHSON 2 | BERNARD BAILEY 4 |
| W. RILEY 3 | Tenor |

Conducted by B. BAILEY.

* First peal and proposed a member of the association before the commencement of the peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble and tenor ringers, the Vicar of Blackwell and the mothers of the 3rd, 4th and tenor ringers.

LONDON.—On Sunday, November 23rd, at the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, for evensong, 1,248 Bristol Surprise Major: H. Belcher 1, J. A. Waugh 2, E. F. Pike 3, J. H. Crampson 4, W. H. Hewett 5, W. R. Madgwick 6, C. W. Roberts 7, J. E. Davis 8.

BARLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet. Tenor 8 cwt.

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| 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.

GREAT MUNDEN.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob, and four of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

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| * CECIL SHEPPARD Treble | HENRY WALLACE 4 |
| MISS NORA WELCH 2 | JACK WELCH 5 |
| SIDNEY CARTER 3 | BARNARD PATMORE Tenor |

Conducted by BARNARD PATMORE.

* First peal.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 24, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes, 2)

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Double Court, and two each of Oxford Bob, Single Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt.

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| ALEC MUNDY Treble | RONALD G. BECK 4 |
| FREDERICK TARGETT 2 | THOMAS M. GRIFFIN 5 |
| HERBERT W. PEARCE 3 | JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor |

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD.)

On Tuesday, November 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At No. 1, SALTER'S ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

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| * JOHN ANDERSON 1-2 | WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 5-6 |
| WILLIAM H. BARBER 3-4 | ROBERT S. ANDERSON 7-8 |
| ADAM DEAS 9-10 | |

Composed and Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

* Fiftieth peal. First peal of Bob Royal 'in hand' by all the band.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, November 19, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At 56, MOORLAND AVENUE,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

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| * HARRY CARTER 1-2 | JACK BRAY 5-6 |
| CHARLES MCGUINNESS 3-4 | HAROLD MARCON 7-8 |
| FRANK LORD 9-10 | |

Composed by WALTER AYRE.

Conducted by J. BRAY.

Witnesses: Mrs. J. BRAY, Miss S. NORTON and Mrs. C. MCGUINNESS
* First peal of Royal.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thursday, November 20, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At 81, BAKER STREET, SPARKHILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

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| GEORGE F. SWANN 1-2 | ALBERT WALKER 7-8 |
| FRANK W. PERRENS 3-4 | FRANK E. PERVIN 9-10 |
| PERCY J. JOHNSON 5-6 | JAMES GEORGE 11-12 |

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Referee, W. A. Best and others. The conductor's 400th peal.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

SURREY ASSOCIATION.**NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT'S SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT MITCHAM.**

A meeting of the North-Western District was held at Mitcham on Saturday, and proved, as all who attended will agree, the most enjoyable meeting of the year. About sixty ringers attended during the afternoon and evening from Banstead, Beddington, Benhilton, Brockley, Bushey, Chelsea, Croydon (St. John's and St. Peter's), Ealing, Erith, Ewell, Hillingdon, Merton, Mersham, Mitcham (Christ Church and Parish Church), Streatham, Sutton and Woodford. The light peal of six at Christ Church were open from 3 p.m., and were kept going in various methods until five o'clock, when a very enjoyable service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. D. G. Matthews). Tea had been prepared at the Welfare Centre, through the kind generosity of the Christ Church company, a party of 52 sitting down to a meal that only ringers really know how to enjoy, but even this large company could not quite clear the tables of eatables.

The Vicar presided at the business meeting, supported by Mr. D. K. C. Birt (Master of the Association). Four new ringing members were elected, and the District Secretary reported that the new certificates were now ready and could be obtained from him at the price of 1s., and he hoped all members of the association would apply for one.

It was proposed to send a letter of congratulation and good wishes from the meeting to Mr. Cyril Johnston, of the Croydon Bell Foundry, and an honorary member of the association, who was married earlier in the day.

The Master, in a short speech, said how pleased he was to see so many young ringers joining the association, and he urged the ringers in all towers to do their utmost to teach the younger ringers to come on, and so keep the bands at full strength.

A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar of Christ Church for the use of the bells and conducting the service, to the Vicar of the Parish Church, whose bells were available during the evening, also to the captain and band of Christ Church for their kind generosity in providing the tea, and to the ladies who waited at the tables.

The Vicar, Mr. Miller, and Mr. Reading, of the local company, suitably replied.

The bells in both towers were kept going during the evening in methods ranging from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Minor and Major, and Spiced Surprise Major. The secretary finds he made an error in giving out the date of the district annual meeting at St. Peter's, Croydon. It is to be held on January 24th, not the 31st.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CHELTENHAM BRANCH.**

The annual meeting of the Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association took place at Prestbury on Saturday, November 22nd, when the nice ring of eight were set going at three o'clock, and soon a good number of ringers were waiting to take their share in the ringing.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Bagot de la Bere), Canon F. W. Sears, of Leckhampton, reading the lesson.

After service, members adjourned to the Church Room, where a splendid tea was in readiness, given by the Vicar, who had the help of many lady friends. Before he left, a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for all he had done that day, and, in reply, he said how very pleased he was to welcome the branch to his church.

The business meeting followed with Canon F. W. Sears (chairman of the branch) in the chair, supported by Rev. E. G. Benson, of Tewkesbury, and forty members from the following towers: Dumbleton, Alderton, Swindon, Cheltenham (St. Mark's), Badgeworth, Charlton Kings, Tewkesbury, Gloucester, Burford, Leckhampton and the local tower.

The Secretary gave a short report of the year's work, and congratulated the bands that rang the Double Norwich at Leckhampton and the peal of Doubles at Badgeworth.

Two new members from Prestbury and two from Swindon were elected.

Mr. J. Austin praised Mr. Albert Wright and his band on their great performance of the previous Saturday at Painswick, and Mr. J. Ballinger, who rang the 11th, replied.

Mr. Walter Rose, of Prestbury, was elected on the special sub-committee which is to consider the question of reaffiliation to the Central Council.

The following were re-elected officers of the branch for the coming year, and thanked for their past services: Chairman, Canon F. W. Sears (Leckhampton); representative, Mr. G. H. Walters (Prestbury); hon. secretary, Mr. Walter Yeend (Swindon).

Withington was selected for the next meeting in the late spring, the arrangements being left to the secretary.

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.

During the afternoon and evening the following methods were rung: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Little Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich, as well as rounds for the beginners.

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.

Congratulations are offered to Mrs. F. M. Mitchell, wife of the hon. secretary of the Kent County Association, who has returned to ringing after a few years' absence, on ringing a quarter-peal on Sunday evening last. Mrs. Mitchell, as Miss Ethel Goodship, was in the first attempt for a ladies' peal, which unfortunately came to grief.

Composers of peals of Triples will soon have to get busy and produce something new, or Maurice Swinfield, of Burton-on-Trent, will have exhausted the supply of compositions. Last week he rang his one hundredth peal of Triples for the Midland Counties Association, as conductor, and every one has been a different composition!

Mr. James George seems, at last, to have 'got going' with peal ringing. Having had a bit of practice down at Painswick the other day, he is now ringing peals so fast that we are losing count of them. It is fortunate, therefore, that the report of a peal rung last Saturday at Derby reminds us that it was his 1,100th! Some people may say he ought to be ashamed of such a record, but, there, what can you do with these irrepressible boys?

A peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. Michael Coslany, Norwich, on December 6th, 1731. Six weeks before, there had been a peal of Stedman rung at Mancroft, and it led to a great deal of feeling between the rival bands. The St. Michael's band claimed that theirs was 'the first time that ever it was rung,' thus casting doubts on the Mancroft peal.

According to contemporary records, before the peal at St. Michael's was begun, the Mancroft company employed a bellman to 'cry about the streets the following scandalous verses':—

This is to give notice to all sorts of people,
That the ringers that practise at St. Michael's steeple,
Have crazed their brains by setting forth false pretences,
That it is to be feared they have quite lost their senses.
Therefore let 'em repair to John Foster's, and 'tis plain
There's those that can help them to their senses again.

The 'five ones' (11,111) of Stedman Caters was rung at Fulham on December 8th, 1883.

It was at Painswick on December, 1833, that the 10,224 of Trolle Bob Maximus was rung, which stood as the longest in the method until the Ashton-under-Lyne peal in 1911.

The first peal on the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral was rung on December 10th, 1881. Mr. Ted Horvex was the last survivor of that band.

In the two hundred and more years that have elapsed since the first peal on record, there have not been many peals of 'Real Double Caters,' but George Gross composed one and conducted it at St. Magnus, London Bridge, on December 10th, 1770—just 160 years ago next Wednesday.

The peal at Ilkeston, recorded last week, was rung on Wednesday, November 19th, not Thursday, the 20th, as reported.

On St. Cecilia's Day, November 22nd, the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral were rung from 3 to 4 p.m. The ringing took place at the instigation of Mr. E. Alexander Young (secretary of the Central Council), prior to a service for the musical fraternity, whose patron saint is St. Cecilia.

MARRIAGE OF MR. C. F. JOHNSTON AND MISS M. E. O'LEARY

CROYDON BELL FOUNDRY'S WEDDING.

The marriage took place on Saturday, at St. Mary's Church, Cadogan Gardens, London, of Mr. Cyril Frederick Johnston (head of the firm of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of the Croydon Bell Foundry, and son of the late Mr. A. A. Johnston and of Mrs. Johnston, of Broadwater, Addiscombe Road, Croydon), and Miss Mary Evelyn O'Leary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Evelyn O'Leary, of Sydney House, Bedford Park, London.



MR. CYRIL F. JOHNSTON.

[Photo: Peter North.]



MISS MARY E. O'LEARY.

[Photo: Peter North.]

From his intimate connection with the bell world, Mr. Cyril F. Johnston is widely known to ringers all over the country. The work which his firm has done in hundreds of belfries has brought him into personal contact with members of the Exercise in every corner of England and beyond, and Saturday's event is, therefore, one of unusual interest to a very large circle of ringing friends.

There was a picturesque setting for the wedding ceremony at St. Mary's, the church being decorated with lilies and pink and white chrysanthemums. Miss O'Leary made a charming bride in a dress of parchment satin, with a train of old Brussels lace and tulle veil. She carried a sheaf of lilies. The bridesmaid was Miss Nannette O'Leary (sister), who wore a dress of turquoise blue georgette, and carried a bouquet of deep pink roses. The small train bearers, Master John Norman (nephew of the bride) and Miss Xenia Cox, were attired in parchment satin. The bride's mother wore a dress of wine satin, with black hat and fur coat. Mrs. Johnston was gowned in blue velvet and georgette, with a toque to match; while Miss Nora Johnston wore a dress of red georgette trimmed with beige fur.

The bridal party was met at the entrance to the church by the officiating clergyman (the Rev. C. E. Sutton) and the choir, and the bride advanced up the aisle leaning on the arm of her uncle, Mr. H. O. Serpell, J.P., who, owing to the illness of her father, gave the bride away. Mr. Highmore King, son of the late Sir George King, was the best man. The service was fully choral, and was attended by a large gathering of friends of both families and by many members of the Croydon Foundry staff.

Unfortunately there is no peal of bells at St. Mary's, Cadogan Gardens, and it was impossible, therefore, at this church, to give the happy pair the customary ringers' salute upon their marriage, but arrangements were made for ringing at St. Luke's Church, Chelsea, in honour of the occasion, and the bride and bridegroom, on the way to the reception, drove to St. Luke's and listened for a short while to the wedding bells.

About a hundred guests were present at the reception given at Hans Crescent Hotel, and later in the day Mr. and Mrs. C. F.

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A CHIME OF TWELVE BELLS. ADDITION TO A SURREY CHURCH.

On Wednesday of last week, the Bishop of Guildford dedicated a chime of twelve bells and a new clock at the Parish Church of St. Peter, Frimley, Surrey. The bells, which consist of ten in the diatonic scale and two half notes, have a tenor of 12½ cwt., and have been cast and installed by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. There was formerly in this tower one bell, a recast in 1872 of a bell by Bryan Eldridge, of Chertsey, dated 1654. The tower is of small dimensions, and is too frail to carry a peal hung for ringing, but by the generous gift of Caroline Lavinia Johnson, as a thankoffering, Frimley is in possession of a delightful chime.

Despite a drenching evening, the spacious church was filled for the service, and many of the congregation lingered afterwards to hear the recital on the bells given by Mr. Harry Withers, of Birmingham, who, immediately after the dedicatory prayers, played the hymn, 'We love the place, O God.' Subsequently his recital included a perfectly tapped course of Erin Caters, a selection of hymn tunes, and Welsh, Irish, Scotch and English melodies, in which he brought out all the beauties of the chime. The large audience was delighted, both with the excellence of the playing, upon which Mr. Withers afterwards received many congratulations, and the beautiful tones of the bells, which are typically fine specimens of Loughborough work. The bells are, of course, hung 'dead,' and are operated by a clavier.

The clock, by Messrs. Smith, of Derby, is of the electric self-winding type, which chimes the Westminster quarters and strikes the hours.

A tablet in the church porch, under the tower, records the gift, and on the waist of the tenor bell is the inscription: 'Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam Dedit Donum Caroline Lavinia Johnson. A.D. 1930.' Round the inscription band is: 'Taylors, Founders, Loughborough.'

Mr. J. P. Fidler represented the founders at the opening ceremony.

THE HINTON BELLS APPEAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The appeal for contributions toward the rehanging, etc., of the bells at Hinton-on-the-Green, near Evesham, which you published in your last issue, should have the sympathy of all interested in bells. A peal of eight would be of great help to many ringers in this district, but it is impossible, in these times, for an agricultural parish of this size to raise the money without outside assistance. Mr. Johnson, who makes the appeal, is a native of the parish, and he and his father have been of very great assistance in this district in helping and teaching others.

We in Worcestershire are grateful for the support you have given to the appeal, but to remove any misapprehension may I state that a donation was contributed from the funds of the Worcestershire Association of just double the amount previously given to any other parish, and a collection was made at the service on the occasion of the annual meeting. In addition, many members have privately helped, so that your readers will see that we have already given this appeal our practical and most sincere support.

In conclusion, may I personally thank you for calling attention to and supporting this scheme for a ring of eight at Hinton-on-the-Green. I sincerely hope it will be successful.—Yours truly,

JAMES R. NEWMAN,
Hon. Secretary, Worcestershire Association.

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Johnston left for Paris, where the honeymoon is being spent. The bride travelled in a coral pink dress and hat, and squirrel coat.

They were the recipients of a large number of handsome and valuable presents from, among others, the Right Hon. Sir William Mitchell-Thompson, M.P., the Bishop of Croydon and Mrs. Woods, Mr. Montague C. Norman (governor of the Bank of England), Mr. H. O. Serpell, J.P., Lady King, Mr. Highmore King, Sir Claude and Lady Morrison-Bell, Lady Eldridge, etc.

On Thursday of last week Mr. Johnston was presented with a silver tea and coffee service, as a token of esteem by the staff and employees of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The presentation was made by Mr. W. Steer, who has been in the employ of the firm for over forty years, and was suitably acknowledged by Mr. Johnston.

Immediately after the ceremony at St. Mary's, 504 Stedman Triples was rung at St. Luke's, Chelsea, by D. Wright (conductor) 1, R. H. Dove 2, F. E. Larbey 3, B. N. Newson 4, J. W. Trappitt 5, E. J. Trimmer 6, C. H. Kippin 7, W. Essery 8. With the exception of the ringers of 7 and 8, all the band are employees at the Croydon Bell Foundry. At Croydon Parish Church (where Mr. Johnston first learned to ring) a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung to celebrate the event by R. Loveland 1, F. E. Mitchell 2, H. Skelt 3, G. H. Humphries 4, J. E. Cooper 5, J. Rumble, jun., 6, D. Cooper (conductor) 7, J. Cawley 8. The same afternoon members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, of which Mr. Johnston is a life member, rang a peal of Norfolk Surprise at Warnham, in honour of the occasion.

A peal was also to be attempted by members of the Surrey Association, with which Mr. Johnston has long been closely connected, at Christ Church, Epsom, on Wednesday, illness near the church preventing a similar attempt at St. Peter's, Croydon.

THE LONGEST PEAL ON FIVE BELLS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Replying to 'Extremes' query regarding the longest peal on five bells, my records show that 7,080 Doubles were rung at Wrentham, Suffolk, January 3rd, 1824, in 4 hours. A greater length is recorded, however, on a tablet at Whapload, Lincolnshire, thus:—

'Feby. 27th, 1775,
Was rung 10,080 changes of 84
Peals by Wm. Jackson, Richd. Har-
wood, Wm. Money, Stepn. Davis &
Richd. Pottenger. Raised & settled the
Bells in 7 hours & 25 minutes.'

Unfortunately there is no mention of method or methods rung.

The longest peal on five bells in Leicestershire or by the M.C.A. was 6,600 changes, rung at Billesdon, conducted by yours sincerely,
ERNEST MORRIS.

Leicester.

TWO SOMERSET PEALS.

Dear Sir,—In answer to 'Extremes' re long peals of Doubles, on February 2nd, 1901, in 4 hrs.-12 mins., 7,440 of Bob Doubles was rung half-muffled for Queen Victoria, and on May 20th, 1910, in 4 hrs. 30 mins., 8,160 (68 six-scores) of Grandsire Doubles, rung half-muffled for King Edward VII.'s funeral. These two peals were rung at Norton Fitzwarren by members of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, and conducted by the late Mr. T. Creed. Both peals were rung with the tenor covering.—Yours truly,

J. HUNT.

Taunton.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

MAYOR ELECTED A MEMBER.

In spite of the inclement weather, members from all parts of the district turned up at the meeting of the Romney Marsh Guild at Tenterden for a pull on this fine peal of bells, and, incidentally, to pass an opinion on Messrs. Bowell's work in rehanging the seventh. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. with a short touch of Stedman Triples, and was followed during the afternoon and evening by Grandsire, Superlative, Kent, Oxford, Cambridge and Double Norwich, with rounds for the learners. The Vicar and two churchwardens paid an early visit to the belfry. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar, who gave an address. Mr. W. E. Pitman, Mus.Bac., presided at the organ. The ringers then adjourned to the Temperance Hotel for tea. The Vicar presided, supported by the two wardens, the Guild Master (Mr. C. W. Everett), and the hon. secretary (Mr. A. J. Batten), the company numbering 38. The Vicar also took the chair at the business meeting which followed, when Charing was chosen for the next meeting on December 20th. The Master proposed the election of the Rev. M. L. Man as an hon. member, and, in thanking the members, the Vicar expressed his pleasure at meeting and welcoming so many churchworkers to Tenterden. He assured them that the clergy really did appreciate the time and energy they gave to the church.

The Hon. Secretary then proposed that the two churchwardens be elected hon. members, and said he felt sure the Guild would be pleased to have them, especially as the Vicar's warden, Col. Findlator, was now Mayor of Tenterden. He could assure them from a ringer's point of view they were ideal wardens. He (the speaker) happened to be secretary of the local band, and lately they seemed to want a good deal in the belfry, but their wardens never made any trouble of it. It was, 'Oh yes, certainly,' and they got on with the job (applause).—Mr. C. Ballard seconded, and the elections were carried with acclamation.

Lt.-Col. Findlator thanked the members for the great honour they had done him, and said, although he did not understand their art, he loved to hear the bells, and he was very pleased to be among them and to associate himself with their work. He also welcomed them to Tenterden.—Mr. Hippley Smith also briefly replied.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Pitman having been accorded, the Vicar, in concluding the meeting, said he was sure they would all like him to express their pleasure at being able to meet under the roof of their oldest ringer, Mr. G. Cramp, and their appreciation of the splendid way Mrs. Cramp had catered for them.

A return was then made to the tower until 8.30 p.m. All who had previously experienced the bad 'go' of the 7th were satisfied that Messrs. Bowell had completed another successful job.

A YOUNG CORNISH RINGER.

At Kenwyn Parish Church, Truro, on Friday, November 28th, in 48 minutes, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Cyril Lanxon (aged 12, first quarter-peal on eight) 1, J. Sedgley 2, W. E. Minors 3, Miss E. J. C. Angwin 4, A. M. Thomas 5, A. S. Roberts (conductor) 6, F. W. Marshall 7, H. Williams 8. The treble ringer is the youngest to ring a quarter-peal in Cornwall. All are members of the Truro Cathedral band, except the ringer of the fifth, who is the son of the Vicar of Kenwyn, this being his first quarter-peal of Triples 'inside.' The touch was a compliment to a nephew of the fourth ringer on his birthday.

THE PAINSWICK PEAL*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The Maximus peal at Ashton-under-Lyne and the Cinques peal at Painswick has disturbed the minds of a few. The Central Council will not recognise peals rung on seven, nine or eleven bells only. Being odd-bell methods, the Council will recognise them when an additional bell is added as a covering bell, and therefore they come under the heading of 8, 10 or 12 bell peals, and twelve bells were necessary at Painswick. Those who rang at Ashton-under-Lyne should be satisfied with their peal of Maximus, and those at Painswick with their peal of Cinques. I agree with Mr. Ernest Morris that ringers should know the difference between Cinques and Maximus, and the bands of each record be content with each performance.

Mr. A. E. Reeves has been described in these pages as 'a level-headed' ringer, or words to this effect, and I agree, but I cannot conceive that his letter is his own considered thoughts.

After the Painswick peal, I anticipated a letter to 'The Ringing World' from Mr. C. T. Coles, and in this he did not disappoint.—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR PRINCE.

Bath.

RECORDS ARE 'CHANGE RINGING' RECORDS.

Dear Sir,—My reason in asking the question, Can an 18,000 of Minor, with 6-8 or 7-8 covering, be called an eight-bell record? was this: Now and again peals of Doubles are rung with 4-6-8 covering. I admit eight bells are not essential for a peal of Minor, neither are three covering bells to a peal of Doubles. And peals of Doubles rung thus are recognised by their associations, and also published as eight-bell peals. But I quite agree with your opinion, 'Certainly not.' If a band were successful in ringing such a peal as I described, it would certainly not be recognised, and probably laughed at, but the fact remains that it would be a six-bell record, as all the Minor changes could only be rung by six bells. And that is my point in regard to the Painswick peal. Our records are records of change ringing, and as the change ringing at Painswick was done on eleven bells, my opinion is that it is the eleven-bell record. With regard to Mr. Morris' letter, 'Why Worry?' I don't think there is any reason to worry much. All we are trying to get at is this: Is the Painswick peal the twelve-bell record?—Yours faithfully,

A. E. REEVES.

Bristol.

HOW LONG COULD THE TENOR MAN HAVE CONTINUED?

Sir,—I, in common with all other twelve-bell ringers, have been much interested in the correspondence, and your excellent 'leader,' together with the circumstances generally, that have appeared in your valuable paper since the success of the record peal of Grand-sire Cinques at Painswick recently. Technically, it was, of course, an odd-bell method on an even number of bells, the tenor finishing each successive change, without which it would have been impossible to have attained it. The performance has been duly recorded in your paper under the usual heading of 'Twelve-bell peals,' which definition has obtained without question for many years. There are no entries for 9, 7 or 5 bell peals.

Now, as we all presume, and it goes without saying, that a tablet will be placed in the ringing chamber recording the performance, I have a strong presentiment that it is extremely unlikely they will omit the name of the tenor man, therefore it certainly becomes a twelve-bell peal. At the same time, we, as ringers, know that there is no comparison, from the scientific point of view, between the Cambridge Maximus and the Grandsire Cinques.

By the way, speaking of the 'tenor man,' everyone, of course, knows him—not to know Jim George is to argue one's self unknown—and I have enjoyed the privilege of his personal acquaintance for nearly fifty years. We are all fully aware of the wonderful ability of this genial personality, his enthusiasm and marvellous 'staying' powers; nothing seems to 'knock him up'! I have had the pleasure of taking part in many performances in which he has astonished the band by his 'fresh' condition at the finish. I can recall some wonderful instances such as 'the big bell at Bow' for Treble Twelve in, the tenor bell at Worcester Cathedral (surely one of the greatest performances), and many others too numerous to mention.

As the peal at Painswick occupied over 1½ hours, it now occurs to me that it would be a matter of very great interest to the ringing Exercise generally to be furnished with a reasonable estimate as to actually how long 'Sir' James could have rung the bell on this occasion, and 'as the onlooker sees most of the game,' I respectfully suggest that all the band furnish their own idea on the subject to our esteemed friend, Mr. Albert Wright—the able and capable conductor, who will transmit the result to you for the benefit of 'each and every' of us, who will gladly take off our hats to this wonderful and energetic old man, who has the audacity to appear only half the age he actually is!—Yours, etc.,

FRANCIS E. DAWE.

(Other letters on this subject are held over.)

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The society's November meeting was held at Headingley. Ringing took place in the afternoon at St. Chad's Church, and a very good muster took tea together before proceeding to St. Michael's in the evening.

The business meeting was held in St. Michael's tower. The president was unable to be present, and Mr. Strangeway (vice-president) took the chair. Four new members were elected.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Pudsey on January 24th.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicars of the respective churches for the use of the bells, and to the local companies for the necessary arrangements. During the day the following methods were attempted: Plain Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Superlative and London.

THE 26-SURPRISE METHOD PEAL.

On November 29th, a peal tablet, placed in the belfry of St. Mary's Church, Lamberhurst, by the church authorities, recording the peal in 26 Surprise methods, rung last May, was dedicated by the Vicar, Rev. E. Salisbury Jose. The Vicar, in a short address, said the church authorities had placed that tablet in the belfry to show their appreciation of the work done by the ringers, also with the hope that it would be an incentive to future ringers to give of their best in the belfry.

The ringers were afterwards entertained to tea at the Chequers Hotel, and the tower was again visited, and touches in various methods were rung until 8.30.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the South-Eastern Division was held at Writtle on Saturday, forty-four members being present from Braintree, Broomfield, Blackmore, Brentwood, Chelmsford, Galleywood, Great Baddow, Maldon, Rettendon, Springfield and Writtle. The service was conducted by the Vicar, who gave an inspiring address. The lesson was read by Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the association). Tea was served at the Rose and Crown, presided over by the Vicar, supported by Mr. C. H. Howard and the District Master.

A business meeting followed, Mr. C. H. Howard presiding. Mr. G. Green was re-elected District Master, and Mr. A. E. Coombes hon. secretary.—Three new ringing members were elected.

It was arranged to hold the next meeting at Rettendon on Saturday, February 21st.

Mr. C. H. Howard proposed a vote of thanks to the officers for their services during the past year, and also to the Vicar for the use of the bells.

A POSTPONED MEETING.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The meeting of the Ilchester Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Association, advertised to take place at Norton-sub-Hamdon on November 29th, had to be postponed at the last moment to December 6th owing to two deaths in the parish.

Every effort was made to advise all who had promised to attend, but in case of any turning up, the Vicar of Martock, who is president of the branch, kindly offered the use of his bells. One ringer from Sherborne and another from Yeovil came on to Martock, and with the help of the local ringers rang some Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob. They heard that a ringer from Swindon had been to Norton, but that gentleman did not arrive at Martock.—Yours faithfully,

F. FARRANT,

Branch Secretary.

A JUBILEE.

A peal rung at St. Andrew's, Wells Street, London, on November 29th, commemorated the fiftieth anniversary of the bells, which were dedicated after evensong on St. Andrew's Eve, 1880. They are a ring of eight, cast by Lewis, of Brixton, a famous firm of organ builders. They are a 'maiden' peal, hung just as they left the mould, the tenor being 21 cwt. In the opinion of many good judges they are a fine peal, and, writes a correspondent, retaining their virgin purity, ring as true to-day as when Ted Horrex and C. F. Winney listened to them on that Monday night fifty years ago. The bells were the gift of Susanna Imbert Terry in memory of her daughter, and were opened by the Royal Cumberland Youths. The bells bear Latin inscriptions, one portion being two verses from St. Bernard's hymn, 'Jesus dulcis memoria,' and the other relating to the circumstances of the gift.

DARLEY DALE.—On Wednesday, November 26th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Taylor 1, W. Blagshaw 3, E. Blackwell 4, H. Taylor 5, B. Allsop 6, G. H. Paulson (conductor) 7, R. Allsop tenor covering. First 720 of Oxford for 1, 3, 5, 7, 8. Also a plain course of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

A WEST COUNTRY DINNER.

AXBRIDGE DEANERY'S SUCCESSFUL VENTURE.

Enthusiasm and enterprise made a huge success of the venture undertaken by the Axbridge Deanery of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, when, at Weston-super-Mare, they organised a dinner and social. The company numbered nearly 200, and they spent a thoroughly enjoyable evening, thanks in large measure to the efforts of the hon. secretary, Mr. L. G. Tanner. Dinner was served at the Cairo Hotel, and the company, which was presided over by the Rev. E. S. C. Locke, Master of the Association, included ringers from Weston-super-Mare, Burnham-on-Sea, Bristol, Bath, London, Uphill, Kewstoke, Bauwell, Cheddar, Congresbury, Bleadon, Lymsham, East Brent, Brent Knoll, West Pennard, Compton Martin, Churchill, Shipham, Compton Bishop and Chew Magna.

After the loyal toast had been honoured, the Rev. J. H. H. Doorbar (Kewstoke) proposed that of 'The Axbridge Deanery.' He said he thought the branch was second to none in the Archdeaconry of Wells and in the diocese (hear, hear). It owed its excellent position to the extraordinary list of very eminent presidents—he happened to be one of them (laughter). The excellent position of the branch was also due to the extraordinarily energetic secretary. They must admit that the very fact they had met together was due to that lump of human energy known as Len Tanner (applause). His work as secretary was known to all ringers. Mr. Tanner thought that the ringers should get 'oiled' at least once a year (laughter). He objected to their getting oiled at any other time, especially when they were ringing! 'To-night he has tried to oil the bearings of our friendships,' the speaker continued, 'to marshal us as a unit; to teach us that we are part of a great organisation; and to get a little oil into our wheels so that the comradeship and good feeling which ought to exist among ringers shall be cemented at least once a year.' The ringers represented a very important piece of church work, he added. He was told there was a preparation used on a very large scale by rural, urban and municipal authorities, which was supposed to keep Council houses together—they wanted it! (laughter). He was told it would mend leaks in roofs, stop floor-boards from dissolving partnership, stop shutting from leaking, and if freely applied would double the life of a Council house—a very necessary thing indeed. He was told on the best authority that the people who used that stuff called it 'bunkum' (laughter). Mr. Tanner must know something about that stuff! Some people might be ringing the changes, but ringers would stick to change ringing, and they hoped the branch would grow. The ringers met together to call people to prayer and worship; to send happy couples along their happy voyage of life; and to close the door behind the departed with a muffled peal. Ringers had very important duties indeed. He saw from the 'Diocesan Gazette' that the Axbridge Deanery was very well off in the matter of towers with six and eight bells, and if the Axbridge Deanery was not second to none in the archdeaconry and in the diocese, it was the ringers' own fault. They had a wonderful supply of towers with six bells, and counting the tubular bells at Hewish—(laughter)—there were five towers with eight bells.

Responding, the President (the Rev. L. T. Powys David) remarked that he was no bellringer. 'Ask some of the Bleadon boys,' he said amid laughter. 'I get the bell a little bit too much over, and I have to work as hard as I can to keep up with the rest, and the whole thing ends up in a crash. Time, perhaps, will mend all that. I am told that if I come to the practices I will make quite a good ringer in time.' His experience as president during the past year had taught him that for real enthusiasm in bellringing the members of the Axbridge Deanery Branch would take a lot of beating (hear, hear). They rolled up in large number at all the meetings, and they were always enthusiastic gatherings.

The President also submitted 'The Visitors,' saying he was pleased to know that there were so many guests from places as far away as Bristol and Bath. That gathering was the first of its kind in their Deanery, but they were living in hopes that it would not be the last by a long way: that they would meet together for equally pleasurable gatherings for many more years. The success of such a venture as that depended to a large extent upon the number of visitors they had. They looked to the visitors for propaganda. They wanted to stimulate interest and keenness for bellringing everywhere. They wanted wives and sweethearts to stir up their men-folk to come along and help.

Mr. W. Thomas, of Bristol, suitably responded.

The toast of 'The Press and "The Ringing World"' was submitted by Mr. L. G. Tanner, who spoke of the power of the Press, and appealed for support for 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. W. A. Cave, of Bristol, responded to the toast.

The artistes were thanked on the motion of the Rev. S. R. Hosbons.

Mr. H. Minifie, who replied, remarked that the young men of today were not fond of hard work, like their ancestors were. 'I was speaking to a young fellow the other day,' he said, 'and asked him, "Why don't you take up ringing?" "Ringing is too much like hard work," he replied. "Your dad did before you," I reminded him. "I don't care," he said, "I'm not taking up any ringing."'

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DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Eastern District was held at Houghton-le-Spring on Saturday. There were only a fair number of members present, and the methods rung were Kent and Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Double Norwich.

After a splendid tea in the old Kepier School, a short meeting was held, Mr. R. L. Patterson being in the chair. Mr. J. W. Parker proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector and churchwardens for the use of the bells, which was carried with acclamation. Mr. Parker went on to say that although the meeting was short in numbers, there had been some good ringing, and it was a great pleasure to come and give the learners a hand.

It was proposed that Gateshead be the place for the next meeting, which was to be held on Saturday, January 17th.

The ringers after the meeting brought their chairs round the fire, and some handbell ringing took place, after which they went back to the belfry and kept the bells going until 8.30 p.m.

It was a very happy meeting, and all who were there thoroughly enjoyed it.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DISTRICT.

A meeting was held at Hertford on Saturday, when the peal of ten bells at All Saints' Church and the eight at St. Andrew's were open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Members and friends were present from Harlow Common, Broxbourne, Edmonton, Ware, Hertford, Ipswich, Beddington, Rickmansworth, Nazeing, Bushey, Waltham Abbey, Benington and St. Albans, together with the district secretary.

A bright and earnest address was given at the service by the Rev. Randolph Smith, and the organist kindly gave his services, the hymns being heartily sung.

Mr. G. Gray, of Hertford, was voted to the chair at the meeting which was held after tea, and a short discussion upon the benevolent scheme took place.

The Vicar was heartily thanked for his address, and a vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. T. N. Gardner, Rector of St. Andrew's, for allowing the ringers to use the bells at that church.

'TOAST TO THE PRESS'

To the Editor.

Sir,—In the report appearing in your issue of November 21st, of the toast to 'The Press' at the College Youths' Dinner, Mr. R. T. Hibbert is quoted as having said that, 'all editors were sons of Ananias.' To give a bare statement of this kind without the context in which it appeared, gives a false impression of the meaning of the speaker, and I ask you, sir, to publish this letter giving the statement referred to in full. Mr. Hibbert said: 'If you read the "Daily Herald," the "Daily Mail," and the "Daily Sketch," you are in a maze, and you come to the conclusion that all editors are sons of Ananias.' Possibly others who were present noticed this point, and I think it is one that is best corrected, as it is liable to misinterpretation as published.—Yours faithfully,

G. N. PRICE.

[No one who knows Mr. Tom Hibbert will take him too seriously on this subject, but since Mr. Price is anxious there should be no false impression, and yet has misquoted both 'The Ringing World' and Mr. Hibbert, let us remove all doubts and give exactly what was written and what was said. 'The Ringing World' report of Mr. Hibbert's speech (on page 750) was that Mr. Hibbert 'summed up all newspaper men as "sons of Ananias."' What Mr. Hibbert actually said on this point—and we take it from the shorthand note of his speech—was: 'I know there are some journalists in the room, but if you read the "Daily Herald," and then you read the "Daily Mail," and then the "Daily Mirror," you are in a maze, and you will find, as I have said before, that all journalists are sons of Ananias.'—Ed., 'R.W.')

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That is our trouble,' Mr. Minifie said. 'We have to convince the young men round the diocese that it is a real pleasure.' It was a delightful pastime, bringing out the best characteristics in a man—and sometimes the worst, he added, amid laughter.

The health of 'The hostess' was drunk on the proposition of Mr. G. H. Fruen (Burnham-on-Sea), and the chairman was thanked for presiding, on the motion of Mr. Tanner.

The speeches were interspersed with enjoyable entertainment, provided by the following: Miss Evelyn Urch, Miss Price, Mr. L. G. Tanner, Messrs. C. Grinfield and H. Minifie, and the Uphill Quartette. The function concluded with a dance, which was kept up until midnight, and in this connection special thanks are due to Mr. H. Minifie for so kindly obliging at the piano for certain dances which the gramophone records would not supply.

Many of those who attended were late in their application for tickets, and several came without having given any notification: as a result three tickets are still unpaid for. Should this meet the eye of those who overlooked this important part of the arrangements, will they kindly send their remittances to the hon. secretary?

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

OXFORD.—At St. Ebbe's Church, on Sunday, November 30th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 42 mins., by the following members of the Oxford University Society and of the Oxford Society: F. Dickinson (Merton) 1, W. H. B. Wilkins 2, G. Horwood 3, F. Taylor (conductor) 4, H. Miles (St. Catharine's) 5, F. W. Wilkins 6, S. Taylor (Merton) 7, C. E. Wigg (Keble) 8. First quarter-peal by the ringer of the treble.

BANBURY, OXON.—On Sunday, November 30th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,295 changes) in 54 mins.: W. F. Judge (conductor) 1, R. R. Lewis 2, W. Tandy 3, R. A. Post 4, F. Baldwin 5, F. Selwyn 6, T. Impey 7, J. Simons 8, H. Impey 9, R. Higham 10. First quarter-peal of Caters by all except ringers of 1, 4 and 8; also longest length on the bells.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—On Sunday, November 30th, for evening service, 2,504 of Grandsire Triples: H. C. Tully (longest length) 1, A. J. House (longest length 'inside') 2, E. Pickett (longest length 'inside') 3, H. Warner 4, D. Tucker 5, W. S. Newnham 6, G. Maxim (conductor) 7, H. Chadwick (longest length) 8.

HOUNSLOW.—On Sunday, November 30th, at St. Paul's Church, for evensong, 742 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original) in 28 mins.: F. E. Hawthorne 1, S. Stilwell 2, W. F. Ellingham 3, C. F. Winney 4, W. H. Stevens, I.S.O., 5, C. J. Tricker 6, J. Kent (conductor) 7, C. Gash 8. Ring, after meeting for quarter-peal, as a farewell touch to Mr. S. Stilwell.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Bethnal Green, for evensong on Sunday, November 30th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: W. W. Stevens 1, W. H. Theobald 2, J. H. Parrott 3, J. Martin 4, F. Smith 5, H. Hills 6, E. D. Smith (conductor) 7, H. C. Taylor 8.

DARLEY DALE.—On Sunday, November 30th, 1,022 Grandsire Triples: J. Taylor 1, B. Allsop 2, W. Blagshaw 3, E. Blackwell 4, H. Taylor 5, E. Holmes (Matlock) 6, G. H. Paulson (conductor) 7, R. Allsop 8. This was an attempt for a quarter-peal, but had to be called round owing to shortage of time, and was the longest length for ringers of 1 and 8, and longest 'inside' for 3 and 5.

BOZEAT, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.—At St. Mary's Church, on November 23rd, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: W. Fern 1, H. W. Gayton 2, J. J. Partridge (conductor) 3, E. Stanton 4, S. Corby 5. First quarter-peal rung for eighteen years; also first as conductor. All are regular Sunday ringers, except the ringer of number 2, who hails from Harrold.

WILTON, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, November 23rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: S. A. Wyatt 1, A. J. Wyatt 2, S. G. Coles 3, H. E. Causley 4, S. P. Merson 5, D. F. Sheldon 6, W. H. Coles (conductor) 7, H. J. Mogridge (first quarter-peal) 8.

ELLESMERE, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, November 16th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples in 19 mins.: R. Biggs 1, G. H. Edwards 2, A. Allen 3, A. Haynes 4, T. Butler 5, W. S. Higginson 6, T. R. Butler (conductor) 7, W. Higginson 8. Also 420 Stedman Doubles for men's service in the afternoon, with R. Lloyd taking part.

SWANMORE.—At St. Barnabas' Church, on Sunday, October 19th, for evening service, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, with 34 Bobs and 2 Singles: E. Jacobs, jun., 1, A. Millard 2, W. Allen 3, E. Jacobs, sen., 4, H. Ainsley 5, W. Linter (conductor) 6. This was rung as a 30th birthday compliment to Roy Linter, late local ringer, now living at Bath.

DEDDINGTON'S REHUNG BELLS

On the newly rehung peal of six bells at Deddington, Oxon, on Thursday, November 27th, a 720 of Grandsire Doubles: J. Clark 1, H. Gunstone (first 720 'inside') 2, F. Neale 3, A. E. Clifton 4, W. Searrott (first 720 as conductor) 5, H. Hatfield 6. Ringers of 1 and 2 hail from Islip, the rest from Bicester.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next branch meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's, Colne, on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Swansea, on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., with tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting, Manchester, on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, at a reasonable charge. Cars No. 20, 21 or 24, from Stevenson Square, Oldham Street, to the Osborne Theatre. Gentlemen cordially invited.—N. Cawthorne, Dis. Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The next by-meeting of the district will be held on Saturday, Dec. 6th, at Chilham. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at the Woolpack.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at St. Matthias', Burley, Leeds, on Saturday, Dec. 6th. The augmented peal of 8 (tenor 8 cwt.), recently recast and rehung, will be available from 2.30 p.m.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Colchester, on Saturday, Dec. 6th next. Bells will be available at 3.15 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5.15 p.m., 1s. each.—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. — The monthly meeting at St. Chad's, Poulton, has been altered to Dec. 6th, at the request of the Vicar and wardens. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business 6 p.m. — C. Sharples, Branch Sec., Fylde.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Leonard's, Bilston, Staffs, on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Service, Heavitree Church, 4.15. Tea (free to members) and business meeting at Constitutional Club Rooms, Heavitree, 5 p.m. Towers available: Cathedral (12), St. Sidwell's (10), Heavitree (8), St. Thomas' (8), St. David's (8), St. Petrock's (6).—E. Lomas (Miss), Hon. Sec., Whimble, near Exeter.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Beeston on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) ready from 3.30. All ringers welcome. There are a few subscriptions for 1930 not been paid yet. Will these members kindly pay up and besports?—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of above branch will be held at Bletchley on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 4.15 p.m. Those requiring tea please send along in good time. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Fen Ditton (5) on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. The tower of St. Andrew's, Chesterton (6) open from 6.30.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Dunster on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Tower open for ringing 2 p.m. (8 bells). Service, 3.45. Preacher: Preb. A. C. Harman, R.D. Tea at the Memorial Hall, 4.30. Business meeting to follow.—Geo. Stacey, Hon. Sec., 6, Park Street, Minehead.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, Dec. 6th. The bells will be available from 3 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Great Bedwyn on Saturday, Dec. 6th, at 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30.—Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wigan Parish Church on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6. A good attendance is requested.—James Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Huntingdon.—A meeting will be held at St. Ives on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5.—D. Clarke, 36, Cromwell Gardens, St. Neots.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The last meeting of the year will be held at Elstow on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (6) available at 2.45. Tea at 5 p.m. John Bunyan used to ring here. Visitors welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Dis. Sec., Stagsden, Bedford.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—The annual meeting is to be held at Wimborne Minster on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Ringing from 3.15. Service 4.30. Address by Vicar (Rev. Canon Keith). Tea in Church House 5.15, followed by business meeting.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Stoke-on-Trent on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Tea will be provided for all who notify Mr. S. Churton, 11, Lonsdale Street, Stoke-on-Trent, not later than Dec. 3rd.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Afternoon Guild.—The annual meeting will be held at Chester-le-Street on Wednesday, Dec. 10th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—G. Siddle, Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Clement's, Hastings, on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow. The bells of Christ Church, St. Leonards, will be available after the meeting.—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Preston Parish Church on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells available from 2.30. A good attendance is requested. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held jointly with the Barnsley, Doncaster and Sheffield District Societies at Rawmarsh, near Rotherham, on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, at 1s. per head. Please notify Mr. F. C. Wilson, 131, Wheatcroft Road, Sandhill, Rawmarsh, by Dec. 10th for tea.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Selby on Saturday, Dec. 13th. The Abbey bells (10) will be available for ringing from 2 p.m. onward. Service in the choir at 4 p.m. Tea served in Mrs. Smith's Café, Finkle Street, at 5 p.m., at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head. Those requiring same are requested to notify Mr. W. A. Hall, 12, Newport Avenue, Doncaster Road, Selby, not later than Thursday, Dec. 11th. The business meeting will be held in the Sacristy of the Abbey immediately after.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday, Dec. 13th, at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea in the Parish Room at 5.30 p.m., to be followed by business meeting. Ringing in the evening from 7 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.—C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Preacher: Canon Raven, D.D. Tea and meeting to follow. A good attendance is especially requested, as a further discussion will take place on 'How to make the monthly meetings more attractive.' Names for tea to Mr. W. Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston, by Wednesday, Dec. 10th.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec. If it's a 'RING' try WATFORD, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells open from 3.30. Tea 5.30, number for tea by 9th please.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next meeting to be held at Overseal on Saturday, Dec. 13th, will take the form of a special meeting in order to welcome the new Rector of Seals (Rev. Fitzherbert). Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Tea provided for those who notify Mr. J. W. Cotton, Moira Road, Overseal, by 11th at latest. Will members please make a special effort to come? Thank you.—John Leach, 4, Vernon Terrace, Burton-on-Trent.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—A meeting will be held at Castle Donington on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (6) ready at 3.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Bletchingley on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea only for those who notify me by Wednesday, Dec. 10th.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—North-East Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Tiverton on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells available 2.30. Committee meeting 4. Service 4.45. Tea, 1s. each, 5.15, business meeting following. Agenda: Report, balance sheet, election of officers, etc. Notify me for tea by Dec. 9th. — A. G. Selley, The Square, Silvertown.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Bridport on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Ringing from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5.15 p.m. Notification for tea to E. F. Brooks, Beaminster.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District. — A meeting will be held in Bristol on Saturday, Dec. 13th. St. Peter's bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at St. John's-on-the-Wall at 4.30. Tea at St. Michael's Parish Hall 5.15. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by Dec. 10th? — N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Croft on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells available from 3.45 p.m. Tea provided in Schoolroom, at 5 p.m., for all those who notify Mr. A. Warwick, Orchard Street, Croft, near Leicester, by Thursday, Dec. 11th. A good meeting is requested. All ringers welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Upton-on-Severn on Dec. 13th. 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. Rowlett, Branch Sec., Old Street, Upton-on-Severn.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Taunton, on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Meeting to follow. Wilton (8 bells) available from 3 to 4 p.m.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch. — A meeting will be held at Todmorden Parish Church on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Winslow on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells 6. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at 1s. each and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Please send numbers for tea to E. F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 92, High Street, Winslow, Bucks.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — The quarterly meeting will be held at South Normanton on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., 1s. each, to those who notify Mr. E. W. Riley, New Street, by Wednesday, Dec. 10th.—J. W. England, Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Holbrook on Dec. 13th. Bells (6) available at 2 p.m. and at Stutton (6). Tea, 4.30, at the Church Room.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—A meeting will be held at Chobham on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting after tea. Nominations for district officers must be received at this meeting. All members and friends of the Guild are invited to come and lend a helping hand at this gathering. Frequent buses from Woking Station (north side). Numbers for tea by Wednesday next. — H. Hancock, Hon. Sec., 3, Chobham Road, Ottershaw, Chertsey.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—A meeting will be held at Salle on Saturday, Dec. 13th, at 3.30 p.m.—W. B. Duncan, Branch Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Wroughton on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (5) available at 3 p.m.—S. Hopper, Hon. Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Swindon, Wilts.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Manchester Town Hall on Saturday, Dec. 20th. Bells from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 o'clock. Subscriptions due. Reports ready.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, Dec. 20th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting in the Schoolroom at 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Reports to hand.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Charing on Dec. 20th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden, Kent.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, on Saturday, Dec. 20th. Bells from 3.15. Service at 5.15. Tea in St. Andrew's Hall, Wells Street, on usual terms, at 6 o'clock. Please advise me if you are coming.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A dinner will be held at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday, Jan. 10th, 1931.—Tickets 5s. 6d. each. Early application should be made, as accommodation is limited.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

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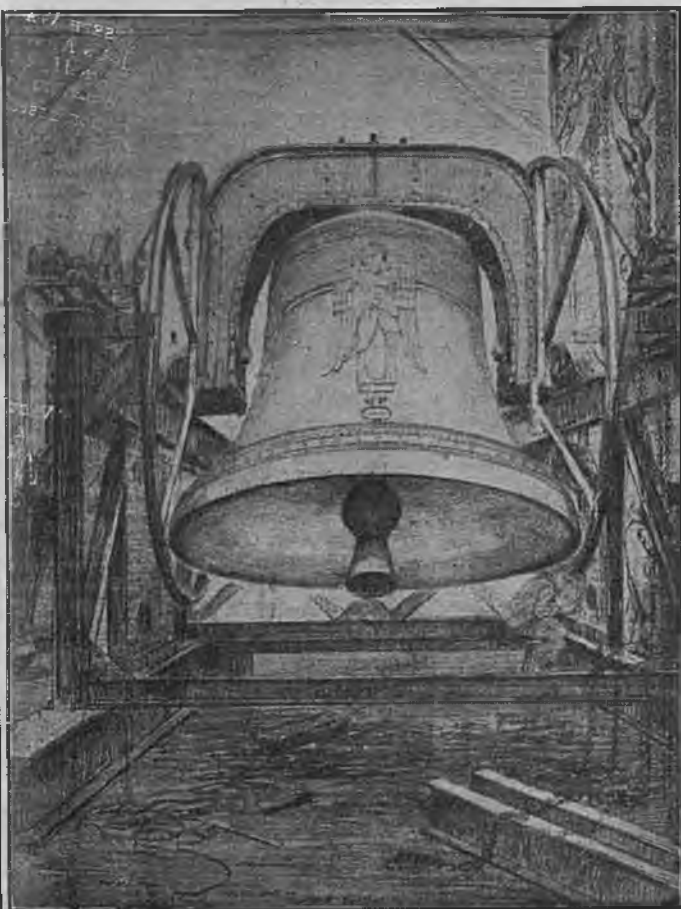
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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

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|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| WILLIAM T. PATES Treble | ERNEST E. DAVIS 7 |
| SIDNEY T. HOLT 2 | JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 8 |
| *FRANK LAWRENCE 3 | *WILLIAM RANFORD 9 |
| JOHN AUSTIN 4 | GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 10 |
| †ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... 5 | *CYRIL TANSSELL 11 |
| *WILLIAM C. JONES 6 | *CHARLES CAMM Tenor |

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Maximus. † First peal on twelve bells. First of Maximus as conductor. First peal of Treble Bob Maximus on the bells and on tower bells for the association.

TEN BELL PEALS.

DUBLIN.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

(ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 6, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5111 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

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| GABRIEL LINDOFF Treble | THOMAS MCMORRAN 6 |
| *REGINALD I. GEORGE ... 2 | ROBERT TAIT 7 |
| †ERIC A. GEORGE 3 | WILLIAM E. LYNCH 8 |
| GABRIEL G. LINDOFF ... 4 | P.C. ROBERT S. F. MURPHY 9 |
| EDWARD LUTMAN 5 | *JOHN H. COLBERT Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by G. LINDOFF.

* First peal. † First with bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Hon. Miss Katherine Plunkett on her attaining her 110th birthday.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, December 6, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

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| JAMES H. RIDING Treble | RICHARD T. HOLDING 6 |
| RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 2 | HAROLD EDWARDS 7 |
| JOHN WILKINSON 3 | HARRY OVERTON 8 |
| GEORGE R. NEWTON 4 | EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 9 |
| HARRY F. HOLDING 5 | JAMES WILLIAM EDGE Tenor |

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.
 This peal was rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Cyril F. Johnston, head of the firm who founded these bells, and his bride, Miss Mary Evelyn O'Leary.

REIGATE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

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| ALFRED J. BOLL Treble | *FRANK JEAL 6 |
| *LEONARD A. TIDY 2 | ALFRED J. TRAFFITT 7 |
| *HARRY WILLS 3 | *HARRY K. HOOPER 8 |
| BERNARD H. WELLS 4 | WALTER CLAYDON 9 |
| HUGH R. THORPE 5 | GEORGE F. HOAD Tenor |

Composed by H. N. DAVIS. Conducted by GEORGE F. HOAD.

* First peal of Treble Ten. Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. C. F. Johnston and Miss M. E. O'Leary, with the good wishes of the band.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 6, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

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| FRED C. MAYNARD Treble | JAMES E. DAVIS 6 |
| MRS. R. RICHARDSON 2 | JOHN H. CRAMPION 7 |
| GEORGE R. PYE 3 | JAMES BENNETT 8 |
| MRS. R. F. DEAL 4 | ROBERT RICHARDSON 9 |
| CHARLES T. COLES 5 | WILLIAM PYE Tenor |

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Laura Helen Coles, eldest daughter of the conductor, to Mr. Robert Hurle, which took place on Sunday, November 16th.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WORSLEY, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 11, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

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|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| W. GRUNDY Treble | F. GRUNDY 5 |
| C. GUDGEON 2 | P. H. DERBYSHIRE 6 |
| N. BERRY 3 | J. H. RIDYARD 7 |
| *T. WELSBY 4 | J. HOWARTH Tenor |

Conducted by J. H. RIDYARD.

* First peal in the method.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, November 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

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|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| MISS ANNIE POTTER Treble | MATHEW BERRY 5 |
| *NORMAN HEAPS 2 | JOHN FEARNHEAD 6 |
| †ARNOLD S. FEARNHEAD 3 | JOHN POTTER 7 |
| JOSEPH SLATER 4 | WILFRED J. MOSS Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Moss, N. Heaps, and the father of J. Slater.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 26, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

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| JOHN ANDERSON Treble | WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 5 |
| *M. OWEIRIDGE 2 | ROBERT S. ANDERSON 6 |
| *ROBERT CUMMINGS 3 | ADAM DEAS 7 |
| †JAMES S. REDHEAD 4 | WILLIAM H. BARBER Tenor |

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

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

STOW-ON-THE-WOLD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 26, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

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| *CECIL PRATLEY Treble | †RAYMOND HICKS 5 |
| HARRY MIDDLETON 2 | *BERNARD PHILLIPS 6 |
| JAMES HEMMING 3 | GEORGE A. KING 7 |
| FREDERICK CLEMENTS 4 | GEOFFREY J. HEMMING Tenor |

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by J. HEMMING.

* First peal of Major. † First peal. Messrs. G. A. King and G. J. Hemming were proposed members previous to starting the peal. This was the first peal of Major on the bells and the first peal on the bells for 14 years. The band desire to thank the Rector (the Rev. J. T. Evans) for allowing the peal to be attempted.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

(THE NUNEATON SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, November 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... Treble | ERNEST STONE 5 |
| EDWIN MARTIN 2 | ALFRED KING 6 |
| WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ... 3 | E. HARRY STONELEY 7 |
| *WALTER THOMAS 4 | ARTHUR BEAMISH Tenor |

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

* First peal of Stedman. A birthday compliment to Mr. James George.

MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 28, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5080 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

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| RALPH TAYLOR Treble | FRED WALKER 5 |
| HAROLD TAYLOR 2 | ERNEST GARSIDE 6 |
| HAROLD JACKSON 3 | JOHN HARRISON 7 |
| JOHN CLAYTON 4 | WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT Tenor |

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by W. W. WOLSTENCROFT

Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the seventh, John Harrison, on his 79th birthday.

MILFORD-ON-SEA, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 29, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 8024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble | WILLIAM E. CHEATER 5 |
| ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 2 | D. CECIL WILLIAMS 6 |
| FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... 3 | WILLIAM T. TOCKER 7 |
| FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 4 | FREDERICK W. ROGERS Tenor |

Composed by F. W. ROGERS. Conducted by D. CECIL WILLIAMS

First peal of Superlative on the bells, also as conductor. This composition is now rung for the first time.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 8060 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

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| GEORGE HOWLETT Treble | FREDERICK R. BORRETT 5 |
| JOHN C. DICKEN 2 | EDWIN R. GOATE 6 |
| CHARLES BAKER 3 | WALTER BARRETT 7 |
| FREDERICK ROOPE 4 | ERNEST WHITING Tenor |

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

ILMINSTER.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

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| DAVID G. TAYLOR Treble | GEORGE SIBLEY 5 |
| ALFRED WYATT 2 | JAMES HUNT 6 |
| VICTOR CRABB 3 | PERCY MERSON 7 |
| ARTHUR REED 4 | GEORGE COLES Tenor |

Conducted by D. G. TAYLOR.

First peal as conductor.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 29, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

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| WILLIAM WILKINSON Treble | FRANK DEWEY 5 |
| JOHN T. BROWN 2 | WILLIAM E. CLARKE 6 |
| FREDERICK LEGGOTT 3 | JOHN G. AMES 7 |
| HARRY NICHOLS 4 | REGINALD HOWARD Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

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| WILLIAM KEEBLE Treble | FREDERICK RIDGWELL 5 |
| FRANK CLAYDON 2 | LEWIS W. WIFFEN 6 |
| WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3 | ARTHUR SAUNDERS 7 |
| *ALBERT CATTERWELL 4 | WALTER ARNOLD Tenor |

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.
* First peal in the method. Rung on the eve of the patronal festival of the church. The band were kindly entertained to an excellent tea at the conclusion of the peal by Mr. and Mrs. F. Ridgwell, to whom they desire to tender their most hearty thanks.

BACUP, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

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| GEORGE BROWN Treble | VICTOR WILLIAMS 5 |
| HAROLD EMMITT 2 | FRED KENDALL 6 |
| *ERNEST RAWSON 3 | *JACK BRACEWELL 7 |
| *WILLIAM KENDALL 4 | ALBERT MILLS Tenor |

Conducted by JACK BRACEWELL.

* First peal in method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the wife of the treble ringer, also for the opening of the new ambulance drill hall.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 29, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

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| CHARLES CLARKE Treble | HAROLD E. SYMONDS 5 |
| CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 2 | GEORGE A. FLEMING 6 |
| *CHARLES CATCHPOLE 3 | WILLIAM G. BROWN 7 |
| WILLIAM P. GARRETT 4 | CECIL W. PIPE Tenor |

Conducted by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

* 100th peal on eight bells.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1930, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

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| REGINALD V. JOHNSON Treble | *ROBERT SWIFT 5 |
| KEITH HART 2 | *ALAN R. PINK 6 |
| GEORGE OLLIVER 3 | GEORGE ELLIS 7 |
| KENNETH SNELLING 4 | OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal of London Surprise Major.

SOUTHAM, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 29, 1930, 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 15½ cwt.

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| WILLIAM HIBBERT Treble | *HUGH C. BURT 5 |
| FRANK E. PERVIN 2 | EDWARD H. ADAMS 6 |
| OSWALD J. HUNT 3 | †WILLIAM A. STOTE 7 |
| ALBERT W. BOND 4 | *ERNEST H. BOSWORTH Tenor |

Conducted by F. E. PERVIN.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples.

LLANBRADACH, GLAM.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

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| HARRY BROUGHTON Treble | PERCY JONES 5 |
| WILLIAM PIKE 2 | CYRIL DAVIES 6 |
| GEORGE COOKE 3 | ALBAN E. SLATTER 7 |
| ARTHUR MARTIN 4 | HAROLD CASSELL Tenor |

Conducted by A. E. SLATTER.

Rung on the eve of Advent, and also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

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|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| FRANK LAWRENCE Treble | WILLIAM RANFORD 5 |
| ROBERT G. KNOWLES 2 | FRED HAWKES 6 |
| SIDNEY T. HOLT 3 | WILLIAM LEWIS 7 |
| WILLIAM C. JONES 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.

HARTLEBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 30, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 22 cwt.

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| THOMAS W. LEWIS Treble | WILLIAM PAGE 5 |
| FRANK LAWRENCE 2 | WILLIAM RANFORD 6 |
| DENNIS R. MORRIS 3 | SIDNEY T. HOLT 7 |
| WILLIAM SHORT 4 | CHARLES CAMM Tenor |

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

PRESTWICH, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 1, 1930, 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.

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|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| ROBERT H. BENT Treble | HAROLD E. WILSON 5 |
| JOSEPH HALL 2 | RICHARD LONGDEN 6 |
| FRANK STONELEY 3 | WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 7 |
| CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON 4 | *WILLIAM FOSTER Tenor |

Conducted by W. W. WOLSTENCROFT.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday peal to H. B. Wilson and Wm. Owens, also on the 24th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hall.

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PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 2, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5188 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt. in A flat.

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| WILLIAM MUSK | ... Treble | ALPHRED J. BERRY | 5 |
| DAVID WEITING | 2 | PERCY L. JOHNSON | 6 |
| ERIC G. BENNETT | 3 | ALBERT G. HARRISON | 7 |
| GEORGE ARCHER | 4 | NOLAN GOLDEN | Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to W. Musk.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 2, 1930, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

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

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| CHARLES N. BURDOCK | ... Treble | RICHARD HAYES | 5 |
| CHARLES W. DENYER | 2 | ARTHUR H. SMITH | 6 |
| JOHN H. B. HESSE | 3 | ALAN R. PINK | 7 |
| HUBERT J. CHAFFEY | 4 | ALFRED H. PULLING | Tenor |

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

This peal was arranged as an 'officers' peal' for the Guild, but owing to the indisposition of the general secretary the services of Mr. A. R. Pink were enlisted at the last moment.

STANSTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 3, 1930, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

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| WILLIAM T. PRIOR | ... Treble | ALBERT E. AUSTIN | 5 |
| ERNEST G. HIBBINS | 2 | *JOHN W. WARD | 6 |
| THOMAS JORDON | 3 | THOMAS WATTS | 7 |
| WALTER PRIOR | 4 | GEORGE JORDON | Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS

* First peal of Major in the method.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 4, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

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|--------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|-------|
| *REGINALD S. COOK | ... Treble | *HERBERT GATES | 5 |
| *HARRY LONG | 2 | *J. WILLIAM SHEPHERD | 6 |
| AUGUSTIN V. GOOD | 3 | *HENRY GOLDING | 7 |
| *STEPHEN H. HOARE | 4 | WALTER AYRE | Tenor |

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 7th, Miss L. Richardson, Surfleet, and the conductor.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 3, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

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|-------------------------|------------|--------------------------|-------|
| RONALD H. DOVE | ... Treble | ALFRED J. BULL | 5 |
| JOHN BEAMS | 2 | ALBERT HARMAN | 6 |
| *ROYDON DAVIES | 3 | CHARLES H. KIPPIN | 7 |
| H. BERNARD WELLS | 4 | DANIEL D. COOPER | Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN

Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. Cyril F. Johnston and Miss Mary Evelyn O'Leary, which took place at St. Mary's, Cadogan Gardens, S.W.1, the previous Saturday. First peal on the bells since rehanging by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the 'go' being excellent.

* First in the method. D. Cooper has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal.

WOOLTON HILL, BERKS.—A 720 of Bob Minor was rung at St. Thomas' for evensong, on December 7th, in 25 mins.: J. Robbins 1, A. Challis 2, J. Berry 3, L. Robbins 4, S. Bevan 5, J. Scott (conductor) 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 2, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mark,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

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| J. POTTER | ... Treble | J. H. RIDYARD | 5 |
| N. BERRY | 2 | C. GUDGEON | 6 |
| W. HALLIWELL | 3 | T. B. WORSLEY | 7 |
| W. MOSS | 4 | W. GRUNDY | Tenor |

Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

First peal as conductor.

UPPER BEEDING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 3, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES.

Tenor 8 cwt.

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| CECIL NICK | ... Treble | NELSON ELLIOTT | 5 |
| KEITH HART | 2 | ROBERT SWIFT | 6 |
| GEORGE OLLIVER | 3 | GEORGE ELLIS | 7 |
| JOHN DEARLOVE | 4 | OLIVER SIPPETTS | Tenor |

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

PONTYPRIDD, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 4, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Catherine,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

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| *CHARLES H. PERRY | ... Treble | FREDERICK J. TWEYER | 5 |
| JOHN DARCH | 2 | PERCY JONES | 6 |
| WILLIAM PIKE | 3 | *ERNEST STITCH | 7 |
| FRANK ROWSELL | 4 | FREDERICK NEVILLE | Tenor |

Conducted by E. STITCH.

* 50th peal together. This and the peal rung at Bridgford were rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. W. Jones, the highly esteemed hon. secretary of the above association, also in honour of his retirement, after 46 years' service with the G.W.R., the band wishing him a long life with the best of health to enjoy it.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| *EDWIN A. BARNETT | ... Treble | EDWIN F. PIKE | 5 |
| EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. | 2 | EDWIN H. LEWIS | 6 |
| EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. | 3 | EDWIN J. HARDING, JUN. | 7 |
| EDWIN G. BUESDEN | 4 | EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. | Tenor |

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

* First peal of Major. Presumably the first 'Edwin' peal rung. The band are especially grateful to Mr. E. Harding, sen., who came up from Devonshire on purpose for the peal.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVE'S TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

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| FREDERICK MORGAN | ... Treble | JAMES POWELL | 5 |
| *ARCH STEVENSON | 2 | GEORGE KING | 6 |
| THOMAS HOAD | 3 | WILLIAM H. HOAD | 7 |
| *WILLIAM GORRINGE | 4 | ALBERT HOAD | Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM H. HOAD.

* First peal on 'inside' bell. † First peal. The ringers of the 2nd, 4th and 5th were elected members of the association previous to starting. Rung to celebrate the anniversary of the wedding of the conductor.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BURWARTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(LUDLOW AND CHURCH STRETTON DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, November 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANOSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

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| ARTHUR C. NASON Treble | HUBERT JONES 4 |
| JAMES J. PRICE 2 | FOREST T. MASSEY 5 |
| WM. J. BENIAMS 3 | *RICHARD BALDWIN Tenor |

Conducted by WM. J. BENIAMS.

* First peal on tower bells.

SOUTHILL, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

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| CLIFFORD PAGE Treble | HERBERT SHERMAN 4 |
| THOMAS BARTRAM 2 | PEARL INSKIP 5 |
| ERNEST FREEMAN 3 | HERBERT L. HARLOW Tenor |

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Canon W. W. G. Baker, late Vicar of Southill and president of the Beds Association.

ELDERSFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 26, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 20 cwt.

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| FRANK LAWRENCE Treble | FRED HAWKES 4 |
| WILLIAM HALFORD 2 | CHARLES YOUNG 5 |
| JOHN ROWLATT 3 | CHARLES CAMM Tenor |

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

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| KENNETH BOWYER Treble | HARRY TYSOR 4 |
| CHARLES W. CLARKE 2 | WILLIAM STAPLETON 5 |
| MISS EVELYN STEEL 3 | HERBERT SHARP Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.

The conductor's 50th peal on the bells.

NORTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising extents of Double Court, St. Clement's and Oxford Treble Bob and two each of Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 10½ cwt. in F sharp.

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| GEORGE LAND Treble | CHARLES F. GOODMAN 4 |
| RAY GRANT 2 | PERCY L. JOHNSON 5 |
| NOLAN GOLDEN 3 | ERIC G. BENNETT Tenor |

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

BIDDENHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Oxford Bob, College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob.

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| *REGINALD WEST Treble | HERBERT L. HARLOW 4 |
| CYRIL PRINDIVILLE 2 | PEARL INSKIP 5 |
| ERNEST FREEMAN 3 | HENRY STAPLETON Tenor |

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.

* First peal.

GREAT MISSENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 29, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. in D.

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| *FRANK WEST Treble | †WILFRED EDWARDS 4 |
| MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER 2 | LEONARD STILWELL 5 |
| GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE 3 | ARTHUR D. BARKER Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. Believed to be the first peal on the bells, and the heaviest ring of six bells rung in Minor in the county of Buckinghamshire. Rung as a birthday compliment to the daughter of the conductor.

LLANELLY, BRECONSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 29, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELLI,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven extents each called differently. Tenor 15 cwt.

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| EDWARD H. STRADLING ... Treble | GEORGE POPNELL 4 |
| JOHN PHILLIPS 2 | SYDNEY T. RACKHAM 5 |
| GEORGE HAWKINS 3 | DONALD G. CLIFT Tenor |

Conducted by DONALD G. CLIFT.

First peal of Minor as conductor. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd. E. H. Stradling was elected a member of the Guild previous to starting the peal.

RATBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In seven methods: 720 each of College Single, Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

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| *GEORGE E. PRIESTNALL ... Treble | HERRICK B. BOWLEY 4 |
| T. EDWARD GARDNER 2 | ALBAN DISNEY 5 |
| J. HAROLD SPENCER 3 | ERNEST MORRIS Tenor |

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal. First in seven methods on these bells and by all except the conductor. This was the conductor's 500th peal for the above association.

NORTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising extents of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt. in F sharp.

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| PERCY L. JOHNSON Treble | ERIC G. BENNETT 4 |
| ALPHAUS J. BERRY 2 | NOLAN GOLDEN 5 |
| *CHARLES E. LOVETT 3 | GARNEAM A. BLAXCELL Tenor |

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Minor. The three last peals at this tower have been rung after meeting short for Major.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 29, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

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| MRS. PHILLIS HUMPHREY Treble | JOHN W. LAKE 4 |
| MISS KATH BURCHNALL 2 | *ROGER W. DANIELS 5 |
| MISS GRACE BURCHNALL 3 | CUTBERT T. H. BRADLEY Tenor |

Conducted by J. W. LAKE.

* First peal in seven methods on an 'inside' bell. Rung on the eve of the patronal festival.

The unusually large number of peals recently rung makes it necessary for us to hold over many reports.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 30, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of extents of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court and St. Clement's. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

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| WILFRED G. SAUNDERS ... Treble | NOLAN GOLDEN 4 |
| CHARLES F. GOODMAN ... 2 | ERIC G. BENNETT 3 |
| ALPHAËUS J. BERRY 3 | GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor |

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, November 30, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 14 cwt.

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| *ERNEST G. GARRARD ... Treble | RONALD H. BULLEN 4 |
| WILFRED WILLIAMS 2 | CECIL W. PIPE 5 |
| *JOHN H. CRAMPION 3 | *CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor |

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor on the bells. The ringers of the 3rd, 5th and tenor have now rung peals of Cambridge on all numbers of bells from Minor to Maximus.

THE ONLY SURVIVOR.

At Darlington, on Advent Sunday, November 30th, at Holy Trinity Church, for matins, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Oliver 1, Roland Park (conductor) 2, G. W. Park 3, W. N. Park 4, E. Burnett (Kirkby Stephen, Westmorland) 5, W. H. Porter 6.

Rung on the 38th anniversary of the first 720 Bob Minor on these bells by a band of beginners. This was performed on Advent Sunday, November 27th, 1892, and Mr. G. W. Park is the only one left of the original band.

For evensong, 720 Durham Surprise Minor: R. W. Gay 1, W. Oliver 2, G. W. Park (conductor) 3, W. N. Park 4, R. Park 5, W. H. Porter 6.

HANDBELL PEALS.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 29, 1930, in Three Hours,

At 16, Godstone Road,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

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| *MRS. COLIN RYDER 1-2 | †ALBERT NASH 5-6 |
| *SIDNEY BRIGGS 3-4 | *COLIN RYDER 7-8 |
| ARTHUR FIRTH 9-10 | |

Composed by G. HAYWARD.

Conducted by A. NASH.

* First peal of Royal 'in hand.' † First peal 'in hand' for over 21 years, and first as conductor. ‡ First peal 'in hand.'

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 30, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At 6, Brookhill Cottages,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

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| FRANK CLAYDON 1-2 | *OLAVE BROYD 5-6 |
| WILLIAM KEEBLE 3-4 | †ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 7-8 |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE
* First peal of Major on handbells. † First peal in the method on handbells.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 6, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

In the Belfry of the Church of St. Mary-le-Tower,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5087 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

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| HOBART E. SMITH 1-2 | GEORGE E. SYMONDS 5-6 |
| WILLIAM P. GARRETT 3-4 | WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 7-8 |
| *CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 9-10 | |

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Witness: W. J. MAYHEW.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

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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 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.

Mr. Harold E. Symonds has had an unusual experience. He rang several peals of Maximus in various Surprise methods before scoring his first peal of Surprise Major, which he did at Grundisburgh on Saturday week.

A correspondent asks what compositions can be used for a peal of Rutland Surprise Major. Will someone please oblige?

The Edwins have scored their first peal, when they brought round a peal of Bob Major at Crayford. The band included three generations of the Barnett family, Edwins I., II. and III. Is this the first peal of Major in which three generations have taken part?

A peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung at Cheddon Fitzpaine, Somerset, on Friday, in which three members of the local band took part. They only began 'scientific' ringing just over twelve months ago, and the peal was rung to mark their 'admission year' to the Bath and Wells Association. At the conclusion of the peal the Vicar, who is keenly interested in the doings of his ringers, and the local Ringing Master extended to the ringers their congratulations, which were much appreciated.

Mr. C. J. More's numerous friends in East Anglian ringing circles will be glad to hear of his complete restoration to health after serious illness.

Mr. J. J. Mawby, who has rung round about 150 peals in various methods up to London and Bristol Surprise, rang his first peal of Minor last Saturday. There is always some new experience awaiting even the best of ringers.

By the way, this peal, rung at Wollaston, was the first by the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, containing four Surprise methods. Wells and York Surprise had not been rung before in a peal by the Guild.

Earl Shilton Parish Church handbell ringers are to broadcast from the Birmingham Studio during the children's hour, 5.15 p.m., on December 31st. The ringers are Messrs. E. V. Chesterton, P. Coe, W. H. Sturgess and G. A. Newton. The ringers are members of the Midland Counties Association, and belong to the Earl Shilton band, Mr. Newton being Ringing Master.

Peal boards recording memorial peals rung at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, one on February 19th, 1916, in memory of Viscountess Iveagh, and the other on October 24th, 1927, in memory of the Earl of Iveagh, were to be unveiled yesterday at St. Patrick's belfry, in the presence of the Earl of Iveagh and members of the family.

Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, have issued their calendar for 1931. Its interest is increased by the illustrations of churches and towers in Great Britain and America, where work has been done by the firm.

Mr. Harry Turrell, verger and bellringer of St. George's Church, West Grinstead, died on Friday. His death will be regretted by many Sussex ringers.

The first peal in South Africa was rung at Woodstock on December 15th, 1904.

Halesworth Church tower will be reopened by the Archdeacon of Suffolk on Sunday next. The bells are now back in the tower, but it will not be possible to ring much on them until the clock is finished at the end of January.

OVER SIXTY YEARS A RINGER.**PEAL RINGING AT 79.**

Mr. John Harrison, of Ashton-under-Lyne, who celebrated his 79th birthday by ringing the 7th at Mossley Parish Church to a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, has been a ringer for well over sixty years. His ringing career began at Marple, when he was 16 years of age, and his interest in the art remains undiminished. He is one of the most respected Lancashire ringers, and is a life member of the Lancashire Association.

A native of Knutsford, Mr. Harrison went at an early age to Marple, where his interest in ringing first developed, and he became a member of the Parish Church band. Afterwards he lived at New Mills, and first went to Ashton in 1878, where he became a member



MR. JOHN HARRISON, OF ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

of the Parish Church company, which in those days rang their peals in the old tower. After five years in Ashton, Mr. Harrison spent another period at New Mills, but he returned to Ashton, where he joined the company at St. Peter's Church, of which he remained a member for about 45 years.

Mr. Harrison was one of the first band to ring the bells at Manchester Town Hall, and in 1906 took part in the 16,800 of Kent Treble Bob rung at Mottram.

A blacksmith by trade, Mr. Harrison has led a strenuous life, but is still remarkably fit for his years. He frequently walks from Ashton to Mossley to assist the band there on Sunday evenings and at practices.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**RECORD MEETING AT ASH.**

A most enjoyable meeting of the Farnham District was held at Ash on Saturday week, when there was a record attendance. Ringing commenced at three o'clock, and at 4.30 the Rev. W. J. Blaikie conducted the Guild service. Members of the choir were present under the leadership of Mr. L. Manfield (choirmaster). An excellent tea in the Parish Room had been prepared by Mrs. Bailey and the Misses A. and E. Bailey, and 45 sat down to enjoy the meal.

The Rev. W. J. Blaikie presided over the business meeting, and the retiring officers were renominated for 1931, with the exception of Mr. E. J. Bragg as hon. auditor, Mr. Bragg having left the district. Mr. P. Eldridge was nominated in his place.

It was decided that the Ladies' Guild (Southern District) should hold a meeting in conjunction with the annual general meeting of the district at Farnham on January 24th, 1931.

Mr. G. Grover, a representative of the Guild on the Central Council, read a report of the Council's last meeting, and, on the proposition of Mr. P. Eldridge, he was thanked.

Votes of thanks to the chairman, the organist, blower, choir, local band, and the ladies who prepared tea, ended the business.

The tower was revisited and the bells kept going in various methods until nine o'clock. Towers represented included Ash, Aldershot, Farnham, Guildford (S. Nicolas), Frensham, Overton, Farnborough, Bagshot, Clandon, Seale and Devizes.

A RING OF EIGHT ON DARTMOOR.**THE BELLS AND CLOCK OF A MOORLAND VILLAGE.**

Quite recently in a West county paper a photograph of what was described as a 'unique clock dial' appeared; dials of this description are usually of antiquarian interest, but this one proved to be otherwise, and was quite a recent production. The wee paragraph accompanying the photograph gave very few details and no publicity, hence it was necessary to seek further information. The subject of seeking fresh fields and pastures now is over a fascinating one, particularly from certain ringers' points of view; and here was promise of something fresh, and one which proved fruitful.

The Parish Church of Buckland-in-the-Moor, the proud possessor of this clock, is truly 'far from the madding crowd,' and no small effort is necessary ere the place is reached. For touring ringers, here is a place to visit.

About the centre of Ashburton will be found a road leading off the main Exeter-Plymouth Road with a small direction sign, 'To Buckland'—incidentally this leads to the famous Widdecombe—and after travelling for a quarter of a mile the road turns sharply to the left over a narrow bridge, and to the ringers fortunate enough to drive a car, a 'change down' to a lower gear is advisable. After passing over the bridge, there commences a nice long climb out into the open spaces, and the road carries one through some beautiful wooded country. Before reaching the village, a well developed and cared for estate is passed through, the village is left behind ere it is realised, and the church with its bold, plain tower appears standing like a sentinel on an eminence overlooking Dartmoor.

At a first glance the clock dials look similar to any other, but a closer inspection reveals that the numbers are replaced by old English characters, which were only deciphered with the aid of one who might truly have been Uncle Tom Cobleigh. The letters are 'My Dear Mother.' Just at the moment the clock commenced to chime, they started the hour of the well-known Chard chime, with an extra bar or two added before the hour was struck, which had no small amount of enchantment about it. Chimes of this description meant eight bells, and their notes came out crisp and clear, free from discordant effect, which truly indicated that the journey had not been made in vain.

The church appears to be of great age. It is in very well-kept condition, and seems to spell a welcome. To the ringers' eyes the vision of eight new bellropes, seen through the east arch of the tower, was good to look on, and made one long for eight good men and true.

From natural curiosity access was gained to the tower, and the sight in the bell chamber was one never to be forgotten, and it needed no explanation to say that 'Taylors' had recently been 'up to something.' The internal dimensions of the tower are rather restricted, but a more neat and compact job could not be desired. The massive cast-iron frame has been nicely designed, and carries the bells in two levels, whilst the ropes have been brought down in an ideal circle. It was ascertained that early in the year the tower contained five bells with a tenor weighing 7½ cwt. Through the generosity of Mr. W. Whitley the octave was recently completed by the addition of three new lighter bells, and the whole hung with the latest type of fittings in a new metal frame, and the work certainly has been carried out in that thorough manner which is typical of the Taylor Foundry, and it is a credit to the 'old firm.'

At the same time Mr. Whitley had the new clock installed with the special dials, as already intimated; the variation of the chime was his idea also. This part of the work has been carried out effectively by Smiths, of Derby, and, as the inscription on the new third bell says:—

'Come, ye children, hearken unto me. The 5 largest bells in this tower, dated 1759, were rehung and 3 new bells added, together with the new clock and chimes, in memory of Elizabeth Eleanor Whitley, wife of Edward Whitley, of Liverpool. Born 27th June, 1847. Died 9th June, 1929. A woman that feareth the Lord shall be praised. 1930. Live to live. Taylor, Loughborough.'

The memorial is a beautiful one, and Buckland-in-the-Moor is the richer for it.

NORFOLK VETERAN'S DEATH.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. William Nudds, of Banham, Norfolk, which took place on Sunday, November 30th. He had been for over sixty years a regular ringer at the church, and had rung several peals before the Norwich Association was formed in 1877. He took part in his last touch some four years ago on handbells, but he played an important part in the training, undertaken by Mr. C. F. Goodman, of the present Banham company, visiting the tower and standing behind beginners to help them to find their way in changes. This he did till just a fortnight before his death, at the ripe age of eighty-seven. His son, Mr. W. J. Nudds, is well known in London ringing circles.

As a mark of respect to his memory, the local band rang on the evening of the funeral a 720 of Bob Minor with the bells half-muffled: J. Barham 1, H. Barham 2, R. W. Chapman 3, G. E. R. Chapman 4, J. Cunningham 5, C. F. Goodman (conductor) 6.

GLoucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. A CROWDED MEETING.

The monthly meeting of the Bristol Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association took place at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, on Saturday, December 6th, and members turned up in full force to have a ring on this grand peal of twelve bells, some of them not having had an opportunity to ring there before. The service was conducted in the Lady Chapel by the Rev. E. L. Hertslet (Vicar of St. Mary Redcliffe), who gave the incumbers a very interesting address on bells and some of the legends attached to them.

Tea was served at Redman's, opposite the church. This was due to a misunderstanding with the Vicar, as tea had been advertised to be held at the Parish Hall. Owing to the numbers present, the business meeting was held over so that all present could have a ring.

The attendance book at the meeting was unfortunately not signed, owing to the members being divided into two sections for tea, one room being insufficient to accommodate the number. Will any readers of these notes who were present at the meeting kindly send a card to the secretary, Mr. H. Bennett, Highfield, Runswick Road, Brislington, so that he may enter their names?

GLoucester Branch.

The annual meeting of the Gloucester Branch was held at St. Lawrence's Church, Barnwood, on Saturday, November 29th, when, despite the inclement weather, twenty-four members attended, also Messrs. C. Gardiner and Kynaston, of Swindon, Mr. J. Clarke, of Ross, and visitors from Hereford. The bells were opened at 3 p.m., and service held in the church at 4.30 p.m. was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Bryce), who extended a hearty welcome to the members. Miss A. E. Waite presided at the organ.

At the conclusion of the service the Vicar invited the members to the schoolroom, where tea had been provided. The usual business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding. Letters of apology were received from the Rev. E. D. S. Carnus (Rector of St. Mary de Crypt), Mr. G. Packson (churchwarden of St. Mary de Lode), and Captain C. Lodge (churchwarden of Quedgeley).

Mr. W. H. Harris, branch secretary, presented his report, which showed that during the past year eleven meetings had been held in different parts of the diocese with a total attendance of 212 members, an average of just over 20 members per meeting. The total membership of the branch remained the same as last year, viz., 110 performing members and 27 hon. members. The Sec. also informed the members that Hardwicke and Standish towers had been transferred to the Stroud Branch, for what reason he could not say.

Thanks were extended to the incumbents in the diocese for the courtesy shown to the members when visiting the towers.

The report, being considered very satisfactory, was adopted. The balance sheet and accounts of the branch were also presented and passed.

Mr. S. Romans was elected branch chairman, upon the proposition of Mr. J. Austin, and Mr. W. H. Harris was again elected branch secretary, on the proposition of Mr. A. A. Waite.

Mr. T. Baldwin was appointed as representative on the management committee, and was also elected to serve upon the special sub-committee relative to re-affiliation to the Central Council.

It was decided, upon the proposition of Mr. J. Williams (Newent) to again hold an annual dinner. It will take place at the Spread Eagle Hotel, upon a date to be announced later in 'The Ringing World.' A dinner committee was formed.

Mr. J. Austin proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. Canon Bryce for the use of the bells, for his excellent address in church, and for his kind hospitality in entertaining the members and visitors to tea. He also thanked Miss A. E. Waite for presiding at the organ. He said it was a pleasure to visit a tower like Barnwood, where the Rector was always with them.—Mr. J. Williams, in seconding, said he hoped in the future to see the clergy take a more active part and interest in the work of the ringers than they had in the past.—The motion having been carried unanimously, the Vicar said it was always a pleasure to have the members of the association at Barnwood, and he hoped to see them again in the near future.

This concluded the business, and the members again returned to the tower, where the bells were kept going until 8.15 p.m. in standard methods, concluding with a touch of Little Bob Major, which brought a very pleasant meeting to an end.

'LONDON BELL RINGING.'

To the Editor.

Sir,—Under the above heading, the following appeared in a recent issue of the 'Daily Mail.' What have London ringers to say to such a very pertinent question?—Yours, etc.,

ROBERT WHITTINGTON

(another country ringer).

To the Editor of the 'Daily Mail.'

Sir,—While visiting London recently I was disappointed with its bellringing. Why do not London ringers 'rise and fall' bells in peal? There is no sweeter music to be found.

A COUNTRY RINGER.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. BURLEY NOW 'ON THE MAP.'

A meeting of the Western Division of the Yorkshire Association was held at St. Matthias' Church, Burley, on Saturday last. Despite the foggy weather there was a good attendance of members, the following towers being represented: Holbeck, Bramley, Armley, Rothwell, Batley, Queensbury, Keighley, Headingley, Far Headingley, Bradford, Leeds, Shipley, Guiseley, Calverley, Sharrow, Idle, Pontefract, Pudsey, and the local company. During the afternoon the bells were rung to Double Norwich, Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Stedman. Tea was partaken of in the Parish Hall, and the business meeting was held immediately afterwards, Mr. J. Cotterell, vice-president of the association, being in the chair. Two new members were elected, viz., M. Moorhouse (Armley) and G. A. Briggs (Sowerby).

Mr. P. J. Johnson, in moving a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens, congratulated them on the 'go' and tone of the bells, which have recently been recast and rehung, and said he hoped that the Vicar would consent to be made an honorary member of the association.—The vote of thanks was seconded by Mr. Woodhead and carried.—The Rev. F. H. Moore, in responding, said he was delighted to have the ringers at Burley, and was glad that the bells were going again, not only for his own sake but also for the sake of Mr. Slack, who had worked very hard, and who had often despaired that the bells would ever be put in order. He was also pleased to hear from the ringers themselves that the peal was a good one, and he would be glad to be an hon. member of the association.

The Chairman then proposed, and Mr. Morris seconded, that Rev. F. H. Moore be elected an hon. member of the association, and this was carried with applause.

A vote of thanks to the ladies for presiding at the tea tables, and to the local company for the arrangements made, was proposed by Mr. Broadley and seconded by the chairman. This was also carried, and Mr. Slack, in reply, said that whenever the secretary wanted a tower for a meeting he hoped he would remember that Burley was now 'on the map.'

This concluded the business meeting, and the tower was again visited for further ringing.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT A FIVE-BELL TOWER.

A well-attended meeting of the Ely District was held at Fen Ditton on Saturday, when members were present from Cambridge, Cherryhinton, Exning, Fulbourne, Newton, Stapleford, Stetchworth, Trumpington and the local band. Various methods were rung, ranging from Plain Bob to Carter's Doubles. At 4.30 p.m. a short service was conducted by the Rector (Canon E. J. Church).

Tea was served at the Ancient Shepherds Inn, the Rector presiding.

At the business meeting which followed, it was decided to hold quarterly meetings during 1931 at places in different parts of the archdeaconry, to be chosen by the committee, with intermediate meetings to be arranged as members desire. The next is to be in Cambridge on January 3rd.

Canon Church was elected a member of the association.

At the close of the meeting, Mr. Austin thanked the Rector for his kindness, also the organist and the organ blower for their services.—The Rector, in replying, said what a pleasure it was to welcome the association to Fen Ditton. He had always been impressed by the good fellowship that existed amongst ringers. This was a great thing for the church.

Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were then rung on handbells, after which a move was made to Old Chesterton, where additional members from Cambridge and Sawston (who had been unavoidably prevented from being present at Ditton), were waiting. Methods rung in this tower ranged from Bob Doubles to London Surprise Minor.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING AT STOKE-ON-TRENT.

The annual meeting of the North Staffordshire and District Association was held on Saturday, at St. Peter's Church, Stoke-on-Trent, where Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, have recently retuned and rehung the bells with ball bearings, etc., of the latest type. The ringers began to meet soon after 3 p.m., when several touches were rung. Tea was provided by the Rector, the Rev. D. H. Crick, and about sixty ringers were present from the following towers: Leek, Norton, Cheddle (R.C.), Fenton, Lawton, Uttoreter, Wolstanton, Biddulph, Wistaston, Stone, Tunstall, Brownedge, etc. Mr. J. P. Fidler, from the firm of Messrs. Taylor and Co., was also present.

Regret was caused by the absence of the clerical secretary, Rev. — Frith, owing to a serious illness, and the meeting expressed a wish that he would have a speedy recovery.

After tea, the ringers visited the tower again, and ringing was kept up till about 8.45 p.m., all the ringers speaking in high terms of praise at the 'go' of the bells. The local band wish to thank Messrs. Taylor and Co. for an excellent job.

C. H. P.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**SOUTHERN DISTRICT PROPOSES REDUCED SUBSCRIPTION.**

The annual meeting of the Southern District was held at Swansea on Saturday, when about thirty members attended from Aberavon, Neath, Cadoxton, Morriston, Gorseinon, Llanelly and the local band. The bells were rung before the service, which was conducted by the Rev. H. S. Willis, curate of St. Mary's, and a change ringer, who gave those present a very interesting address. Tea was taken in a nearby cafe, kindly provided by the Rev. Canon W. J. Havard, Vicar of St. Mary's, and was enjoyed and appreciated by all.

The business meeting followed, with the Rev. H. S. Willis in the chair. Mr. E. Stitch and Mr. G. W. Hollis were re-elected hon. district secretary and auditor respectively for 1931, and Neath was chosen as the place of next meeting. Two new members were elected from Llanelly.

A long discussion took place as to the best means of getting each member to pay his subscription each year, and not to allow anyone to get in arrears. A resolution was carried, to be brought forward at the next Guild annual meeting, that a member being two years in arrears should cease to be a member of the Guild.

A resolution was also carried unanimously, to be brought forward at the Guild annual meeting, that the yearly subscription be reduced from 1s. 6d. to 1s. per year.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. Canon W. J. Havard for his kindness in giving the tea and for the use of the bells; to the Rev. H. S. Willis for conducting the service, for taking the chair at the meeting, and for his very kind welcome to members of the Guild; also to the organist for presiding at the organ.

The methods rung during the day were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor. The bells were lowered in peal about 8.30, bringing to a close one of the best meetings held at Swansea.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**DEVIZES BRANCH.**

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at the Parish Church of St. Denys, Warminster, on Saturday last. Ringing commenced about 3 p.m., and the usual service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. R. Bellars, M.A.), Mr. Simonson being the organist. Tea followed at the Magnet Cafe, where 25, including the Vicar, sat down.

The Vicar, who had to leave early to conduct another service, said how pleased he was that a meeting was again held at Warminster. He wished the branch every success, and, as he would not have the pleasure of seeing some of those present again before the new year, he wished them all every success in the coming year.

A short business meeting followed, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham presiding, and giving the visitors a hearty welcome.

The following new members were elected: Messrs. W. Greenaway and S. Marshall (Devizes), G. E. Rugg (Heytesbury), K. White and R. Mogg (Warminster).

It was decided to pay the expenses of the representative on the Central Council and the usual honorarium to the secretary.

The Secretary reported the receipt of a cheque for £1 7s. 6d. from the Parochial Church Council of St. James', Bratton, towards the funds of the branch.

The following visitors were present, viz., Messrs. W. Tiley (Bristol), E. Coward (Mere), — Rowe (Stourton) and E. Box (Wootton Bassett), and the following towers were represented, viz., Warminster, Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Southbroom, Bratton, Corsley, Heytesbury, Rowde and Melksham. It was much regretted that the respected Ringing Masters, Messrs S. Hillier and J. Francis, were both unable to be present.

Touches of Oxford Minor, Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, were rung during the afternoon and evening. Those present spent a very pleasant time, and were pleased to welcome the members from Heytesbury tower.

The deaths of Dr. T. Wood Lockett, of Bratton, a member of the Guild, and Mr. H. J. Mead, of Bratton, one of the first to join the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, were reported, and those present stood for a few moments in silence.

The annual meeting will be held at Devizes on January 3rd. Warner and Sons added two bells at Warminster in 1881, when they recast five others of various dates, leaving the tenor, which was cast by Abel Rudhall in 1737. At the time of the Edwardian inventory, 1553, there were 'v bells and sanctus bell.'

WHAT THE 'EARLY BIRDS' MISSED.

At the Parish Church, St. Ives, Hunts, on Saturday, December 6th, at the Ely Association meeting (Hunts District), after the 'early birds' had gone home, 672 Bob Major: W. Seekings 1, F. G. Gleaves 2, F. Warrington (conductor) 3, F. C. Ginn 4, G. E. Crisp 5, E. Wakeling 6, A. J. Ginn 7, J. Perkins 8. Longest length of Bob Major on the bells. Also a 704 Kent Treble Bob: F. Warrington (conductor) 1, F. C. Ginn 2, F. G. Gleaves 3, M. Ginn 4, E. Wakeling 5, A. J. Ginn 6, R. Smith 7, G. E. Crisp 8. First touch on eight bells by M. Ginn (aged 16) and R. Smith.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

In Christmas week it will be necessary to print 'The Ringing World' much earlier than usual. Secretaries and other correspondents should therefore note that anything intended for the issue of Dec. 26th must reach 'The Ringing World' Office not later than first post, Monday, Dec. 22nd.

THE TWELVE-BELL RECORD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I shall not be writing you again on this subject, but in closing I should like to say that what I have written I have not written for someone else, as has been insinuated. I asked a question, and I thank you, sir, for your opinion and courteous answer.—Yours faithfully,
A. E. REEVES.
Bristol.

AN INQUIRY.

Dear Sir,—It would be interesting to know if Mr. C. T. Coles is writing for himself individually or collectively for the band who rang the Cambridge Maximus. He charges you with being inconsistent. I fail to see it, but in any case surely one is entitled to change their opinion? If not, why not? I am reminded of this by a one-time famous politician, who once said no man was worth more than £500 a year. After attaining Cabinet rank, with £5,000 a year, he was questioned on this point. 'Quite right,' he remarked; 'but a wise man changes his mind—a fool never.' However, why worry? as Mr. E. Morris writes. You will die if you worry, and you will die if you don't, as a famous song says, so why worry at all?—Yours truly,
K. W.

'A FLAT' SUGGESTS COMPETITION SCHEME.

Sir,—In order to escape such a castigation as you have received this week, and to avoid the Central Council wasting valuable time, could you not inaugurate some scheme of competitions, such as a cup for the longest Maximus, plate for Cinques, medal for Caters, belt for Major, and, possibly, wooden spoon for Minor? All you would have to do then would be to draw up a 'scale of allowances,' such as 'weight for age,' 'length of pull,' 'weight of metal in ratio to ringers,' 'revolutions per minute,' and any other little clause which may occur to the public. When a team give notice of an attempt you would pick the bells; the team would weigh in at your office; selections from the peal would be taken on the dictaphone and submitted to a committee of A.R.C.O.s and L.R.A.M.s, and A.S.C.Y.s. Then, after this claim had been submitted the public would know who were the real champions. Of course, ringers would have their own idea.—Yours,
A FLAT.

JEALOUSY?

Sir,—Does not all this criticism re the Painswick peal point to jealousy? All this needless arguing whether it is an eleven or a twelve bell peal, seems to be an attempted 'got out' by Mr. Coles and one or two others, to try and have it discarded as 'the twelve-bell record.' But, with you, sir, I think that in the majority of ringers' minds this argument will not be accepted. Surely, if twelve bells have been rung longer than at any time previously, no matter whether to Maximus or Cinques, it should be accepted as the twelve bell record, and Mr. Albert Wright and his band should be given the credit for ringing twelve bells, not eleven.

In these days, when we hear so much about the 'spirit of brotherhood,' one cannot think, when reading the arguments that they do any good towards promoting this end. I agree with Mr. Prince that those who rang at Ashton-under-Lyne should be satisfied. If they are not, then why do they not try for 18,000 or more changes at a twelve-bell tower and act like sportsmen? They have got the chance! —Yours,
Northants.
A HUMBLE RINGER.

A FALSE PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It has been pointed out to me in a letter from Mr. C. T. Coles that the peal by N. J. Pitstow that I called for Lincolnshire does not run true to that method, as it brings up a false course-end in the second part of peal, namely, 36245. I had not seen any composition for peals of Lincolnshire, but thought as the lead-ends and course-ends came up in the same order as in Superlative the same calling would run true. I am grateful to Mr. Coles for pointing out my mistake. If you will kindly let it be known that the peal which we rang at Helmingham on Thursday, November 20th, is false, I shall be much obliged to you.—Yours sincerely,
T. W. LAST.

DEVON GUILD.**PROPOSED DIVISION OF EXETER BRANCH.**

A most successful gathering was held at Heavitree, Exeter, on Saturday, on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Exeter Branch of the Devonshire Guild.

A well-attended service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. K. A. Lake. The tea and business meeting followed at the Constitutional Club Rooms, and over ninety members, visitors from other branches, and friends were present. The Rev. E. V. Cox, chairman of the branch, presided, and was supported by the president (the Rev. E. S. Powell), and Mrs. Powell, and the Rev. K. A. Lake.

The Hon. Secretary and Treasurer gave a brief summary of the finances of the branch, and reported that the numbers had been maintained, notwithstanding the loss of Honiton Clist tower, owing to local difficulties.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and to all who had helped to arrange such a splendid tea was carried with acclamation.

The Exeter Branch having become too unwieldy to work satisfactorily as it stands, a recommendation from the branch committee,

That the general committee of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers take the necessary steps to divide the Exeter Branch by the formation of a separate branch for the Aylesbeare Deanery, was then discussed at some length, the recommendation finally being adopted.

It was resolved to ask the general secretary to call a full Guild meeting early in January to carry out this step at once, and the question of the election of officers and arrangements for spring meetings was adjourned until after the formation of the separate branches.

The Rev. E. V. Cox was re-elected chairman, Miss Lomas hon. secretary, and Miss Davey assistant secretary, until such time as the division is effected.

The President referred to the deep regret felt by the whole of the branch that the Rev. E. V. Cox was shortly about to resign the living of Littleham-cum-Exmouth for health reasons. He hoped, however, that Mr. Cox would still reside in Devon and continue the splendid work he was doing for the Guild.

Several new members were elected, and change ringing certificates were presented by Mrs. Powell to P. W. Gatter and L. S. West, of Littleham, and to F. Quick, of Heavitree.

The Cathedral and all the city towers with ringable peals were available for ringing during the afternoon and evening, and members took full advantage of the opportunities provided.

RETIREMENT OF MR. J. W. JONES.**RAILWAY PRESENTATION TO SECRETARY OF LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.**

Mr. John W. Jones, the popular hon. secretary of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, retired last Friday, on reaching his 65th birthday, from the service of the Great Western Railway as storekeeper of the engineering department at Newport. He had been 47 years with the railway company, and at an influential gathering of members of the departmental staff Mr. Jones was presented with a wallet of Treasury notes by Mr. A. E. Maddox, chief clerk of the engineering department, while Mrs. Jones received a travelling case, the gift being handed to her by Mr. G. W. Virgo, inspector of mechanics, on behalf of his colleagues. The gathering was presided over by Mr. A. W. Hollingdale, assistant divisional engineer, and testimony was paid to Mr. Jones' long service, the chairman expressing regret at his departure, and that the regulations prevented him from having the advantage of his experience and services any longer.

Mr. Jones is well-known to ringers in many parts of the country, and his genial presence is always welcome. He is leader of the ringers at All Saints' Church, Cardiff, has been secretary of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association for 27 years, and is a representative of the association on the Central Council.

But while he has been an almost lifelong enthusiast for ringing, Mr. Jones has also been a very keen cricketer, and for several years was an active player in the ranks of Newport Athletic Club. What is still more remarkable, perhaps, is the fact that for the past 45 years he has not missed seeing the Australians in a Test match in England.

During the 47 years he was with the G.W.R. Mr. Jones was never once absent from his duties on account of ill-health, which, he always says, speaks well for ringing as a means of keeping fit.

To celebrate his retirement and his 65th birthday, a peal of Grandsire Caters was attempted at St. Woolos', Newport, but was unfortunately lost after 2½ hours' ringing, owing to a missed bob. Ringers in the attempt were from Abergavenny, Bedwelty, Cardiff, Llandaff, Newport, Pentre, Usk and Whitchurch.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Wednesday, December 3rd, at the Church of the Holy Cross, Holywell, Oxford, 720 of Bob Minor: C. E. Wigg (Kemble) 1, S. Taylor (Merton) 2, W. G. W. Warren (Oriol) 3, H. C. Ingle (St. Edmund Hall) 4, H. Miles (St. Catherine's) 5, J. B. Howes (Kemble) (first 720 as conductor) 6. First 720 of Minor by C. E. Wigg and W. G. W. Warren.

MR. JAMES GEORGE'S PEAL LIST.

The following is the detailed list of Mr. James George's 1,100 peals which have been rung in 45 counties and 368 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 | 74 | 14 |
| Stedman | 262 | 4 |
| Union | — | 1 |
| Plain Bob | 1 | — |
| Darlston Bob | 2 | — |
| Major: | | |
| Grandsire | 2 | — |
| Plain Bob | 35 (a) | 1 |
| Little Bob | 1 | — |
| Oxford Treble Bob | 3 | — |
| Kent Treble Bob | 56 (b) | — |
| Double Norwich Court Bob | 59 (c) | — |
| Canterbury Pleasure | 1 | — |
| Superlative Surprise | 84 | — |
| Cambridge Surprise | 33 | — |
| London Surprise | 11 | — |
| Bristol Surprise (with Treble) | 6 | — |
| Caters: | | |
| Grandsire | 33 (d) | 1 |
| Stedman | 146 | 14 |
| Royal: | | |
| Grandsire | 1 | — |
| Aston | 1 | — |
| Oxford Treble Bob | 1 | — |
| Kent Treble Bob | 45 (e) | — |
| Plain Bob | 10 | — |
| Little Bob | 1 | — |
| Forward | 1 | — |
| Cambridge Surprise | 4 | — |
| Cinques: | | |
| Grandsire | 9 (f) | — |
| Stedman | 140 | 19 |
| Maximus: | | |
| Grandsire | 1 | — |
| Plain Bob | 1 | — |
| Kent Treble Bob | 16 (g) | — |
| Granta Treble Bob | 1 | — |
| Forward | 1 | — |
| Cambridge Surprise | 1 | — |
| | 1,054 | 46 |

(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 9,261, 12,231 and 17,687 (record in the method and the longest peal ever rung on twelve bells), (g) including 6,000 and 12,240 (record in the method).

Mr. James George has received so many letters of congratulation upon the long peal and his 77th birthday, 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.

CROYDON RINGER'S DEATH.

All who knew him will much regret to hear of the death of Mr. Joseph D. Talbot, of Croydon, who passed away on Monday, December 1st, at the age of 65 years. He will be greatly missed by his fellow-ringers at St. John-the-Baptist's Church, Croydon, where he had been a member of the band for 42 years, most regular in his attendances on Sundays and practice nights, and a very sure ringer in the methods he knew. He was always pleased to see the younger ringers making progress, and, although he did not ring them himself, he never stood in the way of those who wanted to practise the higher methods.

Mr. Talbot was not a great peal ringer, having rung 11 peals for the Surrey Association, and only a few outside this association.

The funeral took place on Thursday, December 4th, at St. John's, Croydon, the bells being rung fully-muffled for the service.

A plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the grave at the cemetery by four of his fellow-ringers as a last token of respect for one who was greatly respected by all who knew him.

CHURCHWARDEN'S FIRST 720.

At the Parish Church, Hartford, Hunts, on December 1st, 720 Bob Minor by the regular Sunday service ringers: C. Pannell 1, E. Pannell 2, H. Linford 3, J. M. Pannell 4, J. Smart (conductor) 5, R. Hibberd 6. First 720 by all except the ringer of the 5th. Mr. C. Pannell is churchwarden.

ANOTHER HERTFORDSHIRE PEAL REHUNG.

Ringers from all parts of the county and surrounding districts had the opportunity on Saturday, November 29th, of 'trying their hand' on the beautiful peal of bells at Baldock which have recently been rehung on ball bearings, and quarter turned by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank of the Whitechapel Foundry.

Ringers were present from Barley, Biggleswade, Benington, Cambridge, Graveley, Hitchin, Kington, London, Melbourn, Meldreth, Offley, Stevenage and Royston, together with the local band, who turned up in good strength. Mr. A. A. Hughes represented the founders.

The bells were kept going continuously from three o'clock until 5 p.m., when the Rector of Baldock conducted a short service from the association service paper.

The company then adjourned to the White Lion Hotel, where Mr. Bray, the local captain, had arranged an excellent 'knife and fork' tea. A short business meeting followed, the chief item on the agenda being a discussion on the Benevolent Fund which the association hopes to start working in 1931.

After the business, the Rector of Baldock, the Rev. C. W. Alington, said how pleased he was to welcome the ringers again before his departure from the parish to take up duties in Essex.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector for conducting the service and for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Bray for arranging such an excellent tea.

On behalf of all present, the Secretary congratulated the founders on the excellent way in which they had rehung the bells. This was met with loud applause, everyone being extremely pleased with the way the bells go. One member of the company declared that he could turn the tenor in with a piece of cotton! The weight of the tenor is 28 cwt. Further ringing afterwards took place until 9 p.m.

RINGING FOR SERVICE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Lloyd, in your issue of November 21st, seems to be upset about something, and goes so far as to say he attends regularly on Sundays. It is quite likely, from the tone of his letter, that he knows something of the identity of 'Church Service Ringer,' who wrote such a charming little note under a nom de plume. According to his letter, the one man referred to, even had he stayed in Doncaster, would not have made it possible for all eight bells to be rung, and therefore he is condemning the one and apologising for eleven. Rather consistent, don't you think? As for saying that I do not like to hear six bells rung at my own place, Mr. Lloyd is wrong. I do like to hear six, almost as well as I like eight, and more so when those six are rung well, and there is only the possibility of poor eight-bell ringing, although I will grant that, where there are eight bells, all eight should be rung if possible on Sunday of all days. Incidentally, no mention was made of the three towers short handed.—Yours faithfully,

E. COOPER.

Sir,—Mr. Cawser wrote in your issue of November 28th that Tickhill has done more than any tower to further change ringing around Doncaster. I ask him one question, 'Who built up the Doncaster and District Society, and what tower did that ringer belong to?' I have always been a willing hand to help any learner, many of whom Mr. Cawser knows nothing about. I do not look for honours by others' labours, if that is what Mr. Cawser means.

I repeat the question asked in the first letter: What honours are gained in ringing these quarter-peals, when mixed bands leave their own towers short-handed on Sunday?

On page 767 of 'The Ringing World' of November 28th is recorded the passing away of one who leaves an example for us all to follow, and I take off my hat to him.—Yours truly,

W. LLOYD.

[This correspondence is now closed.—Ed., 'R.W.']

REV. F. J. O. HELMORE'S BIRTHDAY.

At Canterbury Cathedral, on Tuesday, December 2nd, 716 Stedman Caters: G. G. Jenkins 1, E. G. Buesden (conductor) 2, E. G. Brett 3, W. E. Pitman, Mus.Bac., 4, C. W. Brett 5, Rev. F. J. O. Helmore 6, C. Franklin 7, B. J. Luck 8, H. Parks 9, M. W. Pierce 10. Specially rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, who has been president of the Cathedral company for 45 years, his brother ringers extending to him their very best wishes.

WEDDING BELLS.

At the Parish Church, Farnham, Surrey, on Wednesday, November 26th, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. H. Peers, of Farnham, and Miss F. Lock, of The Botune, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 49 mins.: C. Edwards 1, J. Read 2, W. J. Wells 3, S. Meadows 4, H. Kemp 5, F. Kemp 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, E. J. King 8. Also 490 Grandsire Triples: F. Hammett 1, H. Prior 2, C. Edwards 3, W. J. Wells 4, S. Meadows 5, J. Read 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, H. Kemp 8.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WYCHBOLD, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, December 7th, in 43 mins., at the Church of St. Mary de Wycke, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes, with ten different callings): V. Neal 1, D. A. Raxter 2, M. A. Matthews 3, J. Neal 4, W. H. Raxter (conductor) 5, H. Sparks 6. Longest length by treble and 2nd ringers, and the first quarter-peal ever rung in this tower by a completely local band affiliated to an association.

ARKSEY.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, December 7th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: F. Garner 1, G. Clarke 2, E. Cooper (conductor) 3, C. Otter 4, E. Lee 5, H. Arrand 6, T. Revill 7, B. Birkitt 8. A birthday compliment to F. Garner, James McCluskey and B. Birkitt.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.—On Sunday, December 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich (1,280 changes) in 46 mins.: A. Trotter (first in method) 1, H. Haigh 2, T. B. Kendall 3, E. Jenkins 4, T. A. King 5, H. Stott 6, E. H. Simpson (conductor) 7, H. Foster 8.

RETTFORD.—On Sunday, December 7th, for morning service at St. Swithun's Church, 1,296 Grandsire Caters in 51 mins.: D. Newbould 1, H. Deaman 2, S. Jordan 3, W. Metcalfe 4, J. Segar (conductor) 5, R. Miles 6, A. Reed 7, H. Warburton 8, W. Norton 9, F. Brackenbury 10. First quarter of Caters by ringers of 1, 2 and 3.

HITCHIN.—On Sunday, December 7th, for evensong, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: C. V. Hare 1, L. Houghton (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 2, A. E. Symonds 3, D. C. Mears 4, G. Wolfe 5, J. Hare 6, L. Fidler (conductor) 7, H. W. Else 8. All are regular Sunday service ringers.

NORTON, STAFFS.—At St. Bartholomew's Church, on Sunday, November 30th, for evensong, 720 of Loch Lomond: O. Williams 1, C. S. Ryles 2, J. E. Wheelton (conductor) 3, W. C. Lawrence 4, F. T. Dawson 5, J. Walley 6. The first 720 in this method by all except the conductor.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, November 30th, before evensong, 720 Chester Surprise and 720 Cambridge Surprise.—On Sunday, December 7th, before 11 a.m. matins, 720 Gunecastre Surprise and 360 New London Pleasure. Before 6.30 p.m. evensong, 720 Ipswich Surprise and 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. The ringers were L. Camp, G. Camp, C. Harrington, H. Wright, E. Sitch, A. Bradley (conductor).

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, November 30th, for morning service, 1,056 Cambridge Surprise: F. J. Smith 1, A. Keeble 2, L. P. Bailey 3, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 4, E. S. Bailey 5, A. A. Ling, Blaxhall (longest length in the method) 6, C. Sampson 7, J. G. Rumsey 8.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Sunday evening, November 30th, in 48 mins., a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): F. Seabright (first quarter-peal) 1, Mrs. F. M. Mitchell 2, G. A. Jones (first quarter-peal of Major) 3, G. R. Ambrose 4, H. Argent 5, F. A. Mitchell 6, C. M. Mitchell 7, F. M. Mitchell (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal on the new peal of eight, and rung at the first attempt.

GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Sunday, November 23rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: R. Smith 1, E. J. Beer (conductor) 2, Mrs. E. H. Spice 3, E. H. Spice 4, W. J. Beer 5, E. G. Merrad 6, R. A. Constant 7, E. Hadlow 8.

GREAT TOTHAM, ESSEX.—On Sunday, November 23rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes): E. J. Shynn (first quarter) 1, W. Mills (first quarter 'inside') 2, H. E. Freeman 3, F. W. Shynn 4, H. E. Soager 5, P. O. Sayer (conductor) 6.

GORSEINON.—At St. Catherine's Church, on Sunday, November 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): T. Willis 1, R. Dobbins 2, J. Hanson 3, J. Williams 4, W. Dobbins 5, W. T. Dobbins 6, J. T. Williams (conductor) 7, H. McMillan 8. Also for morning service by the same band, 630 Grandsire Triples.

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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 to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on Dec. 18th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 23rd; at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Clement's, Hastings, on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow. The bells of Christ Church, St. Leonards, will be available after the meeting.—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Preston Parish Church on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells available from 2.30. A good attendance is requested. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carriagton Road, Chorley.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held jointly with the Barnsley, Doncaster and Sheffield District Societies at Rawmarsh, near Rotherham, on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, at 1s. per head.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Selby on Saturday, Dec. 13th. The Abbey bells (10) will be available for ringing from 2 p.m. onward. Service in the choir at 4 p.m. Tea served in Mrs. Smith's Café, Finkle Street, at 5 p.m., at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head. The business meeting will be held in the Sacristy of the Abbey immediately after.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday, Dec. 13th, at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea in the Parish Room at 5.30 p.m., to be followed by business meeting. Ringing in the evening from 7 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.—C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Preacher: Canon Raven, D.D. Tea and meeting to follow. A good attendance is especially requested, as a further discussion will take place on 'How to make the monthly meetings more attractive.'—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Bletchingley on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—A meeting will be held at Castle Donington on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (6) ready at 3.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—North-East Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Tiverton on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells available 2.30. Committee meeting 4. Service 4.45. Tea, 1s. each, 5.15, business meeting following. Agenda: Report, balance sheet, election of officers, etc.—A. G. Selley, The Square, Silverton.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Bridport on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Ringing from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5.15 p.m. Notification for tea to E. F. Brooks, Beaminster.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—A meeting will be held in Bristol on Saturday, Dec. 13th. St. Peter's bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at St. John's-on-the-Wall at 4.30. Tea at St. Michael's Parish Hall 5.15.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Croft on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells available from 3.45 p.m. Tea provided in Schoolroom, at 5 p.m. A good meeting is requested. All ringers welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Upton-on-Severn on Dec. 13th. Service at 4 prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. Election of officers.—J. Rowlett, Branch Sec., Old Street, Upton-on-Severn.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Taunton, on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Meeting to follow. Wilton (8 bells) available from 3 to 4 p.m.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held at South Normanton on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., 1s. each.—J. W. England, Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—A meeting will be held at Chobham on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting after tea. Nominations for district officers must be received at this meeting. All members and friends of the Guild are invited to come and lend a helping hand at this gathering. Frequent buses from Woking Station (north side).—H. Hancock, Hon. Sec., 3, Chobham Road, Ottershaw, Chertsey.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Winslow on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells 6. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at 1s. each and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Please send numbers for tea to E. F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 92, High Street, Winslow, Bucks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Todmorden Parish Church on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Holbrook on Dec. 13th. Bells (6) available at 2 p.m. and at Stutton (6). Tea, 4.30, at the Rectory. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—A meeting will be held at Salle on Saturday, Dec. 13th, at 3.30 p.m.—W. B. Duncan, Branch Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wroughton on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (5) available at 3 p.m.—S. Hopper, Hon. Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Swindon, Wilts.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Bosbury on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Church service at 5. Tea provided after service.—R. Thomas, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Manchester Town Hall on Saturday, Dec. 20th. Bells from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 o'clock. Subscriptions due. Reports ready.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, Dec. 20th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting in the Schoolroom at 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Reports to hand.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Charing on Dec. 20th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden, Kent.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Sandbach (8 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 20th. Will all those intending being present kindly let me know by the 17th inst.?—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—The annual meetings will be held on Saturday, Dec. 20th, at North Wingfield. Bells open at 3 p.m. Important business meeting at 3.30 p.m. for the election of officers and discussion on the report book. Will members please roll up for this meeting? Annual subscriptions are due from all members who have not already paid. Tea at 5 p.m. for all who notify Mr. J. P. Tarlton, Bright Street, North Wingfield, before Thursday, Dec. 18th.—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guldborough Branch.—A special meeting will be held at West Haddon on Saturday, Dec. 20th. Usual arrangements. Anyone requiring tea please notify me.—R. Adams, East Haddon, Northants.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, on Saturday, Dec. 20th. Bells from 3.15. Service at 5.15. Tea in St. Andrew's Hall, Wells Street, on usual terms, at 6 o'clock. Please advise me if you are coming.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.—The rededication of the bells, which have been retuned and rehung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will take place on Monday, Dec. 22nd, at 7.30 p.m. The Bishop of Leicester will perform the ceremony.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Denham (8 bells) on Friday, Dec. 26th, at 3 p.m. Tea, at 1s. 3d. per head, for those who notify me not later than Dec. 20th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Llandaff on Friday, Dec. 26th (Boxing Day), at 4.30. The Dean will preside. Bells (10) available during the afternoon and evening.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A dinner will be held at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday, Jan. 10th, 1931.—Tickets 5s. 6d. each. Early application should be made, as accommodation is limited.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

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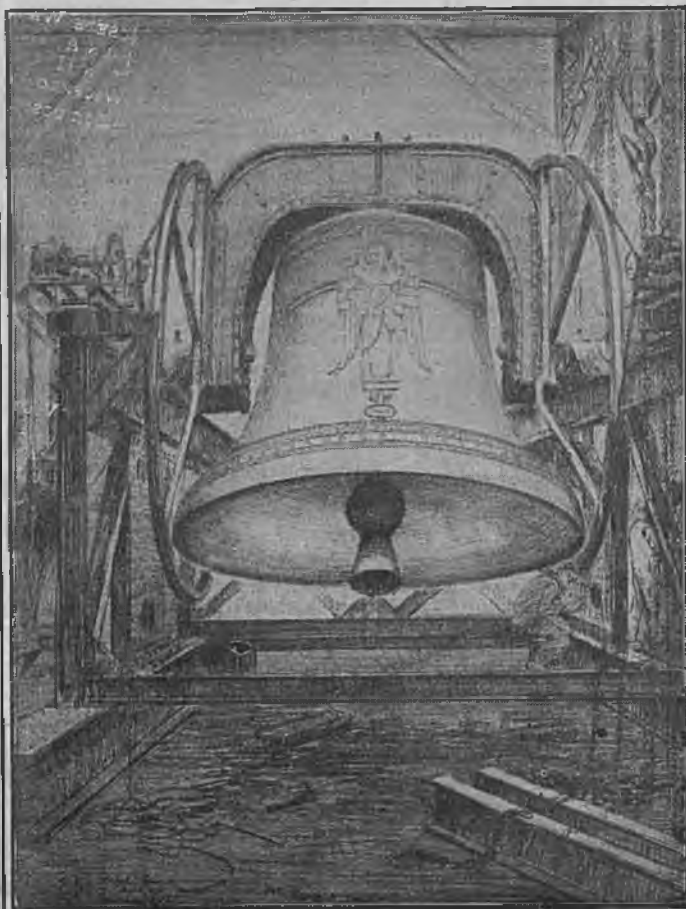
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WHAT IS A 'TWELVE BELL' PEAL?

In the discussion on the subject of the 'twelve-bell record,' Mr. C. T. Coles asked the question: If the Painswick peal was the twelve-bell record, where is the eleven-bell record? Up to the present there has been no reply to the inquiry, but if Mr. Coles looks to us for an answer we are inclined to say that, if there is an eleven-bell record, it was rung at Painswick. But is there an eleven-bell record? We do not think that, strictly, there is. There is, of course, a Cinques record, but no peal of Cinques has been rung with the use of eleven bells only. The whole question seems to us to turn on what definition is to be applied to the expression 'a twelve-bell peal.' Mr. Coles has referred to the Central Council's definition for a peal on eleven bells, which says that it shall consist of not less than 5,000 true changes rung without interval, with the addition of a covering bell. This is just the kind of point about which lawyers would delight to argue, but the mere fact that the Council stipulate that, in addition to the eleven bells, there shall be a covering bell, puts it, in our humble opinion, at once into the category of a twelve-bell peal, and the deduction appears therefore to be that there is no actual 'eleven-bell' record. It seems to us that there is still a certain amount of confusion of thought in regard to our use of the term 'twelve-bell peal.' As we have previously pointed out, a 'twelve-bell peal' is not, in our view, necessarily a peal in a twelve-bell method, but the term broadly covers any peal in which the use of twelve bells is essential to comply with the general practice and with the conditions laid down.

The discussion which has taken place, has, of course, ranged round the description applied to the Painswick peal in the columns of 'The Ringing World.' With a nicer discrimination, no doubt, the Central Council, in their official records, will ignore the number of bells used and place the particulars of the performance among peals of Cinques, and, even perhaps, in the still closer division of Grandsire, so that no one will have cause for complaint, because Maximus will be in a compartment by itself with nothing to overshadow that truly great performance at Ashton-under-Lyne. And so honour will be satisfied all round and the generalisation of 'The Ringing World' will be forgotten. All the same we have a notion that—assuming existing records remain unbroken—when future ringers inquire what was the longest length rung on twelve bells they will be told that the twelve-bell record was made at Painswick. But in any case the Exercise acknowledges that both the Ashton-under-Lyne and the Painswick peals were gigantic performances, and in their respective categories merit all the honour which accrues to those who took part in them.

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HASLEMERE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 6, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

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| CHARLES W. ROBERTS Treble | JOHN H. B. HESSE 6 |
| RICHARD HAYES 2 | *STAFFORD H. GREEN 7 |
| GEORGE W. FLETCHER 3 | JOSEPH T. DYKE 8 |
| MISS IRENE L. HASTIE 4 | JAMES PARKER 9 |
| RAYMOND OVERY 5 | MRS. EDITH K. FLETCHER Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by MRS. E. K. FLETCHER

* 100th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Major J. H. B. Hesse.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

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| FRANK COLE Treble | THOMAS WITTS 6 |
| ALBERT WRIGHT 2 | WILLIAM IRELAND 7 |
| THOMAS PRICHARD 3 | HARRY PHELPS 8 |
| GEORGE GOULDING 4 | GEORGE ORCHARD 9 |
| HARRY FUSSELL 5 | LESLIE BARRY Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 11, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

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| *DENNIS R. MORRIS Treble | WILLIAM LEWIS 6 |
| ROBERT G. KNOWLES 2 | WILLIAM PAGE 7 |
| SIDNEY T. HOLT 3 | WILLIAM C. JONES 8 |
| FRANK LAWRENCE 4 | *CYRIL TANSELL 9 |
| *WILLIAM RANFORD 5 | CHARLES CAMM Tenor |

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT

* First peal of Surprise Royal.

BANBURY, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, December 13, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

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| WALTER F. JUDGE Treble | *FREDERICK SELWYN 6 |
| *RUPERT R. LEWIS 2 | *THOMAS IMPEY 7 |
| WILLIAM TANDY 3 | JOHN SIMONS 8 |
| FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 4 | *HERBERT IMPEY 9 |
| RICHARD A. POST 5 | *ROBERT HIGHAM Tenor |

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal on ten bells. First attempt for a peal on these musical bells, which were recently recast and augmented from eight to ten by Messrs. Taylor and Co. Ringers of 1st, 4th and 5th are from Oxford, the remainder are local.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 13, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

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| WILLIAM E. BASON Treble | GEORGE BAILEY 6 |
| EDWIN R. GOATE 2 | WILLIAM LEE 7 |
| JOHN G. W. HARWOOD 3 | *JAMES SPALDING 8 |
| JOHN C. DICKEN 4 | GEORGE MAYERS 9 |
| ARTHUR G. KING 5 | HERBERT JERMY Tenor |

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

* First peal on ten bells. This was arranged and rung as a farewell peal to Mr. J. C. Dicken, the secretary of the St. Nicholas' company, who is leaving the district.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 14, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6004 CHANGES;

Tenor 35 cwt.

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| *Miss M. SYKES Treble | C. H. MARSLAND 6 |
| *V. SYKES 2 | R. GREENWOOD 7 |
| M. NEWTON 3 | *R. THICKETT 8 |
| I. LBS 4 | H. BARLOW 9 |
| E. GEARY 5 | A. WAITE Tenor |

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by R. GREENWOOD.

* First peal of Caters and first attempt. Rung in honour of the centenary of the church. All are service ringers at the church except R. Thickett (Middleton) and H. Barlow (Gladwick).

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ASHTED, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 29, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

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| *WILLIAM WHITING Treble | GEORGE COOK 5 |
| ARTHUR SMITH 2 | ALBERT HARMAN 6 |
| GEORGE MARRINER 3 | WILLIAM NEWBERRY 7 |
| WILLIAM COOK 4 | *GEORGE H. COLDMAN Tenor |

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

* First peal.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 3, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S FIVE-PART, No. 6.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

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| JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble | CHARLES DRAPER 5 |
| ALLAN R. HICKTON 2 | JAMES S. HUTCHBY 6 |
| MAURICE SWINFELD 3 | JAMES GEORGE 7 |
| W. RICHARDSON DRAGE 4 | JOSEPH BAILEY Tenor |

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

The composition is now rung for the first time. This is the quickest peal on the bells. It is thirty-four years since J. S. Hatchby rang a peal in this tower.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 3, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLYD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

DAY'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

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| GEORGE CHAPPELL Treble | CHARLES H. PERRY 5 |
| BENJAMIN J. TOBY 2 | ALFRED W. WRIGHT 6 |
| WALTER J. NURTON 3 | FRANK ROWSELL 7 |
| ALBERT J. PITMAN 4 | ERNEST STITCH Tenor |

Conducted by C. H. PERRY.

Rung as a wedding peal for the Rev. Ivor Davies, curate of St. Paul's, Aberavon, and Miss Hilda Mary Mogford, of Cyncoed, near Cardiff, who were married at All Saints', Cardiff, the same day. The ringers of 1, 3, 4 and tenor belong to Aberavon.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 4, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

J. PIGOTT'S SIX-PART, No. 3.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| THOMAS HEMMING Treble | CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 5 |
| HARRY HOLDEN 2 | JOHN LLOYD 6 |
| GEORGE DAVIES 3 | JAMES MARSHALL 7 |
| WILLIAM POTTER 4 | WALTER MASTERS Tenor |

Conducted by C. SKIDMORE.

Rung to celebrate the jubilee of the original six bells. All the ringers are members of the local band.

ROSS, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 6, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

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| JOHN CLARK Treble | WILLIAM POSTON 5 |
| ERNEST COX 2 | WILLIAM T. POSTON 6 |
| REES EVANS 3 | ALFRED T. POULTON 7 |
| EDWIN H. FOSTER 4 | JOHN J. WEBB Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM T. POSTON.

Mr. A. T. Poulton has now completed the circuit in this tower.

WOKING, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

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| FREDERICK G. WOODISS Treble | ALAN R. PINK 5 |
| HAROLD N. PITSTOW 2 | WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 6 |
| JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 3 | DANIEL COOPER 7 |
| GEORGE E. CLODE 4 | CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor |

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by C. H. KIPPIN.

Rung to celebrate the 33rd anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Melville, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. Alan R. Pink.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 6, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THÉ-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF REVERSE DUBLIN SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

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| JOHN BEAMS Treble | GEORGE W. STERE 5 |
| CHARLES N. BURDOCK 2 | C. ERNEST SMITH 6 |
| WILLIAM T. BEESON 3 | CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7 |
| GEORGE WILSON 4 | ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

The first peal in the method.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, December 6, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| *FREDERICK F. RIGBY Treble | TITUS BARLOW 5 |
| ROBERT WALLWORK 2 | *CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON 6 |
| THOMAS WALLWORK 3 | LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS 7 |
| WILLIAM HORAN 4 | THOMAS B. WORSLEY Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.

* First peal in the method. This composition is rung for the first time.

MILNROW, LANC.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 6, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

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| STEPHEN PARRY Treble | JAMES B. SHAW 5 |
| HAROLD HUMOR 2 | GEORGE STAFF 6 |
| JOHN FITTON 3 | JOHN H. C. MASSEY 7 |
| WALTER STAFF 4 | ANDREW SIDEBOTTOM Tenor |

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by GEORGE STAFF.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Fitton on his 76th birthday. It was his first peal in the method away from the treble, and the first attempt. All service ringers at the above church.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute.

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

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| *J. ALBISON Treble | †H. CORSER 5 |
| O. MOORES 2 | W. HOWARTH 6 |
| E. MOORES 3 | A. BROMLEY 7 |
| S. GOULDON 4 | A. TAYLOR Tenor |

Conducted by A. TAYLOR.

* First peal in method. † First peal in method 'inside.'

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, December 6, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

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| FRANK MORRIS Treble | GEORGE PINCOTT 5 |
| EDWARD WEBSTER 2 | PETER NUTTALL 6 |
| *WALTER NEWMAN 3 | JOHN NUTTALL 7 |
| JAMES YATES 4 | JAMES LEATHER Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN NUTTALL.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Peter Nuttall.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

At the Church of St. Ignatius-the-Martyr,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF TEURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

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| *WILLIAM ARMOUR Treble | JOHN J. LEIGHTON 5 |
| GEORGE S. TAYLOR 2 | JOSEPH W. PARKER 6 |
| MICHAEL F. HARRISON 3 | ROBERT L. PATTERSON 7 |
| HAROLD B. DITCHBORN 4 | NORMAN PATTERSON Tenor |

Conducted by R. L. PATTERSON.

* First peal of Stedman away from the tenor. Rung to celebrate the marriage of Mr. Frank Ainsley, one of the local band, to Miss H. K. Gray.

TRING, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt.

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| OWEN BAYES Treble | FREDERICK J. REEVE 5 |
| *FREDERICK C. REEVE 2 | JESSE POPLETT 6 |
| *HAROLD BISHOP 3 | WALTER AYRE 7 |
| *HARRY BULL 4 | ERNEST W. SMITH Tenor |

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal on eight. Ringers of 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 belong to Tring, treble and tenor to Berkhamsted. The above was rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, Rev. C. T. T. Wood, M.A., M.C., who was inducted on November 11th, this being the first occasion when it was possible to attempt a peal.

READING, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(READING BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 8, 1930, in Three Hours.

At the Church of St. Giles.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TEURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

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| *WILFRED OSBORNE Treble | ARTHUR BAILEY 5 |
| J. LEONARD JOYCE 2 | †ALFRED JEFFERY 6 |
| LEONARD T. OSBORNE 3 | AMBROSE W. OSBORNE 7 |
| HORACE A. OSBORNE 4 | ARTHUR PHILLIPS Tenor |

Conducted by AMBROSE W. OSBORNE.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. All are service ringers at the above church except the ringer of the 2nd. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble; also to the tenor man, who attained his 30th birthday.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

At the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

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| CHARLES T. COLES Treble | ERNEST J. BUTLER 5 |
| *MRS. ROBERT RICHARDSON 2 | EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 6 |
| GEORGE R. PYE 3 | ROBERT RICHARDSON 7 |
| JAMES BENNETT 4 | WILLIAM PYE Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* 50th peal, and first in the method away from the treble.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

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| WILLIAM H. CROCKER Treble | THEODORE GRANT 5 |
| THOMAS F. KING 2 | *HENRY W. BROWN 6 |
| NORAH G. WILLIAMS 3 | WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT 7 |
| RICHARD J. COUSINS 4 | GILBERT H. HARDING Tenor |

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by G. H. HARDING.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method by all the band. First peal of Superlative by a resident band for the association. First peal in Bath by a resident band.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 8, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes.

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

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| F. HORACE E. STOBBS Treble | ERNEST H. BAGWORTH 5 |
| JAMES S. HUYCHBY 2 | WILLIAM J. SMITH 6 |
| LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD 3 | GEORGE E. FOSTER 7 |
| ERNEST MORRIS 4 | J. FREDERICK MILNER Tenor |

Conducted by REV. H. EARLE BULWER. Conducted by J. F. MILNER

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 10, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes.

At the Parish Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

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| *FREDERICK R. PITMAN Treble | †WALTER LINTER 5 |
| GEORGE WILLIAMS 2 | D. CECIL WILLIAMS 6 |
| JOHN W. FAITHEFULL 3 | WILFRED ANDREWS 7 |
| MRS. C. IBBETT 4 | JAMES L. HAYWARD Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal. † First peal of Major.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

(NUNEATON SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, December 11, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

At the Church of St. Nicholas.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| ALFRED KING Treble | ERNEST STONE 5 |
| *WALTER S. STONE 2 | D. HAROLD ARGYLE 6 |
| EDWIN MARTIN 3 | WILFRED H. J. HOOTON 7 |
| THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 4 | E. HARRY STONELEY Tenor |

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

* First peal of Cambridge.

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—This is the 'record-breaking' age, and we read of it in all branches of sport and pastime. We have had swimming, flying, dancing, running and even fasting! Why not bellringing?

Here is an ancient individual record:—

On the wall of the belfry at Ashwell, Herts, an inscription states that John Pack rang the fourth bell for twelve hours on March 16th, 1811, but for what reason is unknown!

Now, Mr. George, here's a chance for you to ring a record peal 'all on your very own.' What about it?—Yours sincerely,

ERNEST MORRIS.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 13, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVE'S TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

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| HARRY HUBBALL Treble | BENJAMIN GOUGH 5 |
| SAMUEL J. HUGHES 2 | HENRY GOODMAN 6 |
| THOMAS A. TOWNSEND 3 | JOHN GOODMAN 7 |
| HARRY HILL 4 | ALBERT PRESTIDGE, JUN. ... Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN.

This peal was rung to celebrate the centenary of the opening of the church; also as a farewell peal to the curate, the Rev. S. G. Lavery, and Mrs. Lavery, who are leaving Netherton for Lindridge.

HILLINGDON WEST.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 13, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

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| EDGAR G. SWIFT Treble | *CHARLES A. NICHOLIS 5 |
| RICHARD WARNETT 2 | JAMES H. LUCAS 6 |
| PERCY E. JONES 3 | FRANK CORKE 7 |
| EDGAR HANCOX 4 | THOMAS J. SETTER Tenor |

Conducted by FRANK CORKE.

* First peal away from the tenor. First peal by an entirely local band for twenty years. Rung for the induction of the new Vicar (the Rev. R. Home); also as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer and to Mr. Jones, who has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal.

MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 13, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

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| HERBERT J. ELDRED Treble | CHARLES T. COLES 5 |
| GEORGE M. KILBY 2 | JOHN T. KENTISH 6 |
| GEORGE R. PYE 3 | JAMES BENNETT 7 |
| ERNEST J. BUTLER 4 | WILLIAM PYE Tenor |

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells. This is the 100th peal rung together by Messrs. G. R. Pye and E. J. Butler.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 13, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

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| JOHN H. CRAMPION Treble | WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 5 |
| JOHN A. WAUGH 2 | WILFRED WILLIAMS 6 |
| EDWIN F. PIKE 3 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7 |
| JAMES E. DAVIS 4 | RONALD H. BULLEN Tenor |

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 13, 1930, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

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| ROBERT J. MAYNARD, SEN. Treble | *JAMES G. A. PRIOR 5 |
| *ARTHUR REEVE 2 | ERNEST E. HOLMAN 6 |
| FREDERICK C. MAYNARD ... 3 | HAROLD A. EDWARDS 7 |
| WILLIAM J. ELLIS 4 | LESLIE A. WELCH Tenor |

Conducted by H. A. EDWARDS.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

MORETON CORBET, SHROPSHIRE.—On Thursday, November 20th, 720 Bob Minor: H. Clay 1, F. Venables 2, W. Lycett 3, H. Austin 4, E. V. Rodenhurst 5, H. Vickers (conductor) 6. Ringers of 1, 2, 4 and 6 are members of the local band.

RYE, SUSSEX.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, December 13, 1930, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT ROSE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

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| KENNETH PATTENDEN ... Treble | HARRY BAKER 5 |
| *CYRIL W. A. BROWN 2 | †WILLIAM BUTTON 6 |
| MRS. H. BAKER 3 | THOMAS E. SONE 7 |
| CHARLES W. PLAYER 4 | ALBERT RELFE Tenor |

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal inside. This composition is now rung for the first time.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 13, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

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| THOMAS ABBOTT Treble | AMOS SMART 5 |
| LEWIS CHAPMAN 2 | †G. DENNIS DEIGHTON 6 |
| *OSCAR PAYNE 3 | WALTER PERKINS 7 |
| ALFRED H. MARTIN 4 | †HORACE DUNKLEY Tenor |

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal.

GORING-ON-THAMES.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 13, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb. in A.

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| MISS E. DORIS BLENOWE Treble | MISS STELLA DAVIS 5 |
| MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK 2 | MISS MARIE R. CROSS 6 |
| MISS RUBY M. HAZELL 3 | GEORGE GILBERT 7 |
| MISS IRENE L. HASTIE 4 | MISS HILDA F. MILLS Tenor |

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

Arranged as a birthday peal for the tenor ringer (secretary, Southern District of the Ladies' Guild). Rung on the first anniversary of the opening of the bells.

ICKLETON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ICKLETON SOCIETY.

On Saturday, December 13, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in F

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| *LESLIE LILLEY Treble | WALTER HUTLEY 5 |
| PERCY WEBB 2 | GORDON LILLEY 6 |
| *LEONARD FLITTON 3 | WALTER FLITTON 7 |
| *EDWARD FLITTON 4 | ARTHUR G. LILLEY Tenor |

Conducted by PERCY WEBB.

* First peal. First peal of Grandsire Triples by all the band except the 2nd ringer, and his first as conductor. Also first peal in the method on the bells. Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect for Mr. K. Brand, who had been a member of the society for several years, and died at the age of 89.

LLANGIBBY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 13, 1930, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 15 cwt.

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| EDWARD H. STRADLING ... Treble | EDGAR W. LUFF 5 |
| DONALD G. CLIFT 2 | GEORGE HAWKINS 6 |
| SYDNEY T. RACKHAM 3 | CHARLES GREEDY 7 |
| ARTHUR HAWKINS 4 | GEORGE POPNELL Tenor |

Conducted by DONALD G. CLIFT.

First peal on the bells since the restoration of the tower.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

MORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 25, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

At the Church of the Holy Cross.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

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| HAROLD DOUGHTY Treble | FRED W. KNOWLES 4 |
| *WILLIAM SWAIN 2 | *FRED CLARKE 5 |
| *VAUGHAN COX 3 | JOHN W. ENGLAND Tenor |

Conducted by J. W. ENGLAND.

* First peal in five methods. Rung as a compliment to the conductor on his birthday.

BASSINGHAM, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 29, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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| Seven different extents. | Tenor 10½ cwt. |
| Mrs. R. RICHARDSON ... Treble | †CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 4 |
| *Mrs. C. MCGUINNESS 2 | †RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 5 |
| Mrs. J. BRAY 3 | JACK BRAY Tenor |

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal. † First of Bob Minor. First peal of Minor by three married couples. The band wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. J. Walden, of Lincoln, for their hospitality after the peal.

SUTTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 29, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. James.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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| Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. | Tenor 12½ cwt. |
| *ERNEST HEAPY Treble | *ALBERT V. RERS 4 |
| JOHN WORTH 2 | *WILLIAM GAYES 5 |
| WILFRED STEVENSON ... 3 | *STANLEY NOBLE Tenor |

Conducted by WILFRED STEVENSON.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal of Doubles as conductor. First peal of Doubles on the bells. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to ringer of treble, also to Mr. N. Meakin, a ringer at the above church. The band were kindly entertained by Miss Meakin after the peal.

NORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, Woodbine, and Kent, and two each of Duke of York and Oxford.

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| *EDWARD WOOD Treble | HENRY CARNWELL 4 |
| JOHN E. WHEELDON 2 | †FRANK EDWARDS 5 |
| †GEORGE HULME 3 | WILLIAM CARNWELL Tenor |

Conducted by HENRY CARNWELL.

* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. J. E. Wheelton belongs to Norton, the rest from Kingsley.

FOLKINGHAM, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, November 30, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

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| Mrs. PHILLIS HUMPHREY Treble | ROGER W. DANIELS 4 |
| Miss KATH BURCHNALL ... 2 | CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY ... 5 |
| Miss GRACE BURCHNALL ... 3 | HORACE M. DAY Tenor |

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

Rung prior to evensong for Advent Sunday and the patronal festival. Quickest peal on the bells, with excellent striking throughout.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(MACCLESFIELD BRANCH).

On Monday, December 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

At Christ Church.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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| Seven 720's. | Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.). |
| STANLEY NOBLE Treble | WILFRED STEVENSON 4 |
| JOHN WORTH 2 | JACK WAUMSLEY 5 |
| JACK TIPPER 3 | WILLIAM GAYES Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM GAYES.

First peal as conductor.

BAGLAN, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. Catherine.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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| Twenty-one of A. J. Pitman's 240's. | Tenor 15 cwt. |
| *GEORGE CHAPPELL ... Treble | ARTHUR THOMAS 4 |
| FREDERICK E. STONE ... 2 | †ERNEST STITCH 5 |
| Miss LUCY THOMAS ... 3 | BERT JOHN Tenor |

Conducted by E. STITCH.

* First peal of Doubles. † 100th peal. Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to the tenor man.

THERANDESTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, December 4, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. Margaret-of-Antioch.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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| Comprising one extent of Double Court and two each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. | Tenor 10 cwt. in G. |
| WILLIAM MUSK Treble | PERCY L. JOHNSON 4 |
| ALPHÆUS J. BERRY 2 | ERIC G. BENNETT 5 |
| NOLAN GOLDEN 3 | DAVID WHITING Tenor |

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

A. J. Berry's 50th peal this year.

CHEDDON FITZPAINE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(TAUNTON DEANERY.)

On Friday, December 5, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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| Ten callings. | Tenor 9½ cwt. (approx.). |
| *REGINALD G. MOCKRIDGE Treble | PERCY SPARKES 3 |
| *G. THOMAS BAKER 2 | *WALTER WILLIAMS 4 |
| WILLIAM H. LLOYD Tenor | |

Conducted by W. H. LLOYD.

* First peal, and members of the local band. First peal of Doubles as conductor. First peal on the bells.

GOSBERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOR DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 6, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Double Court, Single Court, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

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| GEORGE LADD Treble | J. WILLIAM TAYLOR 4 |
| ARTHUR GROUND 2 | JOHN G. AMES 5 |
| JOHN CURRY 3 | HORACE M. DAY Tenor |

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

First peal by ringer of the 4th. Great credit is due to him for the way he rang his bell. He has been unable to stand for peals for the past few years owing to an infirmity.

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER, GLOS.—On Monday, December 1st, at St. Lawrence's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 42 mins.: H. James 1, W. Wright 2, B. Phillips 3, G. Burtoushaw (first quarter-peal) 4, H. Gillett 5, C. Pratley 6, T. Banning (conductor) 7, E. Gardener 8.

SOMERTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 21 cwt.

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| FRANK PRICE Treble | PERCY N. G. RAINEY 4 |
| WILFRID P. LAMBERT 2 | WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5 |
| *JAMES K. LAVER 3 | THOMAS G. SETTER Tenor |

Conducted by PERCY N. G. RAINEY.

* First attempt for a peal. First peal on the bells.

TENBURY WELLS, WORCESTERSHIRE,

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(LUDLOW AND CHURCH STRETTON DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, December 6, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

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| ARTHUR C. NASON Treble | FOREST T. MASSEY 4 |
| HUBERT JONES 2 | GEORGE RANDLE 5 |
| WM. J. BENIAMS 3 | E. RICHARD BALDWIN Tenor |

Conducted by WM. J. BENIAMS.

ST. MABE, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 6, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MABE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr.

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| *CYRIL LANKON Treble | *REV. W. H. R. TREWHELLA 4 |
| MISS E. JE-SIE C. ANGWIN 2 | ARTHUR S. ROBERTS 5 |
| WILLIAM H. SOUTHEARD 3 | *MISS MAY PENROSE Tenor |

Conducted by ARTHUR S. ROBERTS.

* First peal. The treble ringer is aged twelve. First peal on the bells, which have recently been augmented and rehung in a new frame and on ball bearings by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., the 'go' being perfection. All are from Truro Cathedral, and are regular service ringers.

WOLLASTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 6, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE AND TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Wells, London, York, and Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent.

Tenor 19 cwt.

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| *JOHN J. MAWBY Treble | AMOS SMART 4 |
| HENRY W. GAYTON 2 | PEARL INSKIP 5 |
| ANDERSON Y. TYLER 3 | WALTER PERKINS Tenor |

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

* First peal of Minor. First peal in seven Treble Bob methods on the bells. The first peal containing four Surprise methods by the Guild. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. Smart, who generously entertained the band to tea at the conclusion of the peal.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, December 7, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising an extant of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

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| DAVID WHITING Treble | GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL 4 |
| ALPHEDS J. BERRY 2 | CHARLES F. GOODMAN 5 |
| NOLAN GOLDEN 3 | ERIC G. BENNETT Tenor |

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

A. J. Berry's 100th peal for the Guild. The first for the Guild was rung at this tower, and A. J. Berry took part in it.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

MR. D. C. WILLIAMS' 100 PEALS.

Mr. D. Cecil Williams is one of the first Fellows of the Royal College of Organists to ring one hundred peals. This total he completed at Highclere, Hants, on Nov. 22nd, and the list is as follows: Bob Minor 1, Grandsire Triples 9 (conducted 8), Stedman Triples 10, Bob Major 10 (conducted 1), Kent Treble Bob Major 7, Double Norwich Major 24, Superlative Surprise 11, Cambridge Surprise 16 (conducted 2), London Surprise 10, Bristol Surprise 1, Grandsire Caters 1. Total 100 (conducted 11).

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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.

It is proposed to hold a police ringers' meeting at Leicester on Saturday, January 24th. All policemen-bellringers are earnestly invited to attend. Will those interested please communicate with Harold J. Poole, 326, Narborough Road, Leicester?

In connection with the effort to raise funds for the restoration of Bow Church, for which the bells are the 'stalking horse,' gramophone reproductions of the bells are to be given from the belfry. Bow bells have been silent for something like five years, and one of the last peals rung on them was that magnificent performance of 7,392 Cambridge Surprise Maximus by the Middlesex Association on December 19th, 1925.

At Christ Church, Spitalfields, which lost its twelve bells in a disastrous fire about 90 years ago, a peal of 6,334 Stedman Cluques was rung on December 20th, 1806.

The first peal on the bells at Ickleton, Cambs, by a local band was rung on Saturday, December 13th, with the bells muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mr. W. Brand, who died at the age of 89, and had been a member of the Ickleton Society for several years. The funeral took place on the 11th inst. All the band that took part in the peal are regular service ringers, and it was their first attempt as a local company. The achievement must be a great gratification to Mr. Percy Webb, who has rendered such long and faithful service to ringing at Ickleton.

The second of a series of 'Henry VIII.' peals was accomplished on Saturday last at Goring-on-Thames.

Her many friends will be pleased to see the name of Miss H. F. Mills in the peal columns again after the serious accident which befell her just over two years ago whilst on holiday in Ireland.

Thanks to the initiative of Mr. Alfred H. Pulling, the Guildford Diocesan Guild has recently been credited with the first peals of three Surprise Major methods, the last of the trio having been Reverse Dublin rung at Ewell on Saturday. The others were Double Dublin and Surrey. It is interesting to note that Mr. George Wilson, one of the band, took part in the 'first ever' of Dublin (rung at Leiston), Double Dublin and Reverse Dublin. He has yet to ring a peal of Grandsire Triples!

FATAL GUN ACCIDENT TO RINGER'S SON.

The many friends of Mr. Maurice F. R. Hibbert, 21, Melbourne Road, Bushey, will regret to learn of a tragic accident which befell his eldest boy, Leonard, who was ten years of age. The lad had a half-holiday from school on Friday and went, as he often did on such occasions, to pass the time on Tyler's Farm, near his home, assisting a neighbour. The farmer's brother, who was on a visit to the farm, left a gun, loaded and cocked, against a building. A young employe, not thinking the gun was loaded, aimed at Leonard and pulled the trigger. The gun went off, and the charge shattered Leonard's shoulder and perforated his lungs. He died as a result of his injuries six hours later. The sympathy of all ringers will go out to Mr. and Mrs. Hibbert in their sad loss.

STOW-ON-THE-WOLD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

Stow-on-the-Wold, where a peal of Bob Major was rung on November 26th, is a small but old-fashioned North Cotswold town, situated on a hill which is 800 feet above sea level, and when in winter time a "Nor' Easter" is blowing the old-time rhyme certainly comes true, viz., "Stow-on-the-Wold, where the wind blows cold." The church stands nearly in the centre of the town, and the tower is a landmark for miles around.



THE PARISH CHURCH OF STOW-ON-THE-WOLD.

The tower is supposed to have been built about the year 1445. It is 80 feet in height and consists of four stages, its walls varying from 5 feet to 6 feet in thickness. It contains a fine ring of eight bells, viz. :—

- Treble.—7 cwt. September, 1897. By Taylor and Co
- 2.—8 cwt. September, 1897. By Taylor and Co.
- 3.—10 cwt. Dated 1620. Cast by Henry Farmer, of Gloucestershire.
- 4.—14 cwt. Dated 1717.
- 5.—18 cwt. Dated 1606. This bell is dedicated to King James, who was patron of this living.
- 6.—21 cwt. Dated October 16th, 1620, and cast by Henry Farmer, of Gloucestershire.
- 7.—25 cwt. Dated 1778.
- Tenor.—30 cwt. Dated 1811.

Owing to the church being surrounded by business premises, peal attempts are very limited.

(Continued from next column.)

Griffin, of Burton-on-Trent, showed me in three seconds what a treble bob hunt was by merely striding across the floor, and no doubt countless little devices of this nature can be, and are, used regularly.

We spend much time at our meetings in telling one another what fine fellows we are. We have chairmen who appear to love to hear themselves speak, sometimes on totally irrelevant matters. We have the greaser and the earnest enquirer who both waste time. Wouldn't it be much more useful if one ringer who knew what he was talking about gave a short dissertation on one particular aspect of ringing? A discussion could follow. If I remember rightly, Mr. W. A. Cave gave a paper on the 'In and out of course of changes' to a meeting in Bristol some years ago, and at the time it struck me as being the most useful thing I had heard of being attempted in ringing. Here we have the easiest thing in the world to understand, but few ringers know anything about it, or about its practical application.

Yes, sir, there is a crying need for adequate instruction, and it is up to associations to provide it, but there can be no hard and fast rules.—Yours truly,

J. T. DYKE.

THE INSTRUCTION OF RINGERS.**QUALIFICATIONS AND DRAWBACKS.**

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The leading article in your issue of the 12th inst. calls attention to a real difficulty. For years I have considered this matter, and have reached the conclusion that it would be next to impossible to draw up a scheme of instruction which would meet the needs of everyone.

What are the attributes of a good ringer? I will put them in order of importance as I consider them. He must possess:—

- (1) Ability to handle the bell.
- (2) Broad vision, as opposed to 'tunnel' vision.
- (3) Sense of rhythm.
- (4) A pair of ears.
- (5) A fair quantity of intelligence.

If he has them all, he becomes one of 'the top liners,' but few ringers have them all.

To deal with these requirements separately, the first is a sine qua non, and is not impossible of attainment. Correct movement of the hands and body should be insisted on. Nine-tenths of country ringers hold the tail end of the rope wrongly, and at least one-fifth of them never by any chance at the hand stroke raise their hands above the level of the chin. Change ringing should never be attempted until rounds can be rung properly, and before the learner with a tied clapper has practised cutting and holding, slow blows and quick blows. By a judicious use of these methods in the early stages, the learner is put well on the way to change ringing. It follows, then, that the initial instruction must not be relegated to any one of the band, but rather to the man who handles his ball with precision and ease, puts it where he wants it, and makes it stay put when he wants it to stay put. Progress is somewhat slow and very often disheartening, and learners are liable at this stage to give up, and this is quite a good thing. Early on, the learner who lacks grit is weeded out, thus saving the time of many good men later on.

The ringer who lacks quality (2) is, I believe, a nearly hopeless case. His visual angle is very small, due to a certain physical condition, and he sees only the rope at which he is looking at the moment. The only thing you can do is to put him on a corner bell, if you have one. Never expect him to ring one of a straight line of ropes. We all know him, the man who looks slowly round in a bovine sort of way, looking for the bell he should strike, usually pitching on the wrong one. It would be presumptuous on the part of any ringer to tell this man that he will never make a ringer. His own good sense will lead him to undertake some other branch of church work. If this type of man, however, possesses the other four attributes, he can, with perseverance, become a good ringer, but the condition is rare. In any case, he will never become a conductor, for a good conductor should see a trip coming before it starts.

Quality (3) can never be inculcated in grown-ups. If it is not in-born, it cannot be acquired; although it is surprising how soon children get hold of rhythm. Perhaps with the various rhythmic exercises taught in schools nowadays, we may look forward to a more easily taught generation of ringers.

Lack of attribute (4) can largely be overcome if (1), (2) and (3) are present. Lack of ears does not mean bad striking necessarily, nor does the possession of them ensure good striking. I have known really bad strikers, after judicious coaching privately, to develop into surprisingly good ones.

In regard to point (5), I say only a fair amount of intelligence is necessary. That much is obvious, for some of the most intelligent men in the Exercise are but mediocre ringers; while the minds of some of our best ringers are singularly empty of general knowledge. No one suffers fools less gladly than I, but I do know that the dull boy at school can progress in ringing often faster than his brighter prototypes. It is all a question of finding his particular difficulty or point of view.

Now as to instructors. Most associations make some sort of attempt to provide instructors. The usual arrangement, however, is rather haphazard. I would suggest that the branches with their relatively small areas conduct their own affairs in this respect. There should be a standard scale of charges, a distance limit, and a limit to the number of lessons. Further, and this is most important, instructors should be chosen with the utmost care. One type of instructor gives one lesson and has the tower to himself at the next meeting. Another type is far too easy, with the result that his leg is pulled unmercifully. Another gets his pupils through a peal after ten lessons, and is proud of it. Yet another gets fulsome in his praise, and says, 'Well done,' when a learner for the first time manages in shaky fashion to get his bell from lead to behind a few times. That sort of thing is likely to make a ringer satisfied with his standard of performance, and that means no further progress.

All these types are to be avoided. By far the best instructors are purely voluntary, and who, like the ubiquitous Shute in the West, do this work purely for the love of ringing.

There can be no rigid rule in regard to method teaching. Some men can understand a diagram, some figures, and some require verbal explanations supported by some homely illustration. Joseph

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

THE STATE OF WIMBORNE MINSTER BELL TOWER.

The annual meeting of the Wimborne Branch of the Salisbury Guild was held at Wimborne on Saturday week. Ringing on the Minster bells was indulged in during the afternoon, and at the service the Master of the Guild (the Rev. R. H. Gundry) read the lesson, and the Vicar (Canon Keith) gave an appropriate address. The Rev. A. J. Burgess also assisted in the service, and Mr. A. Fripp, a member of the Minster tower, played the organ.

Tea in the Church House was followed by the business meeting, at which the Master presided and proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Canon Keith for his address.

The Hon. Secretary and Treasurer (the Rev. C. A. Phillips, of Bournemouth), in presenting the balance sheet and report, observed although there were two or three members less, there were several towers in the branch, especially in the Cranborne district, which had not joined, so there was still plenty of work in that and other directions to do. They heartily congratulated the chairman of the branch (Canon E. C. Eddrup, Rector of Corfe Mullen) on his preferment to an honorary canonry in Salisbury Cathedral. It was recognition of many years' devoted and faithful service to his parish and the diocese of which they had some special knowledge and special cause for gratitude, and in which they all took some special pride (applause). The year had been one of steady work, in which, with the help of their good friends from North Dorset, something more in the peal line had been attempted and something done. The recorded results were a peal of Grandsire Triples at Poole on October 11th, rung half-muffled in sympathy with the victims of the R101 disaster, conducted by Mr. O. F. Turner, and a peal of Minor at Corfe Mullen—in both peals lady members figuring. After referring to the various meetings held during the year, the Hon. Secretary said the amendment to Rule 4, with regard to associate members, proposed by Mr. I. Davis (Poole) at the last annual meeting, was duly submitted to the committee, and approved and passed at the annual meeting at Caine, and they welcomed that day several friends who had been regularly helping at their meetings and practices, and they would, the Secretary hoped, become formal associates (hear, hear). The branch would join with the rest of the Guild in very grateful memory of the devoted services of the late honorary assistant-secretary of the Guild, Mr. T. Hervey Beams (of Bradpole).

Those present stood as a tribute to Mr. Beams' memory.

The financial statement for the year ending December 31st next indicated that with the balance brought forward of £6 12s. 9d., and subscriptions from 114 ringing members (at 1s. 6d.), £8 11s., and three honorary members, 15s., the receipts totalled £16 3s. 3d., and the present balance was £6 19s. 2d. (applause).

The Chairman observed it was a matter for congratulation in these days of pessimism, trade depression, and hopelessness (laughter) that the branch was in such a sound financial position, and interest was maintained in the work (hear, hear, and applause).

Both report and balance sheet were adopted.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The officers were unanimously re-elected—Canon Eddrup chairman, the Rev. C. A. Phillips secretary and treasurer, and Mr. F. W. Townsend (Poole) Ringing Master, with cordial thanks for their past services, and Mr. Phillips, in reply, acknowledged the great help he had received from Mr. I. Davis in arranging meetings.—Messrs. Russell (Ringwood) and W. Hibberd (Corfe Mullen) were elected life members. Ordinary members elected included Mr. John Elliott, son of the Vicar of Lytchett Minster, and three associate members from Poole included Mrs. Townsend, the Ringing Master's wife.—It was decided to hold the first quarterly meeting at St. Giles' on the Saturday following Easter Sunday, and the summer meeting at Kingston, other practices and meetings to be arranged by the secretary.—Mr. G. R. Dance (Lytchett Minster), who mentioned that he had rung at church services for 40 years, and his youngest daughter was a member of the branch, expressed cordial thanks to Mr. Phillips and the band of ringers for their willing help on many occasions last winter to the struggling band at Lytchett Minster, with the result that the previous Sunday they were able to ring a six-score of Doubles for service.

The Vicar, who is an honorary member, made the interesting announcement that observations were being taken regarding the western tower of the Minster, but there was, he said, nothing in the least to be really alarmed about. It was known there was one crack in the tower sufficient to justify it being put under micrometer observation by the town surveyor, in order to ascertain whether there was any possible movement. There was, too, a likelihood of louvers being opened presently in the bell chamber which would let out the vibrations of the peal better than at present. No doubt a great deal of vibration was caused by the ringers of a peal in such an enclosed heltry. They had no misgivings in asking the visitors to ring there, although under the circumstances they were, he thought, ringing less continuously perhaps than they would have done in the old days.

The Secretary expressed thanks to all who had helped to make the meeting pleasant and delightful, including Mr. F. Hart (Wimborne Minster), for the arrangements for the meeting, and Mrs. Arnold for arranging the tea.—The Master also voiced his best wishes to the

branch for the coming year; and the hon. secretary of the Dorchester Branch (Mr. C. H. Jennings) brought on behalf of his members a similar greeting. A quartet—the Ringing Master, Miss M. White, and Mr. P. Dent (Bournemouth St. John), and Mr. Cheater (Ringwood)—at the close interested the company with handbell selections. Afterwards there was further ringing on the Minster bells.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO MR. T. HERVEY BEAMS.

The annual meeting of the North Dorset Branch was held at Mere, Wilts, on Saturday, when twenty towers were represented. Ringing commenced at three o'clock, when the bells were set going to Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob Major, etc. Service was held in the Parish Church; Canon Wingfield-Digby (Sherborne Abbey) read the prayers and lesson, and the Vicar (Rev. I. G. Cameron) preached a very practical sermon for ringers. Rev. A. A. Cramp was also present.

The members afterwards were entertained to an excellent tea in the Grove Buildings, eighty-four sitting down.

The business meeting followed, at which Canon Wingfield Digby (chairman of the branch) presided. He was supported by Rev. A. E. Nedham, Compton Abbas (secretary), Rev. F. L. Edwards, Kingston Magna (hon. secretary of the Salisbury Guild), Rev. E. C. King, Stourton, Rev. I. G. Cameron (Vicar), and Mr. C. H. Jennings (secretary of the Dorchester Branch).

The balance sheet showed a credit of £7 8s. 2d. at the beginning, and £8 6s. 10d. at the end of the year. The Secretary reported that there was still money owing for badges and membership.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Chairman, Canon Wingfield-Digby, Sherborne; secretary, Rev. A. E. Nedham, Compton Abbas; assistant secretary, Mr. H. James Ralph, Kingston Magna; Rev. I. G. Cameron was elected an hon. member, and the Chairman thanked him for accepting the honour and for preaching such an excellent sermon. Ringers felt that they must get more recognition, and must remember that they do all for the honour and glory of God. It would help if there were a system by which ringers could get recognition as members of the Parochial Church Council. He was assured that such was the case in Mere.—The Vicar responded.

Mr. W. Shute (Buckhorn Weston) was re-elected Ringing Master, and the quarterly meetings of the branch were decided upon as follows: March at Sturminster Newton, June at Stourton, September at Iwerne Minster, and the annual meeting in December at Sherborne. Four new members were elected.

Referring to the proposed memorial to Mr. T. Hervey Beams, late assistant secretary of the Guild, Mr. Edwards said he had suggested that it be placed in Bradpole Church. He had met Mr. Northover, who had executed a model of the Guild badge in oak, and which had been submitted to the Archdeacon, who was very pleased with it. It was Mr. Beams' wish to complete the £200 for the ringers' war memorial in the Cathedral while still alive. The sum was completed last May before he passed away, and the memorial had been erected.

It was resolved that each tower secretary collect subscriptions for the Hervey Beams' memorial.

The following towers were represented at the gathering: Bishop's Caundle, Bourton, Blandford, Child Okeford, Cucklington, Compton Abbas, Fontmell Magna, Gillingham, Henstridge, Kingston Magna, Mere, Okeford Fitzpaine, Poole, Ringwood, Sherborne, Stourton, Sturminster Newton, Wyke Regis, Yeovil and Zeals. Mr. Edwards proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, choir, organist and helpers, and Mr. Delorne replied. The Chairman at the close wished all a happy Christmas and a prosperous new year for the Guild.

FEERING'S ANNIVERSARY.

The 36th anniversary of the dedication of the original peal of six bells at Feering, Essex, was celebrated on December 8th, when a quarter-peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major (1,344 changes) was rung by C. S. Burton (longest length) 1, S. Pye 2, J. C. Newman 3, C. J. Rogers 4, E. Mingay 5, W. Keeble (conductor) 6, G. Hayward 7, F. Fludder 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all except ringers of 3, 6 and 7.

SUSSEX RINGER'S DEATH.

Another old member of the Sussex Association has passed away in the person of Mr. Harry Turrell, of West Grinstead, who died on December 5th at the age of 69 years. The interment took place on Wednesday, December 10th, when six ringers acted as bearers. The bells were rung muffled after the service, the ringing including 720 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Weaver 1, T. Adams 2, G. Warnett 3, V. Goatcher 4, J. Bowell 5, W. Denman (conductor) 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob: V. Goatcher 1, W. Denman 2, T. Adams 3, R. Langridge 4, W. Charman 5, R. Stredwick (conductor) 6; and 240 Cambridge Surprise. On Sunday, December 14th, for morning service, with the bells half-muffled, a 720 of Oxford Single Bob, and for evening service touches of Cambridge Surprise and Woodbine: V. Turrell 1, F. Turrell 2, G. Warnett 3, V. Goatcher 4, J. Bowell 5, W. Denman (conductor) 6.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

In Christmas week it will be necessary to print 'The Ringing World' much earlier than usual. Secretaries and other correspondents should therefore note that anything intended for the issue of Dec. 26th must reach 'The Ringing World' Office not later than *first post on Monday next*.

THE TWELVE-BELL RECORD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As a general rule it is perhaps as well to ignore anonymous letters, but that signed 'A Humble Ringer' calls for a reply. I have carefully avoided saying anything that could give rise to suggestions of criticism or jealousy; indeed, I know of nothing in the Painswick peal to criticise or to be jealous of. Your leading article of November 21st truthfully states that the Ashton and Painswick peals are not in the same category, and that no question of comparison of the performances arises. If your correspondent cannot understand that, he must be humble in intellect as well as humble in ringing. And what right has he to talk about the spirit of brotherhood, and acting like sportsmen, when he is so humble in decent manners as to do so without letting us know who he is?

I agree with Mr. Prince that ringers should know the difference between Cinques and Maximus, and as Cinques has been definitely classed by the Central Council as being changes on eleven bells, I fail to see why Mr. Prince's Painswick friends describe their peal as containing the greatest number of changes on twelve bells. Mr. Prince evidently thought there was something to write about, or why should he have anticipated a letter from me?

With the exception of Mr. A. E. Reeves, your several correspondents have carefully ignored the Council's definitions of eleven and twelve-bell peals, and have simply thrown in vague generalities, eulogies of the tenor man, and other matters quite beside the point. I have already quoted the definitions twice, and there is no need to repeat them, but until they are proved to cover the Painswick ringers' claim, I see no reason to alter anything I have already written.

Whether your correspondents who think this is a point not worth worrying about are right or not is a matter of opinion, but it seemed of sufficient importance for you, Mr. Editor, to write a leading article on the matter, in which you said that the question was one for serious consideration.

Whilst on the subject of decisions of the Council in relation to record peals, I would point out that clause three is in connection with the composition. This should have been sent, sealed, to the secretary of the association for whom the peal was rung, prior to the attempt, and on the peal being rung should have been forwarded to 'The Ringing World' for publication immediately. Is it not about time the figures were published?

In conclusion, and to satisfy another of your anonymous correspondents, I may say that I am writing entirely for myself in this matter. Further, if this correspondent will read my previous letters again, he will see that I raised no objection to you having changed your opinion; but I consider that I have a perfect right to point out that you did so. If not, why not? I might yet change my mind on this subject, but not until I get a reply which intelligently meets the point at issue, and does not contain vague and unfounded suggestions of bad feeling and jealousy.—Yours faithfully,

21, Vincent Road, E.4.

C. T. COLES.

A LEAD BY 'THE RINGING WORLD.'

Dear Sir,—More ink has already been spilled in the controversy re the 'twelve-bell record' at Painswick than is either necessary or desirable. Most practical ringers are, I think, agreed on that, particularly in view of the admirably brief and lucid comment by Mr. Ernest Morris.

However, since what has happened once may happen again, would it not seem desirable to scrap the rather ambiguous phrase, 'twelve-bell record,' and give to each record peal its accurate definition? This, of course, should apply right down the scale from Maximus to Doubles. Surely a bona-fide record peal is worthy of correct description, no matter what the number of bells may be.

And here, sir, is a suggestion as to how you may forward that end considerably. I confess to no technical knowledge of printing, but would it not be possible, when printing the weekly peal reports, to sub-divide them under the headings Maximus, Cinques, Royal, Caters, Major, Triples, Minor and Doubles, and omit altogether any peal having more than one bell covering?

That a lead thus given by 'The Ringing World' would be followed by the Exercise at large, is the humble opinion of

W. H. C.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

VILLAGE WAKING FROM MEDIEVAL SLUMBER.

Chobham, where the bells are more interesting from an antiquarian point of view than they are tuneful, was the venue of a meeting of the Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild on Saturday. Chobham is easier of access to-day than it used to be, for the ubiquitous omnibus has brought it within reasonable access from a railway station, but as far as ringing is concerned it is just as 'distant' as it was two generations ago. As a matter of fact, the people of Chobham are not easily moved; for centuries their slogan was, 'What was good enough for my father is good enough for me.' Innovations were coldly received, and it has only been the inevitable progress forced upon communities in the last few years that has roused them from the mediæval slumber in which they had so long been wrapped. And the Diocesan Ringing Guild is still knocking at the door at Chobham to endeavour to wake someone up—or, at least, it was until last Saturday.

Earlier this year there blew in from the sea a new Vicar—the Rev. F. T. Robinson—who had served most of his clerical life as a chaplain in the Navy. With him came not only the breezes of the ocean, but the spirit of the Navy, which believes in getting things done and doing them well. There is hope, therefore, that even yet Chobham, which up to now has openly declared that it has no use for such new-fangled ideas as Diocesan Guilds, may be induced to change its views and come into union with the Guildford Guild. At any rate, at Saturday's meeting the Vicar, from the chancel step, gave the Guild a cordial welcome, and hoped they would visit the parish again; while afterwards he joined the Guild as an hon. member, as also did the churchwarden, Mr. N. Power. With this excellent lead before them, it ought not to be difficult for the ringers to discard old prejudices and follow their example, and, incidentally, discard also the 'music stand' and written figures, which are at present utilised to assist the ringing. Unfortunately, none of the local men attended the meeting, but members of the Guild were present from Guildford (Cathedral and St. Nicolas'), Farnborough, Ottershaw, Esher, Thames Ditton, Dorking, West Clandon, and Woking, and Mr. A. W. Coles (of London) was also a welcome visitor.

The Vicar displayed all the versatility of the 'handyman' by conducting the service, playing the organ (with the district hon. secretary as blower), and giving what he called an impromptu address, but one which, nevertheless, was much appreciated. Afterwards he genially presided at the tea and meeting held at the White Hart Inn, where he was supported by Mr. Power and Admiral T. P. Walker (hon. treasurer of the Guild). It was learned that the Vicar was not entirely unacquainted with ringing, for in his Cambridge days he had rung the tenor at Great St. Mary's, and had also taken the treble to 'something, he did not know what.' But service in the navy, of course, had robbed him of any opportunity of following it up.

The principal business of the meeting was the nomination of district officers for the ensuing year. Mr. H. J. Chudley expressed a wish to retire from the office of District Ringing Master, but promised to give any help he could to his successor. Mr. F. E. Hawthorne was accordingly nominated for the office. Mr. H. Hancock was again nominated as district hon. secretary, and there were four nominations for two places on the executive committee, so that at the annual district meeting a ballot will be necessary. As the representative of the hon. members on the committee, the Rev. F. T. Robinson was nominated.

Mr. G. Grover (one of the Guild's representatives on the Central Council) read the representatives' report on the last meeting of the Council, and the business terminated with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for the service and for presiding at the meeting.

The ringing during the afternoon and evening consisted of Grand-sire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Treble Bob, and Superlative Surprise Major.

The 6th is the oldest bell in the tower, and was cast by William Culverden, a brazier, of London, who died in 1522. Two others, the 5th and 7th, by Richard Eldridge, of Wokingham, were cast in 1597, and the tenor by the same founder in 1610. Admiral Walker mentioned to the ringers that one of the bells in the steeple was given by a Vicar who lived to be 117 years old, and he hoped Mr. Robinson would follow his example. At the time of the inventory in the reign of Edward VI. there were in the steeple 'iiij belles whereof the best waies ix.e and the rest one under another according to the rate,' and also one 'sance bell.'

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Towcester Branch was held on Saturday at Gayton. Ringers were present from Blisworth, Cosgrove, Paulers Pury, Green's Norton, Hanslope, Lois Weedon, Cold Higham and Bradden. Miss Grant, St. Ives, was present, and rang several touches of Minor. The Master of the Guild (Mr. F. Wilford) also attended. The Guild's form of service was held. After tea, the Secretary (Rev. R. Howes) reported that several young bands were without instructors, and it was hoped that a few more experienced ringers would come forward and help.—The Master also spoke on the need of good striking.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. EASTERN DISTRICT AT SELBY.

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern District was held at Selby on Saturday, by courtesy of the Rev. Canon Solloway, D.D., and was only moderately attended, the towers represented being Hemingbrough, Howden, Hull, Kirk Ella, Pontefract, Sutton, Withernsea, York, and the local company. A short service was held in the Abbey, the hymns sung being accompanied on the organ by the deputy organist (Mr. F. Ellis), with a short address and welcome by the Vicar. The business meeting followed in the sacristy, the vice-president (Mr. F. Cryer) presiding. It was resolved to hold the annual meeting at Pontefract in March.

A vote of condolence was moved with the relatives of the late Mr. J. W. Stickney (Hull), all standing for a few moments in respectful silence.

On the motion of Mr. A. H. Fox, seconded by Mr. A. C. Fearnley, a vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, service, and address, the deputy organist, and Mr. W. A. Hall, and the local company for their excellent arrangements.

An excellent report was afterwards served, followed by further ringing.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

NORTHERN DISTRICT MEET AT MANCHESTER.

A meeting of the Northern District of the Ladies' Guild was held at St. John's, Miles Platting, Manchester, on Saturday, December 6th, when members were present from Ashton-under-Lyne, Miles Platting and Sheffield. Many more gentlemen than ladies attended, and the members very much appreciated their presence, and thank them for coming to help them.

The Rector (Rev. H. C. Sheen) conducted the choral service, which was held in the church.

A splendid tea, which was enjoyed by all, was prepared by the ladies, and after tea a vote of thanks was given to the Rector for the use of the bells and for the service, also to the choir and the organist for services rendered.—Mrs. Wolstencroft seconded the vote, and also proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Hall, who had made all the arrangements for the meeting.

The gentlemen were admitted to the short business meeting, Mr. Sheen taking the chair.

Three new members were elected, and the electing of a joint secretary was left to the next meeting.

Ringing in various methods took place during the afternoon and evening.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

The last quarterly meeting of the above association was held at South Normanton on Saturday last. The meeting was fairly well attended by members from Crich, Mansfield Woodhouse, Morton, Ripley, South Normanton and Sutton-in-Ashfield. After some ringing in the afternoon, the members attended service conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. H. Lewis), who, in the course of an interesting and instructive address, reminded his hearers that it was some 55 years since he delivered his first address to the members of that association. As he has been an honorary member nearly the whole of this time, he can truly be described as an old friend.

After a sumptuous tea, provided in the Church Schools by the ladies, a business meeting was presided over by the president (Mr. W. Dobbs).

Nine new ringing members were elected, and it was decided to arrange a ringing meeting at Sutton-in-Ashfield on Saturday, February 14th, if possible.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for his address and the use of the bells, and, in reply, he said it was always a pleasure to meet his fellow churchworkers at South Normanton. He also voiced the thanks of the meeting to the organist and the ladies.

Further ringing afterwards took place, the methods varying from Grandsire and Stedman Doubles to London Surprise Minor.

STEBBING RINGER'S DEATH.

On Saturday last the funeral took place at Stebbing of Mr. A. Barker, who passed away on Wednesday, December 10th, the Rev. F. J. Hutchinson officiating.

Mr. Barker, who was 71 years of age, had been a ringer at St. Mary's, Stebbing, since 1870, and was a regular and constant Sunday service ringer until, through failing health, he had to retire about three years ago. He was a member of the Essex Association for a good many years, and took a lively interest in its affairs, often walking from Stebbing to Braintree and back after a day's work to improve himself in the art—a distance of seven miles each way. The chief mourners at the funeral were the sons and daughters of the deceased.

A 720 of Bob Minor was rung after the funeral by the local company, the bells being half-muffled: W. Chapman 1, G. Emery 2, E. Thake 3, H. P. Emery 4, J. T. Barker (conductor) 5, F. Harrington 6. A 720 of Minor was also rung for Sunday morning service, the bells being half-muffled: H. P. Emery 1, G. Emery 2, E. Thake 3, J. T. Barker 4, F. Harrington (conductor) 5, H. C. Young, sen., 6.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.

A very pleasant meeting of the North Bucks Branch was held at Blechley on Saturday, December 6th, when, in spite of adverse weather conditions, about 40 members attended, the following towers being represented: Bradwell, Beachampton, Hanslope, Great Buckhill, Loughton, Newport Pagnell, Stony Stratford, Swanbourne, Whaddon and the local ringers, with visitors from Watford, Northampton and Central Bucks Branch. The bells were going from 2.30 p.m. A very inspiring service was held. It was fully choral, and thanks are due to the choir for so kindly attending and giving their assistance. The address, given by the Rev. D. R. James, of Great Buckhill, an honorary member of the branch, was of an interesting nature, and appreciated by the members.

Tea was served in the schoolroom, where everything had been prepared for the comfort and enjoyment of the visitors.

After tea, the business meeting was held, the chairman of the branch, Rev. L. Moxon, presiding. The secretary (Mr. W. Sear) gave a brief account of the position of the branch, which proved to be satisfactory, and would be more so when all towers had paid their subscriptions.

He stated that a letter had been handed to him that afternoon, saying that it would not be convenient to hold the branch annual festival at Whaddon, as previously arranged, and he asked the meeting to select a place.

After discussion, Shenley was chosen, if it was locally convenient. If not, Newport Pagnell was the second choice.

The Secretary then proposed that a grant of £2 2s. be made to the Harwell Bell Fund. It was, he thought, a deserving appeal.—The motion was carried.

Votes of thanks were passed to the preacher, choir and to the ladies, which concluded a very enjoyable meeting. Further ringing took place, methods ranging from Grandsire and Stedman Triples to Cambridge Surprise Major.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING AT BILSTON.

The quarterly meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held at St. Leonard's Church, Bilston, on Saturday, December 6th, and was very well attended. The bells were placed at the disposal of the members from three o'clock, and were kept merrily going until the service, which was held in the Parish Church. The Guild's special form was used, and the Vicar of Bilston (the Rev. Havelock Davidson) officiated and also gave a very interesting address on the early usages of bells. At the close of the service an adjournment was made to the schoolroom, when an excellent tea was in readiness, provided by the generosity of the Vicar.

The business meeting followed, at which the chair was occupied by the Vicar, who was supported by the Ringing Master (Mr. John Goodman, jun.), Mr. S. J. Hughes (hon. treasurer), and the secretary (Mr. H. Sheppard).

The Chairman said how pleased he was to meet the Guild, and gave them a hearty welcome to Bilston. It was a new experience for him, as that was his first church as Vicar where there was a peal of bells.

After the business of a routine character had been disposed of, several new members, including the remaining members of Bilston band, were added to the roll.

It was resolved that the next meeting, which is the annual, be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 7th. It was also decided to attempt the quarterly peal at Bilston, the date and other arrangements being left in the hands of the Ringing Master.

At the close of the meeting, on the proposition of the Secretary, seconded by Mr. S. J. Hughes, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of Bilston for his kindness in granting permission to hold the meeting at his church, for conducting the service, for his admirable and interesting address, for presiding at the business meeting, for the use of the tower, bells and schoolroom, and especially for his generosity in providing such a bounteous tea. Thanks were also accorded to the ladies who prepared and served the tea and kindly looked after the comfort of all present, also to the organist for the musical part of the service, to Mr. T. Justice for making the necessary arrangements, and to all who had in any way assisted in making the meeting a happy one.

The Vicar responded on behalf of all concerned, and further ringing then took place.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE WEDNESDAY GUILD.

The annual meeting of the above Guild was held at Chester-le-Street on Wednesday, December 10th. There was a good attendance, and the bells were kept going till bedtime. After tea a meeting was held, at which Mr. Geo. Liddle, Chester-le-Street, was re-elected secretary. The next meeting was arranged to be held at Houghton-le-Spring on Wednesday, February 4th. The company then repaired again to the belfry, and some good ringing took place. The methods were Oxford and Kent Minor, Grandsire, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major.

THE PEAL AT ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, DUBLIN.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As a reader of 'The Ringing World,' I see in your paper of December 12th a report of a peal of Grandsire Caters rung on December 6th at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin. I notice, however, that the weight of the tenor is given as only 19 cwt. Is this correct? I have always heard that the weight of St. Patrick's Cathedral (Dublin) tenor was 45 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. I know that by having a half-ton bell B flat a light peal of eight can be rung at St. Patrick's, with the 9th bell of the peal of twelve as tenor, which is only 19 cwt., but I did not know that a ten-bell peal could be rung with the 9th bell as tenor.

In any case, the time it took to ring that peal, viz., 3 hrs. 39 mins., makes me think that it is possible that the peal was rung on the back ten bells of the peal of twelve, with the 4½ cwt. tenor.—Yours faithfully,

W. E. G. HEWSON.

Streatham Hill.

TWO IN TWO HUNDRED.

The following is the list of the 200 peals which M. J. Morris and G. F. Swann have rung together, and is particularly interesting because it includes Stedman from Doubles to Sextuples, and Cambridge from Minor to Maximus: Minor, four methods, 1; Grandsire Triples, *11; Grandsire Caters, 5; Grandsire Cinques, 2; Erin Triples, 2; Erin Cinques, 1; Stedman Doubles, 1; Stedman Triples, 39; Stedman Caters, 24; Stedman Cinques, *70; Stedman Sextuples, 1; Little Bob Major, 1; Plain Bob Major, 7; Double Oxford Major, 2; Double Yorkshire Major, 2; Double Norwich Major, 5; Forward Major, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 5; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 3; Cambridge Surprise Minor, 1; Cambridge Surprise Major, 13; Cambridge Surprise Royal, 2; Cambridge Surprise Maximus, 3; total, 200. * Including one silent.

MR. F. WARRINGTON'S 100 PEALS.

Minor: Plain Bob 9, Kent Treble Bob 11, Oxford Treble Bob 4, Cambridge Surprise 15, London 3, Norwich 1, Annable's London 1, 2 to 7 methods 22, Doubles 2. Major: Plain Bob 7, Little Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 14, Oxford Treble Bob 2, Cambridge Surprise 1, Double Norwich 6, Grandsire Triples 1. Total, 100.

'RUTLAND' SURPRISE MAJOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—There must be many thousands of peals in existence applicable to this method.

Any peal of London Surprise will be true for Rutland, and Rutland having only one false course-end, 24365, tenors together, it is possible to produce far better peals for Rutland than for London, the latter having three false course-ends.

Here are three peals of different lengths. I do not claim them to be original, probably they are not; but they are evidence of the fact that composition of peals of Rutland is a very simple matter, and the only thing to be avoided is the reversing of bells in 5.6 by course-ends equivalent to 24365.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

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December 13th, 1930.

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OTHER PEALS.

Dear Sir,—In reply to your correspondent re compositions for Rutland Surprise Major in last week's 'Belfry Gossip' column, the incense half of any peal of Double Oxford Bob Major, having a bob at Before in every course, may be used for this method. Several such peals will be found in the Central Council Collection, Section H., pages 263, 264 and 265.

5,184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR.

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Repeat eight times, omitting the last bob at H. in the 3rd, 6th and 9th parts.

HENRY W. WILDE.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

SUNDERLAND.—On Sunday, December 7th, for evening service, at the Church of St. Ignatius the Martyr, Sunderland, as a farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. G. H. J. Baily), who has been appointed to the Rectory of Patterdale, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,248 changes): W. Armour 1, G. S. Taylor 2, W. Oxley 3, M. F. Harrison 4, H. B. Ditchburn 5, D. Vincent 6, J. W. Parker 7, R. L. Patterson 8.

TIPTON, STAFFS.—On Sunday, December 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) was rung at St. Martin's Church in 42 mins.: H. Griffiths 1, G. Hughes 2, B. Windsor 3, T. J. Meeks 4, A. Rowley (conductor) 5, H. N. Williams 6, T. W. Cattell 7, J. Freeman 8.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.—On Sunday, December 7th, for Holy Eucharist service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 50 mins.: C. Pryke 1, R. Heazel 2, F. G. Ringe 3, A. Rainbird 4, R. L. N. Ong (first quarter-peal in the method) 5, A. Pryke 6, H. Turner (first in the method as conductor) 7, E. W. Furbank 8.

WALTHAMSTOW.—At St. Saviour's Church, on Sunday afternoon, November 30th, for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: W. Little, jun., 1, E. D. Lillywhite 2, W. Little, sen., 3, H. P. Hull 4, R. D. Ward 5, W. H. Seabrook 6, E. A. Edwards (conductor) 7, C. Whollans 8.

WHITTLESEY.—The first 720 of Bob Minor on St. Andrew's bells, since they were rehung, was rung on Sunday, November 23rd: H. Barnes 1, J. W. Pickett 2, W. Slater 3, W. Smith 4, H. G. Brown 5, F. H. Newman (conductor) 6, W. Middleton 7, W. Garton, sen., 8. Rung on the front six bells with 7 and 8 behind.

ARKSEY.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, November 23rd, for evensong, in 44 mins., a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples (1,260 changes): F. Garner 1, G. Clarke 2, E. Lee 3, E. Cooper (conductor) 4, H. Arrand 5, J. McCluskey 6, T. Revill 7, T. Bysouth 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all the band, and first quarter-peal on eight bells by E. Lee.

THATCHAM, BERKS.—On Sunday, November 23rd, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): S. Quintin 1, Miss E. D. Blencowe 2, L. Bating 3, A. W. J. Bird 4, R. Rex 5, A. Smith 6, G. Gilbert 7, R. Grimshaw 8. Ringers of 1, 4, 6 and 8 are local band. Rung as a 68th birthday compliment to treble man.

WITLEY, SURREY.—On Sunday, November 23rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: *E. Mullard 1, *G. Wootton 2, M. Smither 3, G. Pearce 4, T. Champion 5, *D. Ayling 6, A. J. Bartlett (conductor) 7, G. Hammond (first quarter and first attempt) 8. * Local men.

WORCESTER.—On Sunday, November 23rd, for evening service, on the occasion of the annual day school festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: T. Lewis 1, C. G. Bowkett 2, J. J. Jefferies 3, D. Morris 4, W. Lewis 5, E. Watkins 6, W. Page (conductor) 7, E. Crump 8.

MALDON.—At All Saints' Church, for evening service, on Sunday, November 23rd, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): H. J. Mansfield 1, E. Johnson 2, W. Chalk 3, E. G. Ellinger 4, Miss Waldoock 5, A. South 6, W. Keeble (composer and conductor) 7, F. Chalk 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of 2, 4, 5 and 6 in the method.

EGHAM, SURREY.—At St. John's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, November 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: H. Nix 1, E. Burley 2, W. Peck 3, W. W. Phipps 4, H. Worsfold 5, G. Beeby 6, E. J. Goater (conductor) 7, W. Perry 8.

AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.—On Sunday, November 16th, at St. Michael's Church, for Armistice service, before 704, and after 1,216 changes Oxford Treble Bob Major: W. Bought 1, H. Laskey 2, H. Carter 3, W. Wasey 4, A. Bought 5, W. Ford 6, W. H. Miller 7, W. H. Duncan (conductor) 8.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, November 2nd, for morning service, the first quarter-peal of Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples: Sidney Hoigato (first quarter-peal) 1, W. Beard 2, R. Fenn 3, T. Faulkner (conductor) 4, C. Fenn 5, G. W. Faulkner 6, G. Cottis 7, E. Lucas 8.—On Sunday, November 16th, for morning service, and being the birthday of Caleb Fenn, the third quarter-peal of Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Beard 1, F. G. Russell 2, Edwin Moore (first quarter-peal with a bob bell) 3, T. Faulkner (conductor) 4, G. W. Faulkner 5, G. Cottis 6, C. Fenn 7, E. Lucas 8.

RUSHEY HEATH.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, October 12th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): G. Marlborough 1, T. Norris 2, W. J. Simons 3, J. F. Rootes 4, C. Cook 5, E. Ashley (conductor) 6, A. Deamer 7, H. Cockram 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the unfortunate crew of the ship R 101. This is the first quarter-peal of Triples by an entirely local band.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Advent Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles with 4.6.8 covering: H. Keeley 1, E. Hansford 2, J. E. Philbrick 3, Rev. C. C. Cox (conductor) 5, F. Blackmore 7, W. Sartin 4, C. Powell 6, P. Welch 8 (last three covering). This is the first quarter-peal by all except the conductor, and is the first quarter-peal in this tower by a local band.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

ABERAVON, GLAM.—On Sunday, December 7th, for evening service, and in honour of the birth of a daughter to the treble ringer, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: G. Chappell 1, W. Williams 2, E. Stich 3, W. J. Norton 4, C. Jones 5, C. Mathers 6, A. J. Pitman (conductor) 7, J. Weathersby 8.

SALFORD, LANCs.—At Sacred Trinity Church, on Sunday afternoon, December 7th, before the thanksgiving service for redecoration and renovation of the church, held at 3 p.m., 720 of Grandsire Doubles in 29 mins., by the following service ringers: J. Bolton 1, H. Hollingworth 2, A. Lees (longest length as conductor) 3, W. Fitton 4, H. Lees 5, E. Boswell (longest length) 6. It was also rung as a compliment to Mr. Chadwick (curate in charge) and Mrs. Chadwick on the occasion of the birth to them, that morning, of a son.

SEVENOAKS.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Sunday, November 30th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (arranged for the ringer of 7th, who came from Wymondham, Norfolk): E. L. Taylor (conductor) 1, P. Turley 2, W. Turley 3, S. Comber 4, H. B. Baker 5, H. J. Ford 6, G. T. Peggall 7, F. Paige 8.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—At the Parish Church of St. Michael, for evening service, on October 19th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: F. Springham 1, Wm. Watts 2, Wm. Morris 3, H. Smale 4, F. Bird 5, Wm. T. Prior 6, F. Donch (conductor) 7, H. Wacey 8.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTTS, HUNTS.—For harvest thanksgiving, on Sunday, October 12th, for evensong, a 720 Bob Minor: G. L. Perkins 1, M. Ginn (Over) 2, H. Saunders (conductor) 3, G. Ransome 4, H. Lavender 5, J. Perkins 6.

COTTENHAM, CAMBS.—On Festival Sunday, October 12th, for evening service, a 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. Robinson 1, C. Robinson 2, A. W. T. Ginn 3, E. G. Cleaves 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6.

FARINGDON, BERKS.—On Sunday, October 12th, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins., for harvest festival evening service: E. Walker 1, G. Webbley 2, H. Taylor (conductor) 3, F. Wheeler 4, C. I. J. Pearce 5, E. C. Hughes 6, T. Clarke 7, J. Beasley 8.

PORSMOUTH.—On Sunday, October 5th, for harvest thanksgiving service at St. Mary's, 1,260 Stedman Triples in 46 mins.: J. J. Symons 1, F. W. Rogers 2, C. Groves 3, R. J. Stone 4, J. D. Harris 5, T. R. Taylor 6, A. T. Greenwood (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, S. J. Harding 8.

ROCK FERRY, CHESHIRE.—On Sunday, October 5th, 720 of Beverley Surprise: F. Banton 1, Miss M. Cooke (first in the method) 2, A. K. Leatham 3, W. Dean 4, J. Hughes 5, J. Cooke (conductor) 6.

NORBURY, CHESHIRE.—On Sunday, October 5th, for evening service, on the occasion of the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes) in 42 mins.: D. Gosling (longest length of Surprise) 1, R. E. Jones (longest length of Surprise away from treble) 2, J. Fernley, sen., 3, H. Langley 4, L. Clough 5, J. Fernley, jun., 6, E. Bennett (conductor and longest length of Surprise as conductor) 7, J. W. Hartley 8. Rung by eight of the regular Sunday service ringers.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, October 5th, after harvest thanksgiving at St. Olave's Church, Hart Street, City, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes, from Holt's Original): C. Dumper (first quarter-peal) 1, Fredk. W. Thornton 2, J. J. Lamb 3, Miss J. Colegate 4, W. Berry 5, A. P. Petrie 6, G. H. Daynes (conductor) 7, A. H. Rowe 8.

KING'S LANGLEY.—At the Parish Church of All Saints, on Sunday, October 5th, for harvest festival morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 40 mins.: H. D. Butler (first quarter away from tenor) 1, A. E. Dollimore 2, J. Graney (first quarter-peal 'inside') 3, J. W. Lane 4, R. S. Cook (conductor) 5, E. J. Rowe 6, A. E. Rogers 7, F. Dollimore 8.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Sunday, October 5th, on the occasion of the harvest thanksgiving, for morning service, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major in 44 mins.: A. Slade 1, F. Hopper 2, F. Wilford 3, W. Atterbury 4, W. R. Parker 5, W. H. Austin 6, J. C. Dean 7, W. J. Dove (conductor) 8.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.—At the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,260 changes) for morning service: A. Trotter 1, J. Briggs (first in method) 2, T. B. Kendall 3, T. A. King 4, Mrs. F. Seager 5, H. Stott 6, H. Haigh 7, E. H. Simpson (conductor) 8. Also a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Haigh 1, J. Briggs (first in method) 2, T. B. Kendall 3, T. A. King 4, Mrs. F. Seager 5, H. Stott 6, E. H. Simpson (conductor) 7, A. Trotter 8.

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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 to vote on matters of finance, is now due. A meeting for practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 23rd; at 7.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Manchester Town Hall on Saturday, Dec. 20th. Bells from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 o'clock. Subscriptions due. Reports ready. — J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, Dec. 20th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting in the Schoolroom at 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Reports to hand.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Charing on Dec. 20th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden, Kent.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch. — The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Sandbach (8 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 20th. — Richard D. Langford, Hon. Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 20th, at North Wingfield. Bells open at 3 p.m. Important business meeting at 5.30 p.m. for the election of officers and discussion on the report book. Will members please roll up for this meeting? Annual subscriptions are due from all members who have not already paid. Tea at 5 p.m. — J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, on Saturday, Dec. 20th. Bells from 3.15. Service at 5.15. Tea in St. Andrew's Hall, Wells Street, on usual terms, at 6 o'clock. Please advise me if you are coming. — C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

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SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.—The rededication of the bells, which have been retuned and rehung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will take place on Monday, Dec. 22nd, at 7.30 p.m. The Bishop of Leicester will perform the ceremony.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Denham (8 bells) on Friday, Dec. 26th, at 3 p.m. Tea, at 1s. 3d. per head, for those who notify me not later than Dec. 20th. — A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Llandaff on Friday, Dec. 26th (Boxing Day), at 4.30. The Dean will preside. Bells (10) available during the afternoon and evening. — John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The annual meeting will be held at headquarters, St. Martin's Hotel, on Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Ringing at St. Martin's from 5 to 6. Business meeting at 6.15 prompt. — T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A dinner will be held at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday, Jan. 10th, 1931.—Tickets 5s. 6d. each. Early application should be made, as accommodation is limited.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS.—The tenth annual dinner will be held at the Grand Hotel, Bristol, Jan. 17th, at 6 p.m. St. Ambrose bells (8) will be available at 1.30 p.m. An afternoon attraction, with tea and bun, is being arranged. Details later. Tickets, 5s. 6d., from Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

GREETINGS.

TO MEMBERS OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD and all ringing friends. — Please accept our heartiest greetings for a Merry Christmas.

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NORTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

The annual meeting of the North-Eastern Division was held on Saturday 6th, at St. Peter's, Colchester. Service at St. Peter's was followed by tea at the schoolroom adjoining, and the meeting was afterwards held. The Master (Mr. C. H. Howard) presided, supported by the District Master (Mr. W. J. Nevard).

The District Master and the Secretary (Mr. R. W. Stannard) were both re-elected unanimously and thanked for past services. Fifty members attended from 26 parishes.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

A meeting of the Southern District was held at Bletchingley on Saturday last, when ringers attended from Redhill, Leigh, Burstow, Reigate, Horley, Godstone, Limpsfield Chart, Merstham, Beddington, St. Peter's, Croydon, Turner's Hill, Westerham, and the local band. A short service was conducted by the Rev. Ailken Crawshaw, and tea was served at the Village Hall. The Rector came to tea with the ringers, but as he was unable to stay for the meeting, before his departure a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him for his address at the service, and for the use of the bells.

The business meeting followed, Mr. L. A. Tidy, Ringing Master of the District, being voted to the chair.

Four new members were elected, viz., Mr. Pescud, of Leigh, and Mr. Andrews, of Bletchingley, as resident members, and Mr. John Weller, of Westerham, and Mr. Frank Hoad, of Ruster, as non-resident life members.

The next meeting, which is the annual general district meeting, is to be held at Reigate in January.

The next quarterly peal is to be attempted at Bletchingley, to be conducted by Mr. Geo. Hoad.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Tidy for presiding, also to those who had helped to make the arrangements for the meeting.

The tower was again visited, and the bells were rung in the standard methods. The young blood was not forgotten, the ringers willingly assisting in ringing rounds for their practice, the bells being kept going till about 8.30 p.m.

DATE TOUCH AT GRUNDISBURGH.

On Tuesday evening six members of the Suffolk Guild met at Grundisburgh Church and rang upon the bells a date touch, consisting of 1,930 changes of Plain Bob Minor in 80 mins.: Arthur Grey 1, Frederick J. Crapnell 2, Frederick Clarke 3, Edward Simpson 4, Charles Clarke 5, Cecil W. Pipe 6. Arranged by C. W. Roberts, and conducted by C. W. Pipe.

This is the tower where the 'troubles' commenced owing to differences with the stoney band would-be change ringers. Happily, all is now running smoothly, and steady progress being made, thanks to those ringers who kindly offered suggestions, which were made use of, especially those from Mr. Challis F. Winney, who is ever ready to help lame dogs over stiles, and whose personal advice on how to run a tower on lines of discipline and dignity was much appreciated.

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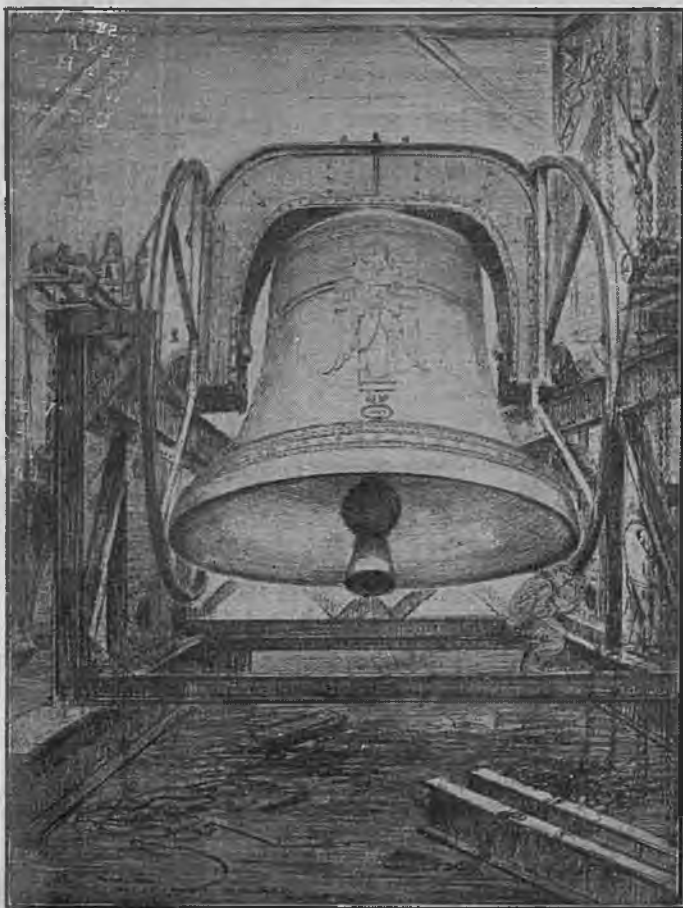
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THE SCIENTIFIC SIDE OF RINGING

The proportion of ringers who take up seriously a study of the scientific side of ringing is comparatively small, and yet it is a deeply fascinating subject. The reasons why so few really enter this department may be many and various; in the case of the majority, perhaps, because they are not scientifically-minded and feel that they could not, without great labour, grasp the many important details which go to make up a successful understanding of the theoretical branch of our art. Others, and there are doubtless many, may have the ability, but not the time or inclination to take it up. But whatever the cause, the number of ringers who have more than a superficial acquaintance with the principles underlying the science is insignificant. Many people have composed peals, because they have been able to put together a series of course ends, and, by the help of proof scales, say whether the peals are true. Yet what percentage of the composers could themselves have got out the proof scales? Moreover, some, even with the assistance of proof scales, have to rely entirely upon the process of trial and error—they have not the knowledge by which they can say beforehand whether any particular plan of construction will carry them to the end they have in view. Again, many of those who have groped more or less blindly in their efforts to 'compose' peals, have often had to waste many hours of work and reject many fruitless results, for reasons not obvious to themselves, except, merely, that their productions have been false. They have no acquaintance with and therefore no knowledge how to utilise to their advantage, that, to them, mysterious thing called 'Q sets.' And it is, we believe, because of the obstacles which they meet and the disappointments which arise as a consequence that many ringers give up bothering their heads about anything except the practical application of the art in the belfry.

It is true that much of the necessary knowledge is hard to come by. The existing text books are not entirely easy to follow—their style is really too 'scientific'; the writers have not dealt with their subjects on what in these days are called 'popular' lines, so that they do not appeal to the mass of ringers. For instance, able and exhaustive as is the 'Investigation into the construction of peals of Stedman Triples' by Sir Arthur Heywood and others in the volume on 'Stedman' in the Snowdon series, it requires not only long and close application to digest it, but its character is such that only the studiously-minded are likely to proceed with it after sampling the first few chapters. To the earnest student, of course, treatises such as this are invaluable, and, indeed, indis-

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pensable, but for the average ringer who desires to get below the surface without the boredom of an analytical study of microscopical details, the style of this kind of writing offers no attractions, although, for the purpose for which it is intended, the treatise mentioned is one of the cleverest pieces of work that has ever been penned on a subject relating to ringing. But the ordinary ringer of to-day wants something which he can read without having to force his interest, something which he can understand without racking his brains too extensively, and something which will increase his knowledge of his favourite subject without boring him.

In this issue we begin a series of articles by Mr. J. A. Trollope, who is—and we say it without flattery—one of the most lucid writers on ringing matters that the Exercise has ever known. He has a happy knack of putting very plainly and simply for all to understand, things which have seemed to be complicated and abstruse. In this new series Mr. Trollope deals with a subject which is really of wide importance to ringers, especially to conductors and more particularly to composers, and it will be found that it has been written in a style which readers of all classes will be able to follow with interest, and, most of them, grasp with clarity. He covers the ground of 'Variation and Transposition,' on which many wordy battles have been fought in the past, very widely, and we are quite sure that the articles will add not only to the knowledge of our readers, but to their better appreciation of the values and importance of developments both in method and peal construction.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

| | |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| *WILLIAM C. DARKE Treble | JOHN S. MORTON 5 |
| JOHN J. LAMB 2 | BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE 6 |
| WILLIAM J. BEER 3 | FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 7 |
| THOMAS H. CULVER 4 | ARTHUR P. CANNON Tenor |

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by F. J. CULLUM, JUN.

* First peal away from tenor.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 6, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

| | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| VICTOR EVANS Treble | PERCY NEWTON 5 |
| JOHN EVANS 2 | RALPH H. BIGGS 6 |
| ARTHUR G. JAMES 3 | *FRANK WEST 7 |
| FREDERICK G. BIGGS 4 | ROLAND BIGGS Tenor |

Composed by H. T. TUCKER.

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.

* First peal of Major on a working bell. All are ringing members at the above church.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

| | |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| GEORGE HOWLETT Treble | HERBERT FULCHER 5 |
| ERNEST WHITING 2 | CECIL BARRETT 6 |
| FREDERICK J. ROOPE 3 | TOWNSEND ADCOCK 7 |
| CHARLES BARKER 4 | FRED R. BORRETT Tenor |

Composed by J. PLATT.

Conducted by GEORGE HOWLETT.

First peal as conductor.

UPPINGHAM, RUTLAND.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 6, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| MRS. PHILLIS HUMPHREY ... Treble | HARRY BLUFF 5 |
| ROGER W. DANIELS 2 | RONALD RUSSELL 6 |
| J. GEOFFREY GEARY 3 | C. ARTHUR MANNING ... 7 |
| CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY ... 4 | *GEORGE SLAUGHTER ... Tenor |

Conducted by C. A. MANNING.

* First peal in the method. First peal on eight bells by ringers of 5 and 8. First peal on the bells since 1908. Rung as a welcome to the Rector, the Rev. C. Aldridge, who was inducted the Saturday previous as Rector of Uppingham. The ringers were kindly entertained after the peal by Mr. James Thorpe, whom they wish to thank for his hospitality.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
AND SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, December 6, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

| | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| EDWARD ROBBINS Treble | JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 5 |
| JOHN HOLMAN 2 | JOHN A. BREARLEY ... 6 |
| CHARLES MASON 3 | *JOHN R. BREARLEY ... 7 |
| JESSE J. MOSS 4 | JOHN FLINT Tenor |

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

* First peal in method.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 13, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

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|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... Treble | JOHN R. MAIN 5 |
| *FREDERICK R. PALMER ... 2 | JAMES T. WARD 6 |
| HARRY CHAMBERS 3 | JOHN J. MAWEY 7 |
| HARRY GAYTON 4 | GEORGE BASFORD ... Tenor |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 157). Conducted by A. Y. TYLER

* First peal in the method, Rung as a birthday compliment to J. T. Ward. This composition is now rung for the first time.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 13, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

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|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| THOMAS LINCOLN ... Treble | DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS ... 5 |
| WILLIAM KEEBLE 2 | WILLIAM BURGESS 6 |
| PERCY GREEN 3 | GEORGE GREEN 7 |
| *HERBERT DEVENISH 4 | ARTHUR HEAD Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First Surprise peal. One hundredth peal for the association by George Green. Rung as a 22nd birthday compliment to Percy Green.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 13, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

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|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ALBERT E. WHITING ... Treble | GEORGE BENNETT 5 |
| GEORGE WHITING 2 | ERNEST E. LANHAM ... 6 |
| GEORGE PRYKE 3 | T. WILLIAM LAST 7 |
| JAMES BENNETT 4 | LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... Tenor |

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by T. W. LAST.

This peal was rung to replace the false peal of Lincolnshire rung at the same tower on November 20th, and by the same band excepting the treble ringer, who stood in the place of L. G. Brett, who was unable to take part.

BINGHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 13, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

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|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| EDWARD FOSTER Treble | PERCIVAL PRICE 5 |
| FREDERICK S. PRICE 2 | J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 6 |
| GEORGE E. FOSTER 3 | *FREDERICK HOOPER ... 7 |
| ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN ... 4 | *RALPH MARLBOROUGH ... Tenor |

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

* First peal in the method and first attempt.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 13, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| GEORGE ELLIS Treble | ROBERT SWIFT 5 |
| KEITH HART 2 | Cecil NICE 6 |
| GEORGE OLLIVER 3 | JOHN DEARLOVE 7 |
| KENNETH SNELLING 4 | OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 13, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

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| SAMUEL WARNE Treble | FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... 5 |
| ALBERT WIFFEN 2 | GRAHAM LINDRIDGE ... 6 |
| WALTER ARNOLD 3 | LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7 |
| HENRY W. KIRTON 4 | WALTER H. HAMMOND ... Tenor |

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by LEWIS W. WIFFEN.

SHIFNAL, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 13, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| ROBERT PICKERING ... Treble | SIDNEY ELTON 5 |
| HERBERT T. PIPER 2 | BENJAMIN DALTON 6 |
| KENNETH C. TAYLOR 3 | HERBERT KNIGHT 7 |
| EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... 4 | JOHN EVANS Tenor |

Conducted by ROBERT PICKERING.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 13, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

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| MAURICE T. SYMONDS ... Treble | WILFRED JARVIS 5 |
| WILLIAM R. J. FOULSON ... 2 | *LEONARD PRYKE 6 |
| ARTHUR SYMONDS 3 | FREDERICK F. MORTLOCK ... 7 |
| STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 4 | LAURENCE FOULSON ... Tenor |

Composed by W. GILBERT.

Conducted by M. T. SYMONDS.

* First peal in the method on tower bells. The ringer of the tenor has now rung every bell in this tower to a peal.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 13, 1930, in Three Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY REDCLIFFE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 50 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

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|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| WILLIAM A. CAVE ... Treble | WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... 5 |
| RICHARD CLARK 2 | JOHN A. BURFORD 6 |
| WILLIAM KNIGHT 3 | ALFRED E. REEVES 7 |
| HENRY PRING 4 | JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

SHERBORNE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 20, 1930, in Four Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 46 cwt. 23 lb.

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| EDWARD G. L. COWARD Treble | FRED A. COWARD 5 |
| WILLIAM H. COLES 2 | ALBERT A. HUGHES 6 |
| MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE 3 | WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT 7 |
| WILLIAM C. SHUTE 4 | JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor |

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

First peal of Major on the bells.

SALISBURY, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 20, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

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| *FREDERICK C. SMITH Treble | FRANK W. ROMAINE 5 |
| GEORGE POLLINGER 2 | D. CECIL WILLIAMS 6 |
| ERNEST AYLIFFE 3 | GEORGE WILLIAMS 7 |
| LEONARD HARRIS 4 | *WILLIAM HIBBERD Tenor |

Conducted by D. CECIL WILLIAMS.

* First peal. First peal on these bells since April 9th, 1921.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 20, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED OXFORD AND KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

ILKESTON VARIATION.

Tenor 12 cwt.

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|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| L. NOEL CAWTHORNE Treble | FREDERICK CARDWELL 5 |
| DORICE TURNER 2 | LESLIE HAYWOOD 6 |
| *WINIFRED M. RYDER 3 | T. COLIN RYDER 7 |
| ALBERT MASH 4 | FRED WATKINSON Tenor |

Composed by E. GOBEY.

Conducted by F. WATKINSON.

* First 'touch' of Treble Bob. Rung on the tenth anniversary of the opening of the bells.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 20, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK.

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES

Tenor 16 cwt.

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| JOHN A. WAUGH Treble | WILLIAM H. HEWETT 5 |
| JOHN H. CRAMPION 2 | WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 6 |
| JAMES E. DAVIS 3 | WILFRED WILLIAMS 7 |
| EDWIN F. PIKE 4 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

This peal was arranged and rung in honour of the wedding of Miss I. Brett and Mr. H. Bywater, which took place earlier in the day at the Church of St. Michael, Cornhill. Also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Spink, wife of Mr. R. H. Spink, the steeplekeeper of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 20, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in A.

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|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| STANLEY PYE Treble | DR. SEENCER PHILLIPS 5 |
| GEORGE GREEN 2 | WILLIAM KEEBLE 6 |
| WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3 | PERCY GREEN 7 |
| THOMAS LINCOLN 4 | ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor |

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal of Surprise. The conductor's 50th peal this year.

OVER, CAMBS.—On Monday, December 1st, at the Parish Church, 720 Annable's London Surprise: G. Whybrow 1, M. Ginn 2, B. Wayman 3, R. Thoday 4, F. Warrington (conductor) 5, A. J. Ginn 6. First 720 in the method by 1st, 2nd and 4th ringers.—On Sunday, for matins, a 720 Kent: M. Ginn 1, G. Whybrow 2, D. Adams 3, R. Thoday 4, F. Warrington 5, R. Smith 6.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

HOUGH-ON-THE-HILL, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 3, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Rev. E. Banks James' arrangement.

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| *LESLIE SQUIRES Treble | HENRY SQUIRES 4 |
| MISS GLADYS NICHOLSON 2 | SIDNEY WEALEY 5 |
| JOHN H. HAYNES 3 | ARTHUR MACKEARS Tenor |

Conducted by A. MACKEARS.

* First peal. First peal of Cambridge Minor by all.

ORSTON, NOTTS.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 6, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Single Court, and two 720's each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

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| ARTHUR MACKEARS Treble | HARRY SQUIRES 4 |
| HARRY HAINES 2 | ARTHUR WARD 5 |
| REV. C. J. STURTON 3 | SIDNEY WEALEY Tenor |

Conducted by A. MACKEARS.

Rung to commemorate the seventh anniversary of the reopening of the bells by the late Dean of Lincoln, Dr. T. C. Fry.

STOKE PRIOR, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(LEOMINSTER DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, December 6, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 240 each of Chase, Christmas Eve, Stedman Slow Course, and 480 each of New Year's Eve, St. Dunstan's, Morning Star, Old Doubles, Original, April Day, Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

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|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| WILLIAM H. JAINE Treble | JOHN F. FOX 3 |
| THOMAS G. COOKE 2 | WILFRED E. BROOKE 4 |

FREDERICK A. JAINE Tenor

Conducted by F. A. JAINE.

First peal in twelve methods by all the band, and on the bells.

TUXFORD, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

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|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| WALTER RICH Treble | HAROLD DENMAN 4 |
| MISS K. BURCHNALL 2 | ERNEST A. MIDWINTER 5 |
| MISS G. BURCHNALL 3 | LEONARD PIERREPONT Tenor |

Conducted by LEONARD PIERREPONT.

Rung for the feast of St. Nicholas.

NORTH COLLINGHAM, NOTTS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 6, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Oxford Bob and two each of Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb.

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| MRS. C. MCGUINNESS Treble | HARRY CARTER 4 |
| CHARLES MCGUINNESS 2 | JOHN WALDEN 5 |
| *MRS. L. L. EAST 3 | MOSES BILLINGS Tenor |

Conducted by M. BILLINGS.

* First peal in four methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

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LONGDON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 8, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob, each called differently, and thirty six-scores of Grandsire, ten different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

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| FRANK LAWRENCE Treble | FRED HAWKES 4 |
| CHARLES YOUNG 2 | CHARLES CAMM 5 |
| *JOHN ROWLATT 3 | HENRY BISHOP Tenor |

Conducted by FRED HAWKES.

* First peal of Doubles. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. K. Lawrence.

FITZHEAD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(TAUNTON DEANERY.)

On Tuesday, December 9, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

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| BERTRAM T. JEANES Treble | HARRY SEALEY 4 |
| JAMES E. BAKER 2 | WILLIAM H. LLOYD 5 |
| JOHN SUMMERHAYES 3 | WALTER J. SEALEY Tenor |

Conducted by W. H. LLOYD.

Mr. Baker was proposed a member of the association before starting. Thanks are due to the Vicar, Rev. P. G. Bush for use of the bells. He is shortly leaving the parish for Chewton Mendip, and he will take with him the good wishes of many ringers in the Taunton Deanery, to whom he has ever given kindly consideration and interest.

BIDDULPH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 10, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of York Surprise, Ipswich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, City Delight, College Pleasure, Duke of York and Violet. Tenor 10½ cwt.

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| *HAROLD COOPER Treble | JAMES STANWAY 4 |
| *ALFRED H. COTTRELL 2 | WILLIAM HAZELDINE 5 |
| *JOHN BEECH 3 | JONAH COTTRELL Tenor |

Conducted by J. COTTRELL.

* First peal. All the ringers are members of the above tower.

KIMBOLTON, HEREFORDSHIRE

THE HERFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(LEOMINSTER DISTRICT.)

On Friday, December 12, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Dunstan's, Old Doubles, Morning Star, April Day, Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, and Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

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| *JOHN ROBINSON Treble | FREDERICK A. JAINE 4 |
| WILLIAM H. JAINE 2 | WILFRED E. BROOKES 5 |
| THOMAS G. COOKE 3 | *WILLIAM ADAMS Tenor |

Conducted by F. A. JAINE.

* First peal.

GREAT BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, December 13, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with eleven callings. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

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| GEORGE F. SWANN Treble | FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 4 |
| FRED PRICE 2 | WILLIAM DAVIES 5 |
| MORRIS J. MORRIS 3 | RICHARD C. INGRAM Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

First peal of Stedman Doubles by all the band, on the bells, and by the Guild. This was the 200th peal M. J. Morris and G. F. Swann have rung together, including all numbers of Stedman from Doubles to Sextuples, and Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.

GOOSTRY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, December 13, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In seven methods: 720 each of Single Court, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Kingston Treble Bob, London Scholars' Pleasure, Treble Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

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| ALFRED W. FROST Treble | ALBERT V. REES 4 |
| ERNEST BENNETT 2 | JACK TIPPER 5 |
| WILFRED STEVENSON 3 | JOHN WORTH Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

First peal in seven methods by all except treble ringer, and first attempt. First peal in seven methods on the bells.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 13, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 19½ cwt.

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| EDWIN BROMLEY Treble | REGINALD E. LAMBERT 4 |
| FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 2 | FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 5 |
| ALAN BROMLEY 3 | ROBERT T. LAMBERT Tenor |

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Miss Morey Caroline Lambert, eldest daughter of the ringer of the 5th, to Mr. Frederick George Apps, which took place at the above church the same day.

TUSHINGHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 13, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

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| HAROLD W. CLDYTON Treble | ALBERT CRAWLEY 4 |
| FREDERICK W. CHAPMAN 2 | JOHN BRASSINGTON 5 |
| ALBERT J. BRIGGS 3 | THOMAS P. BARLOW Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN BRASSINGTON.

First peal of Doubles on the bells.

MARSTON BIGGOTT, SOMERSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 14, 1930, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

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| MISS MARCIA WHITE Treble | WILLIAM C. SHUTE 4 |
| JIM RALPH 2 | EDWARD G. L. COWARD 5 |
| JOHN METCALFE 3 | *JOHN INGS Tenor |

Conducted by E. G. L. COWARD.

* First peal. First peal of Stedman Doubles by all the band. Fortieth peal that Messrs. Shute and Coward have rung together. John Metcalfe was elected a member of the association before starting. First peal in the method as conductor.

WELTON.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 15, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

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| CHARLES V. CADE Treble | ROBERT RICHARDSON 4 |
| GEORGE W. CADE 2 | JOHN A. FREEMAN 5 |
| MRS. ROBERT RICHARDSON 3 | GEORGE W. CREASEY Tenor |

Composed by Rev. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by G. W. CREASEY

First peal of Cambridge Minor by all the band. First Surprise peal on the bells. Ringers of 3, 4 and 5 have now rung peals of Cambridge Surprise, Maximus, Royal, Major and Minor on 'inside' bells.

WINDERMERE.—On Monday, December 8th, at the Parish Church, in 50 mins., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): J. Tebay 1, F. Wilson 2, T. Newton 3, E. Jennings 4, T. Jefferson 5, F. Hewerton 6, W. Robinson (conductor) 7, W. Walker 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman on the bells and by the ringers of the 1st, 2nd, 5th and tenor, who belong to the local band.

BLACKMOOR, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings, 42 six-scores.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

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| *GEORGE NORRIS... .. 1-Treble | *ARTHUR NORRIS... .. 4 |
| VICTOR SHADBOLT... .. 2 | WILLIAM READ... .. 5 |
| *GEOFFREY AMEY... .. 3 | *WILLIAM AMEY... .. Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM READ.

* First peal. First peal as conductor and first attempt. First in the method on the bells. First peal on the bells by a local band.

HANDBELL PEALS.

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

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 6, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. J. Bray,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor size 15 in C.

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| MRS. J. BRAY... .. 1-2 | JACK BRAY... .. 5-6 |
| *FRANK LORD... .. 3-4 | *BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. ... 7-8 |

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

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

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 12, 1930, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

In the Belfry of the Church of St. Philip,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION.

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| *HERBERT KNIGHT... .. 1-2 | *EDWARD J. BROWN... .. 5-6 |
| JOHN THOMAS... .. 3-4 | JOHN A. BDRFORD... .. 7-8 |

Conducted by J. THOMAS.

* First peal of Triples 'in hand.' † First peal 'in hand.'

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 13, 1930, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,

At 34, Bell Road,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being thirty extents of Grandsire and twelve extents of Plain Bob.

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| ALBERT D. COLLINS... .. 1-2 | JOSEPH FLAVELL... .. 4 |
| HAROLD L. FLAVELL... .. 3 | HARRY BOSWELL... .. 5-6 |

Conducted by HAROLD L. FLAVELL.

Umpire: MR. ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

This is the first peal in two methods by all the band, who wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Greenfield for their hospitality after the peal.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 14, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At Glyn Garth,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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| MRS. R. RICHARDSON... .. 1-2 | CHARLES MCGUINNESS... .. 5-6 |
| RUPERT RICHARDSON... .. 3-4 | *MRS. C. MCGUINNESS... .. 7-8 |

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON
Witnesses: Mr. and Mrs. JOHN WALDEN.

* First peal of Major, first 'in hand,' and first attempt.

RAYNE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 14, 1930, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. H. RIDGWELL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

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| BASIL REDGWELL... .. 1-2 | WILLIAM KEEBLE... .. 5-6 |
| LEWIS W. WIFFEN... .. 3-4 | ALBERT WIFFEN... .. 7-8 |

Composed by HENRY TURNER. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.—On Monday, December 15th, at St. Peter's Church, 720 Oxford Bob: W. Nunley (first 720) 1, S. Robinson 2, W. J. Whitmore (conductor) 3, E. E. Whitmore 4, W. Copperwheat 5, C. M. Whitney 6. First 720 in the method by S. Robinson and W. Copperwheat.

HALESWORTH BELLS RESTORED.

OCTAVE NOW HUNG ON ONE LEVEL.

The bells at Halesworth Parish Church, Suffolk, have been restored by Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich, who has installed a new massive cast-iron frame, carried on heavy steel girders, and rehung the bells in special steel headstocks, so that the old cannons have been retained. The bells are now all on one level and have been provided with new fittings. The clock is being rebuilt, and Westminster chimes added. The bells were rededicated on Sunday week by the Archdeacon of Suffolk in the presence of a representative and crowded congregation of townspeople.

The service opened with the hymn, 'We love the place, O God,' sung as a processional. Prayers were taken by the Rector, and the lesson read by the Archdeacon.

During the service Archdeacon Darling, accompanied by the Rector and the churchwardens, Mr. C. J. Goodwin and Admiral E. F. Breun, C.B., proceeded to the belfry, where he received the bell ropes from Mr. Goodwin. Having dedicated the bells, the Archdeacon handed the ropes to the Rector. A touch was then rung, the ringers being: A. H. Took 1, L. Hammond 2, A. Lee 3, W. Pearce 4, C. Moss 5, J. Howard 6, F. C. Lambert (conductor) 7, J. Jolly 8.

After the hymn, 'All people that on earth do dwell' had been heartily sung, an interesting address was delivered by Archdeacon Darling, who said it had given him great pleasure to accept the invitation to dedicate the bells. The bell founder and architect had contributed their skill, so that the bells were placed satisfactorily. Unfortunately this was not always so, and in many churches the want of care and foresight, which they had exhibited at Halesworth, had meant the loss of the bells and damage to the church. His own church (Eyke), he said, was a striking example of how bells had been badly used. At one time in the history of the church it was decided that two of the bells were not needed, and the churchwardens got rid of them to buy lead for the roof, and later the lead was sold to have slates on the roof. Another bell was wanted, and there was no room for it on the frame. Ignorant of the stress and strain of the bells on the tower, often made of flint rubble, the frame was cut away and the local carpenter or blacksmith wedged the bell frame securely up against the wall, with the result that the tower cracked. Bells had their message in times of joy and sorrow, and in the past had been much used for parochial purposes. One of the Halesworth bells, added the preacher, had an inscription written on it, which was very rare in this part of the country, many such bells having been lost during the time of the Reformation.

At the conclusion of the address, the Rector announced that the expense of rehanging the bells, etc., would be about £340, of which they had £213 in hand. During the singing of the hymn, 'When morning gilds the skies,' a collection was taken for the fund amounting to £52s. 1d.

After the service a well-struck touch of Bob Major was rung by the local band with Messrs. H. Barrell (Bungay) and G. Howlett (St. Margaret's). Ringers were also present from Chediston, Wissett, Huntingfield, Bramfield (Mr. J. Punchard, aged 82), Peasenhall, Badingham, Laxfield, Redenhall, Southwold, Aldeburgh and Ipswich. They took part in touches in various methods, and expressed their great satisfaction at the improved tone and 'go' of the bells. The tenor is 18 cwt. 26lb.

Halesworth Church tower was completed about 1420. Between 1440 and 1480 a peal of five bells from the foundry at Bury St. Edmunds was hung, and two still remain—the treble (now the fourth), 'Sancte-Thoma-ora-pro-nobis,' and the old third, now the sixth, with the legend, 'Johannes-Christi-care-dignare-pro-nobis-orara.' Both bear the arms of the old abbey of Bury—a crown with crossed arrows—with the initial H.S.

In the certificate of 1553 'five bells and a sanctus' were mentioned, and in 1611 the old fourth (now the seventh), which had become cracked, was recast by one William Brend, a Norwich bell founder, and on it is the inscription, 'Anno Domini 1611. A.B.—W.' The original bell frame was at this time taken out of the tower, having become much worn and decayed, and the Brends supplied the frame which did duty for the five largest and oldest bells up to the present restoration. In 1624 the tenor bell was recast by William and John Brend, and bears the words 'new repaired by Roger Woods, Erasmus Moss, Churchwardens, Jeffery Barrett gave me. W.L.B. 1624.' This Jeffery Barrett was born about 1365, being described in a will of 1460 as an old man.

In 1627 the present fifth bell, formerly the second, was also recast by the same man, and its inscription reads: 'Richard Welton and Daniel Barne, churchwardens, Iulij (July), 1627. W.L.B.' In 1759 another bell was added, and in 1770 two trebles to complete the octave. The sanctus bell was recast in 1825, and is now used for the clock.

The ringers of these bells were first mentioned in the will of Wm. Walpole, of Hallsforth, July 19th, 1559, in which he left 26s. 8d. for the priest, clerks, and ringers for their 'bred and drink.' This money, equivalent to £26 now, was invested in a piece of land, and is now included with other charities, but the ringers still receive five guineas a year for ringing on Christmas Day and the Sovereign's birthday. Their records concerning the ringing in the tower date back to 1771.

QUEER STORY 'TOLLED' BY BELLS.

Much has been written of the story of the bells—that of Dick Whittington, for instance—but few have been more queer than that 'tolled' by the bells of St. Osmund's Church, London Road, Derby, on Sunday week.

Ding, dong; ding, dong, they rang. There was nothing unusual about that. But when the inhabitants of the area realised that the hour was 8.30 p.m., they sensed a mystery.

Ding, dong; ding, dong, the bells rang. That was all they could say, but, did the passers-by but know, what a lot they were saying.

Here is the story of the bells of St. Osmund.

After evensong, the organist and some of the congregation remained, unknown to the verger, to practice carols in the organ loft. When the practice was over they found to their amazement that they had been locked in, and the only way of communicating with the outside world was by means of the bells. A parishioner let them out when he went to investigate.

RUTLAND SURPRISE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The compositions mentioned by my old friend, Mr. H. W. Wilde, will produce the number of changes all right, but is this wholesale bobbing by Belfores in Rutland, or any other method, quite the thing?

The result is that five of the seven working bells are ringing the method, the tenors are ringing something different from the other five, and something different from each other.

This can easily be demonstrated by comparing the diagram of the plain course with diagrams of separate courses in which the tenors are always bobbed Before.

Symmetry should be the great thing in change ringing, but there is not much symmetry in the diagram of Bobbed Before Course.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

BREWWOOD, STAFFORD.—On Thursday, December 11th, at the Parish Church, for Confirmation service by the Lord Bishop of Lichfield, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: G. F. Newman (first quarter peal) 1, A. G. Hunt 2, T. Perry 3, E. F. Mitchell 4, A. E. Winterton 5, Percy Bill 6, J. Perry (conductor) 7, J. Walford 8. After service a 504 of Stedman Triples was rung.

ILFRACOMBE BELLS.

FROM A ROVING CORRESPONDENT.

Having been away from Ilfracombe for a few years, and, of course, not having heard its bells for the same period, I recently had a pleasant surprise. As all ringers who visit this 'Queen of watering places' know, Ilfracombe Parish Church is one of the very few places in North Devon where the mysteries of our craft are practised, and, as can only be expected, visiting ringers were attracted to it; not so many of them, however, would climb up to the church to have a ring, as the bells were such a poor lot.

The church, as many know, has a remarkable situation, occupying an eminent position overlooking the sea on one hand, and the town on the other, with the war memorial, in nicely laid-out grounds, at the foot, and ringers, myself included, have often wished to hear a really fine peal sound out from a tower with such a commanding position. That wish has now materialised.

It was during a recent hasty and brief visit, quite oblivious of the fact that any work to the bells was contemplated, that I had the pleasant surprise beforementioned.

When one has been used to, and expects, a few old 'pois and pans' to work in conjunction with clocks, it comes as a bit of a surprise to hear clock chimes that possess a richness and dignity all of their own—it made one's pulse beat to think that they might be clock bells only. Happily, I discovered this was not so, but that the bells of the Parish Church had been cast into a fiery furnace, and out of the Loughborough mire and clay had they been builded up. One often wonders what are the mysteries—if there are any—about the Loughborough moulds—Taylors only specify, like other bell founders, that the bells will be cast of bell metal, yet the timbre has an outstanding characteristic of its own.

It was with regret that I had to forego a visit to the tower while ringing was in progress, but what enjoyment I lost in the handling of a rope I gained by being able to listen to the ringing; they are truly a magnificent peal, and although the tenor weighs only 12 cwt., an impression of greater weight is created. They are truly a grand exchange for the previous set, which had done good service, and future visiting ringers should not fail to have a pull there.

From enquiries I found that all the old bells had recently been recast and hung in a new cast-iron frame. All the latest gadgets have been supplied, nothing has been left undone to make the job a success, and the Church Council and Taylors are to be congratulated on the result, which only shows what co-operation can do.

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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 Ely Association meeting at Cambridge on January 3rd ought to prove a great attraction, for there will be a rare opportunity of ringing at St. Benedict's Church, where Stedman rang.

Ringers generally will regret to hear of the illness of Mr. W. T. Cockerill, the hon. secretary of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and will wish him a speedy recovery.

Boxing Day has seen the performance of many memorable peals, and it is 20 years ago to-day that a band at Glent rang the 9,728 Superlative Surprise Major, which made a new record in the method, the peal of 9,312 at Crawley, which was the longest up to that time, having been rung exactly 16 years before.

On Boxing Day, 1901, the 11,111 Stedman Cinques was rung by St. Martin's Guild at Birmingham, and on December 26th, 1831, a peal of 15,168 Kent Treble Bob was rung at Elland, Yorks.

The Cambridge Surprise Royal record of 10,440 was rung at Walthamstow on December 27th, 1923; and on the same day in 1904 the Midland Counties Association scored the 17,104 Double Norwich Major at South Wigston.

On the last day in the year 1888, a peal of 15,041 Stedman Caters was rung at Appleton, the fourth peal of over 12,000 changes of Caters rung in that year. Two of the others were at the same tower, and the remaining one at Cheltenham.

In many places peal ringing is too little appreciated by the inhabitants. Not so at Uppingham, where a peal is reported this week. In this case the ringers were the heroes of the day, and remarks of approval were heard on all sides, and a veritable feast was prepared for the hungry—and thirsty—performers.

Irthlingborough is coming into its own again. There was a time when this tower figured largely in the ringing performances in higher methods, and then came a period of more or less quiescence. Mr. Anderson Y. Tyler has now got round him another excellent local band which this year has rung London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major, all of them conducted by Mr. Tyler.

Recently some Americans raised money for the placing of a window in Fulleigh Church, Essex, in memory of its seventeenth-century Vicar, the Rev. Laurence Washington, an ancestor of George Washington. As a token of gratitude, the present Vicar gave the Bishop of Oregon a worn-out clapper taken from one of the church bells, which has been passed on to Christ Church, Alexandria, Virginia.

PEACE COMMISSIONER.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the peal of Grandsire Caters, published in your issue of December 12th, I desire to point out that the ringer of the 9th (the president of the undermentioned society) is not a P.C. in the sense that you have described him. The letters P.C. after his name, as it was sent in for publication, does not imply that he is a police constable, but a peace commissioner for the City of Dublin, a rank similar to that of a justice of the peace in England, and as it existed prior to the establishment of the Irish Free State.—Yours faithfully,

W. H. WILSON,

Hon. Secretary,
St. Patrick's Cathedral Society.

ST. ANDREW'S, HOLBORN.

BELLS THAT RANG FOR AGINCOURT.

The parish church of St. Andrew, Holborn, possesses one of the finest rings of eight bells in London. The following interesting article concerning them is contributed by the Rector, the Rev. Edwin Bedford:—

When the old church of St. Andrew, Holborn, was pulled down at the end of the 17th century, owing to the ruinous state into which it had fallen, Sir Christopher Wren, the famous architect, was chosen to erect a new



ST. ANDREW'S, HOLBORN.

[Photo by F. E. Dawe.]

church. He kept the old brick tower standing, however, and raised it to the height of 110 feet, casing it with stone. This tower is not considered one of his best efforts architecturally, but it contains one of the finest rings of eight bells in London.

And the bells are old, for when they have been recast from time to time the old bell metal has been used again, so that it is boasted that the bells of St. Andrew's rang out to celebrate the victory of Agincourt!

There are many interesting notes on the old bells contained in Churchwarden Bentley's book—a valued possession of the church since the 17th century. Here are a few of them:—

'The steeple of the Church that now is, was begun to be builded, and the old steeple pulled down in the 25 year of King Henry VI., and made up so that the bells were first hung up therein, and rung in the 35 yr of the said King.'

Item. 'The Churchwardens made or new cast a bell in the 21 year of King Henry VII., whereunto many well disposed parishioners and other people gave much money.'

Item. 'The bells were accustomed to be rung always at the election of a pope—as in all London over—(how much rather ought they to be rung and rung again for our Christian prince), and for these peals the Churchwardens were allowed in their accounts.'

Memo. 'The little bell set up and the steeple covered and leaded in the 18 year of King Henry VIII. to the charge of the parish of £7 or £8.'

Memo. 'A great gathering towards the new bells in the 21 year of King Henry VIII. Thomas Lawrence, of London, bell founder.

'The 1 bell named Spes, 807lb.

'The 2 bell named Katherine, 1,110lb.

'The 3 bell named Maria, 1,414lb.

'The 4 bell named Andrew, 1,825lb.

'Total 52 cwt.'

Memo. 'That Thomas Neale and William Preston, Churchwardens, made account of 3s. and 4d. paid by them of a penalty or fine unto the King's servants for not ringing the bells when the King's Majesty came by.'

'The obit of the Pope was solemnly kept and with great ringing of bells.' 4 Mary, 1557.

Memo. 'A broken bell—to wit the 3 in number—new cast by Hugh Walker.' 8 Eliz.

Item. 'Another bell new cast by Hugh Wadlow and John Bromley, Churchwardens, at the parish Charges.' 9 Eliz.

The present peal dates from 1731 and the bells bear the name of Phelps—now Messrs. Mears and Stainbank—founders, as also the names of the then Rector, Rev. Geoffrey Barton, and the churchwardens. In 1921 two of the bells were recast by Mears and Stainbank, and the peal rehung—iron girders being substituted for the old wooden beams.

The tenor weighs 28 cwt., and the whole peal 5 tons 12 cwt.

In the tower, besides, there still hangs the old 'Sanctus' bell of pre-Reformation times, cast by Robert Mott. This bell is still rung for week-day services to call the people to prayer.

St. Andrew's has a Guild of Change Ringers, three of whom have held the proud position of Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths. Each Sunday morning and evening the bells are rung, as on special occasions as well, and the practice night is one Thursday each month. The Rector is president of the Guild, Mr. H. Alford Master, Mr. J. Hawkins (steeplekeeper) is secretary, and Mr. W. J. Norton treasurer for the current year.

In May, 1928, Mr. Joseph Rayner—well known in the ringing world—died at the ripe age of 92 years. He had been a ringer at St. Andrew's for 45 years and steeplekeeper for 20, and never did the belfry have a more careful custodian, or church bells a more devoted lover.

A GREAT BADDOW DEDICATION.

A lychgate of English oak, roofed with oak shingles, has been erected at the southern entrance to the churchyard at Great Baddow. The lychgate was provided from a bequest by the late Miss Mary Louisa Crabb, in memory of her family, which had been for many years associated with the parish. It was dedicated by the Bishop of Barking, who referred to the fact that he came there six years ago to dedicate the peal of bells which had been recast and rehung. Such things, he said, were symbolical. The bells rang out the invitation to worship, and the gate was symbolical of an entrance through Christ to God. It was also symbolical of a halting place for them to ponder about higher and spiritual things.

In connection with the dedication, a peal was rung on the church bells conducted by Dr. Spencer Phillips, who is churchwarden.

VARIATION AND TRANSPOSITION. THE PROBLEM EXPLORED.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

One of the questions which most interest ringers is that of the authorship and originality of methods and peal compositions. Whenever you get one or two of them talking together it is as likely as not to crop up. A peal has been published as composed and conducted by so and so, and people knowing what has been done in the particular method say that it cannot possibly be original. Conscientious secretaries are oftentimes troubled in their minds whether they ought to let certain names stand in their reports as the composers of certain peals, and I am frequently asked my opinion on the originality of compositions. Some little while ago the captain of one of the foremost bands in the country wrote me a long and interesting letter on the subject. He suggested that it was a matter which the Central Council should take up, that some standard of originality should be agreed on, and that a register of compositions made available so that anyone could find out whether a peal was an old one or not. He invited my co-operation, but the subject bristles with difficulties, and though I gave the matter some thought I did nothing. Now, an influential member of the Exercise has asked me to deal with the variation and transposition of peals and methods, and I am going to do so as a necessary part of the other and larger subject.

In the first place we must recognise that the ideas which ringers hold about authorship and originality have been gradually evolved during three centuries, and they have changed from time to time, and are still changing. We shall make a great mistake if we imagine that the various standards of ringing are fixed and unalterable. It is a healthy sign, a sign of life and progress, that what men think in one generation is not quite the same as what they think in the next. Take the form of ringing as an example: its division into lead and course and peal or touch. After more than a hundred years' development ringers adopted the standard that you must have a method which consists of a course which has as many leads, all alike, as there are working bells; and that one kind of bob only is allowable. Later on they agreed that the lead must have certain definite qualities. By this means they arrived at the style of method which is now universally practised. Here, at least, you might think there is finality. But no; method splicing has introduced quite new ideas, and the tendency seems to be that the rigidity of the old standard will be relaxed. It is not that the old has been found to be wrong, but that new development has caused new ideas. So with the standards of authorship. Five and twenty years ago men held opinions about authorship and originality of composition which they thought final. To-day those views are changing, and five and twenty years hence quite different views may prevail.

In the early days there was little question of authorship. It was a recognised fact that certain men had introduced certain peals and methods, but neither in Stedman's two books, nor in the various 'Campanalogias' nor in 'The Clavis' are the names of any composers given. By the accident that Stedman's name became the title of his *Principle*, his authorship of it has been recognised. Tradition tells us that Porter composed Double Norwich, but for the most part we do not know, or can only guess, to whom the Exercise owes the standard methods—Treble Bob, Cambridge, London and the rest. It is only by tradition that we know that one of the three authors of 'The Clavis' was the composer of the peals given in it. The book says nothing, except that Superlative was 'our own'; and it is quite likely that some, at least, of the peals were ones which were familiar to John Reeves, but were not actually his own composition. Indeed, if I remember aright, there is one peal always reckoned as Reeves', which in the Cumberland peal book is said to be the composition of George Gross.

It is the same with peal boards. As a rule the early ones say nothing about the composer. Where they do it is usually in such exceptional cases as the first peal of Grandsire or Stedman. The earliest peal board of all is an example, and its wording is interesting and instructive. It is the record of the peal of Grandsire Bob Triples rung at Norwich in 1715. It says: 'It has been Studied by the most Acute Ringers in the land, but to no Effect ever since Triple Changes were first Rung; but now at last its found out to the truth by John Garthorn, one of the said Society and Rung by him and the rest of the Society.' We can paraphrase it something

like this. For a long time ringers knew that there was a peal of Grandsire Bob Triples to be had if only one knew how to apply Bob Minor to seven bells, and John Garthorn was the first man who had the knowledge and ability to do so. It is quite a different claim to the modern one of authorship and ownership. The wording of the boards recording the first peals of Grandsire and Stedman Triples are similar. But where boards record peals of Major or Caters or Royal, no composers' names are given. Not till Shipway's book, which appeared about 1820, do we find it the rule to put a man's name as composer to every composition.

But, of course, the modern ideas about authorship had been growing up in the Exercise from very early times. Annable, in his note-book, which was evidently a draft of the book he intended to publish, is careful to put an initial letter under the leads of the six-bell methods he wrote out to show the composers, or perhaps the persons from whom he got them—A for Anable, S for Stedman, D for Doleman, and L for Laughton. Whether he would have put their names in the printed book or not, we cannot tell, for unfortunately it was never completed and never published. But by Shipway's time, when composers had multiplied and had turned their attention to many methods, it was generally recognised that, as nothing could exist without a cause, so there could be no composition without a composer. And, since composition was a vital and high branch of ringing, it was only due to the composer to recognise his work by putting his name to his compositions.

During the nineteenth century these ideas became more definite and reached the opinions generally held five and twenty years ago. In the eighties and nineties there were a number of composers of outstanding ability and industry who produced an immense number of peals. Three of the most typical and leading of these men were Henry Dains, Nathan Pitstow and Charles Henry Hattersley. The Exercise benefited enormously by their work, and their opinions are worthy of respect. Broadly, their view was as follows, and it was shared generally by ringers. They accepted one or two rules of variation. Beyond that, each method or peal was a distinct composition and belonged to the person who first produced it. As a rule it was necessary to publish a peal to prove priority of composition, but other ways, such as ringing it, might be accepted. Once you had made out your title to your peal it was your property. Another man might compose it quite independently. That did not affect the case. Priority of composition was everything. It was no answer for the man to say that he did not and could not know that there had been previous publication. He should have known. It was the business of anyone who wished to enter the ranks of the composers to make himself acquainted with what had already been done. When, as must inevitably happen, someone did by mistake publish a peal that had already been published, it was his duty to apologise and withdraw as soon as the fact was brought to his notice. No one ought to use another's peal without acknowledgment, and it was even held that if a man spoke disparagingly of a composition or a method he was insulting its composer. People thought that they had real rights and property in their peals, and they were ready to fight for them, and did fight for them, as you can see if you turn to the correspondence columns of the ringing papers.

Now, apart from extravagances, if you accept two ideas, these views were quite natural and logical. The two ideas are, first, that each composition, with its definite variations, is a distinct thing; and the other that the composer creates something which did not exist before. Ringers had got to look on compositions in ringing as if they were like literary or musical compositions. Everybody recognises, and the law recognises, property in musical compositions. Why not in peal compositions? It takes, or rather it once took, as much ability and knowledge to compose a peal of Bob Major as a hymn tune. If there is copyright in one, why not in the other? True, the arrangement of bobs in some peals is very simple; but so is the arrangement of notes in an Anglican Church chant. And they are copyright. I think that when Holt issued his broadsheet of peals of Grandsire Triples he had produced something which did not exist before, and, speaking diffidently, as becomes a layman, I think the law would have upheld his property and copyright in his peals.

But it soon became clear that there are difficulties. Holt had to use an infinity of labour and trouble to get his peals, but once they were published it was no great difficulty for other people to get other peals, similar in many ways, but not quite the same. Whose property are they? John Reeves, as we know, found that by bobbing the Q set with the second before he could get an improvement. That was called 'Reeves' Variation,' giving the credit partly to the original author and partly to the author of the variation. Other men were not so particular. In the belfry of Lambeth Parish Church there is a board recording a peal of Grandsire Triples; when and by whom rung I do not remember. It does not matter. But it is said to have been composed by such a one, and to have contained 103 bobs and 2 singles. When we consider all the circumstances, it does not require much imagination to guess that what was rung was half of Holt's Ten Part and half of Reeves' Variation. We may think that it was not quite honest of the man to call it his composition, but I do not know that we ought to. People knew very little about variation in those days, and they may quite well have thought that this really was a new peal.

Shipway does not hesitate to put his name to a peal which is only Reeves' Variation begun at another lead-end. This sort of thing was done continually, and the names of the people who did it forbid us to think that it was anything which was not considered perfectly right and allowable. There are many such instances in Sottanall's book, and in 'Treble Bob' Jasper Snowden gives some cases. The three Surprise peals rung at Bennington—Cambridge in 1873, Superlative in 1855, and London in 1870—were all by J. Miller, and all were variations of older compositions. It is pretty sure that Miller knew of the older peals and used them to produce his; but did he know that his variations would automatically produce true peals, as we know it now? I am not so sure. Perhaps he thought he was doing what would be considered quite legitimate now—taking the idea of an old peal and using it to produce another peal with different course-ends and different qualities.

The publication by Jasper Snowden of 'A Treatise on Treble Bob' in 1878 set up a new standard. He explained that any composition may be varied by beginning it at any lead-end, and that every composition may be reversed and still be true. This was the standard which I said was generally accepted five and twenty years ago. Each composition was regarded as a distinct thing, but it could be varied in these two ways, and the original and the variations alike were the property of the first composer. But now a new factor came into the case. The older composers, all except Fabian Siedman, worked by experimental methods, and looked on their peals as artistic productions. In the late eighties and nineties a new style of composition came in which regarded a peal as the result of mathematical law. C. D. P. Davies and W. H. Thompson were the pioneers of this class of composition, and they were followed by A. P. Heywood, H. Earle Bulwer and others. For the most part they held the current ideas of ownership, and were equally ready as the others to fight for their rights. But it makes all the difference in the long run if you consider a composition as the solution of a mathematical problem instead of an artistic creation. And especially if you teach other people to look at it so.

The publication of the Central Council Collections may fairly be said to have given the death blow to the old ideas of authorship and ownership so far as methods are concerned. The six-bell methods were worked out neither as distinct compositions nor as the solution of mathematical problems. A simple formula was set up which gave every combination of all possible places in a lead. From this, by a purely mechanical process, the different leads were written out. Those which did not produce the proper lead-ends were rejected and the remainder were the full total of Minor methods. In the same way all the Plain Triples and Plain Major methods were produced. The latter number over eight hundred, and of course, they could not all be printed. In making the necessary selection a new plan was adopted. There is a short chapter in the book which begins thus: 'Methods are not isolated independent things. They are related to each other in a number of ways.' It is then pointed out that there is a small number of simple, or 'key,' methods, and that all the others follow from these by means either of combining them together or by varying them according to definite and ascertainable rules. Then follow the simply constructed methods in the order they appear one from another. Anyone who studies this part of the 'Collection of Plain Major Methods' will see that there is no room for individual authorship and ownership. And, indeed, anything of the sort was ignored in making the collection. Where a method had been rung or was known to the Exercise from its having been printed in one of the standard books, its name was carefully given. Many of the others no doubt had been published and possibly named. As they had never been rung, and, to all intents and purposes, were forgotten, it was not considered necessary to search for them, since every possible method was in the hands of the compilers.

What is true of the Plain Methods is equally true of Treble Bob Methods. But with this proviso. The number of methods on the Treble Bob Principle is so immense, so unbelievably immense, that no one will ever be able to claim that he has written them all out, or even an appreciable part of them. But the laws of method construction are now fairly well known. We can see pretty well what is possible. We can see how methods are related to each other. We can by means of short formulæ set down hundreds of methods in any one of which the lead-ends, or for that matter any particular row, can readily be ascertained. During these last thirty years, working on the Methods Committee's investigations, I must have written out many thousands of fresh methods. How many I have worked out in formulæ I should not care to say, even if I knew. But I have never claimed the authorship or ownership of a single one, and most of the new methods which appear from time to time are old friends. I have before me a manuscript book, the result of some investigations I made into Surprise Methods. It measures about eleven inches by eight and four inches thick. It consists of sheets of thin paper, and has nothing but half-leads of Surprise Methods, each one of which stands for two methods, sometimes for four, sometimes for more. How many there are all together I do not know. It is too long a job to count them. These represent only a small proportion of those that can be mechanically written out without any experimenting and with the certainty of arriving at a

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

JOINT MEETING IN THE SOUTHERN DIVISION.

The quarterly meeting of the Southern Division was held at Rawmarsh on Saturday, December 13th, in conjunction with the other societies in the Southern area of the county, and the result was a successful gathering, upwards of thirty members attending from Ecclefield, Doncaster, Arksey, Conisborough, Wath, Dartfield, Treeton, Handsworth, Rotherham, Felkirk, Sheffield Cathedral, Adwick-le-Street, Ashton-under-Lyne and the local company. Previous to service, good practice was obtained in Stedman and Grandsire Triples. Double Norwich Major and Cambridge Surprise Major. At the usual service the Rev. Canon Scovell officiated, and his address, delivered in his own bright and happy style, was much appreciated. Tea was served in the Parish Room, and the ringers were honoured by the presence of the Rector and his curate and both of the churchwardens.

Previous to the business meeting, the company were entertained to a course of Bob Royal on handbells by the same band that recently rang a peal of Royal, the first in the Southern area for a number of years. It is hoped, now they have started, that they will continue with the good work. The band was Mrs. C. Ryder 1-2, S. Briggs 3-4, A. Nash 5-6, C. Ryder 7-8, and A. Firth 9-10.

The Rector presided at the business meeting, and Mr. G. Lewis, vice-president of the Southern Division, gave a very hearty welcome to the kindred societies, and thanked them for their attendance.

Mr. J. R. Matlock, of Wath, was elected to membership of the Yorkshire Association, and an invitation was given by Handsworth to hold the annual meeting at that place. This was accepted, the date being fixed for March 21st, 1931.

A suggestion was made that the local societies should drop their usual monthly meetings in the month when quarterly meetings of the association are due to be held and combine in a joint meeting. This met with a favourable reception, and the secretaries of the societies concerned promised to bring the matter before their members and do all in their power to give effect to the proposal.

The next annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association is to be held in the Southern area at Wakefield, on Saturday, January 31st, and the secretary asked all who possibly could to attend and help to make it a success.

Mr. Thorpe, hon. secretary of the Sheffield and District Society, and Mr. Gledstone, hon. secretary of the Doncaster and District Society, heartily thanked the Southern Division for the invitation to the meeting, and hoped that the happy relations and good feeling which existed between the local societies and the Yorkshire Association would continue, and, if possible, grow stronger from year to year.

Votes of thanks to Vicar and churchwardens, to the ladies for the excellent tea, and to the local company, were carried and replied to by the Rector and his warden (Mr. Roberts).

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given lead-end, if only one knows the laws of method construction. When one reaches this stage, what, do you think, is left of any ideas of a method as a distinct composition or of authorship and ownership?

It is only fair at this point to say that when you have more or less blindly written out half a lead of a method, you have not done very much. Before it is any good to the Exercise there are many other things to do. You must know something about necessary qualities, you must work out proof scales and peals. This wholesale manufacture does not supersede the kind of work that Arthur Craven did, or that Messrs. Bankes James and Lindoff and others are doing. But it does throw a flood of light on questions of authorship and ownership which are sometimes hotly debated. When methods are common property, anyone has the right to take one and by working out proof scale and peal composition make it possible for a band to ring it. And if someone says, 'That is only a variation of my method,' the obvious retort is, 'And so is yours of someone else's.' There is no method which will stand any test of originality.

And now the question arises, Can originality be maintained in the case of peal compositions, or must they, too, be considered as, so to speak, common property? Personally, I think that the time will come when the idea that every composition has a composer who has the right to put his name to it will have to be dropped. When we issued the 'Collection of Major Methods' we had to supply peals for those methods where they were not already available. I was strongly in favour of printing them without any composers' names, as was the case with the methods. Probably we should have done so but for the fact that an outside composer had been invited to supply many of these compositions, and it would not have been fair to him to have broken the established custom. I will come to those peals I myself supplied later and show how much originality there was in them. Perhaps I may say, now, that by no accepted rule could I have put other men's names to them. Where that was possible, even by stretching the rule, it was done.

Now, after this long preamble, I come to what I am asked to do. I want to cover the ground as simply and as thoroughly as I can, and, of course, I shall have to say a good deal of what is already generally known. I am not writing for experts, but for the ordinary intelligent member of the Exercise who takes an interest in the scientific as well as in the art side of ringing.

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THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT.

BY O.P.Q.

The spirit of Christmas is abroad, or it is as I write these lines. With a cold in my head and no fire in the grate, the coalman having forgotten to call because I forgot to pay his last bill, I feel I have thoroughly gripped the mood for penning a few cheerful notes for readers of 'The Ringing World.' This is the season of peace and goodwill—you may have heard that sentiment before, and I certainly do not claim it as an original composition. For a few days, at any rate, we shall put aside our petty squabbles. Over the nuts and wine none of us will care two taps on a cracked bell whether the Painswick peal was a twelve-bell record or a peal of Doubles; whether or not Mr. James George had rung a peal after he had stood for 11 hrs. 36 mins. on the tenor box in the Gloucestershire tower; whether or not a certain London society is the oldest and the leading ringing organisation in the country, or any of those many other little things which seem to worry many of my ringing friends. Let us be merry. I am only concerned about one thing at the moment and that is whether my Christmas dinner will be a record turkey, or the sausage meat I am going to buy for the stuffing—if I get it. As one tramp said to the other, 'If we had only got some ham we could have ham and eggs, if we had only got the eggs.'

But never mind, we ringers are cheerful folk—sometimes. See how readily we get up early on Christmas morning and disturb the peace and rest of everybody in the parish at some unearthly hour in the interests of 'peace and goodwill'! It is really great fun—for us—to awaken Christians and heathen alike at 5 a.m., to remind them of this peace and goodwill. It may be a pretty custom, but it is also a pretty fiction. There is not much peace for anyone within earshot when the bells begin, and it brings little of goodwill to the ringers—at least, not in the street where I happen to live. After Christmas it usually takes me about twelve months to regain the goodwill, which I lose by helping to ring at five o'clock on Christmas morning, and I ask myself every year, 'Is it worth getting out of a warm bed at that hour to go out into the cold, unaired streets and into a draughty belfry on purpose to upset all my neighbours on such a day as Christmas?' I am quite sure it isn't, after I have done it, and yet every year, like many of you, gentle readers, I do the same thing. Yes, we are cheerful folk, obedient to custom and command. We and our forefathers have done this ever since Queen Elizabeth (or was it Gladstone?) said, 'Let the bells ring out at five o'clock on Christmas morning.' And I suppose we shall always do it, for, after all, it is only the prelude of what we try to give the public on Boxing Day.

Yes, Boxing Day; that is the day for ringers; that is the time when we really do let ourselves go with the bells, and no one seems to mind. Of course, Boxing Day would not be the right day to attempt to beat the Painswick record, for you are not always quite fit on Boxing Day, what with having got up earlier in the morning on Christmas Day, the feasting and drinking you have indulged in, the staying up until morning hours. No, heads are not always quite so clear on Boxing Day as on some days in the year. It is all right, of course, for a few thousand, which doesn't matter whether it is rung or lost, and peals of this kind on Boxing Day are generally cheerful affairs. What matters it if the spirit of Christmas does cause two bells to change course, or a rope to break; it is all part of the fun. Besides, if you lose the peal there is more time to drink to each other's health.

And speaking of Boxing Day peals reminds me, as someone once said. I have no doubt we have all had queer ringing experiences, especially at Christmas. There are various things which account for them at this time of year, such as, for instance, plum pudding and mince pies, and—other things usually associated with Yuletide festivities. One of the weirdest adventures I ever had happened to me on a Boxing Day. A party of youths of varying age—they ranged from about 70 down to vanishing point—arranged to go out into the country for a peal of Caters, but one by one, after they had met, they dropped out, somewhat like the ten little nigger boys of our nursery days. You shall read the story in rhyme:—

Ten very stalwart ringing youths, imbued with Christmas zeal,
Once set out on a Boxing Day to Slopton for a peal,
But at a country inn they stopped and there the landlord's wine
Made one of them so helpless that they trudged on, only nine.

The road was long, and when they reached the village churchyard gate,
Bill Binns was also missing, so they numbered only eight.
Then eight jolly ringing youths made for the belfry stair,
The last one stuck when half-way up, and only seven got there.

Seven eager ringing youths knew quickly what to do,
Tom Brown said if they liked to start he thought he could ring two.
So off they went, but Tom soon got into a pretty fix,
One of the ropes got round his neck, and that left only six.

They started then for Minor, but it did not long survive;
A bob choked the conductor, then there were only five.
Five frightened youths rushed to his aid, but when on the trap door,
Jim Smith fell through to the church below, and that left only four.

Out of the tower these ringers dashed and bumped into a tree,
The churchyard ghost grabbed 'Ginger' Boast, and that left only three.

Three ringers white, with shaking knees, made for the Old Dun Cow.
Joe Binks fell in the village pond, then there were only two.

With hearts revived by potions strong, these two strode out for home;
A roadside ditch claimed Peter Fitch, and I went on alone.
And all around the spectres danced, they stood me on my head—
I sat up quick and rubbed my skull—I'd fallen out of bed.

There are, of course, various kinds of Christmas spirits—there is no need for me to detail them; you know them as well as I do, but at a church where I used to ring, the spirit of Christmas was once displayed in an unexpected manner. In the 'good old days,' before the advent of 'belfry reform,' the ringers had a habit of laying in a store in the belfry for 'consumption on the premises' during the festive season. There was much ringing to be done, and ringing was thirsty work. Christmas eve was the time when they 'stocked the cellar,' which, as they rang on the ground floor, was behind the door of the stairs leading up to the tower. To old George, the steeple-keeper, was entrusted the task, and the cask, of the purchase. On this particular Christmas Eve he called at the Wagon and Horses for the customary nine-gallon barrel of 'old,' but, being Christmas Eve, he stopped long at the Wagon, and it was pretty late before he started to roll the cask towards the scene of its execution. I don't know whether any of my readers have tried it—I must confess I haven't—but I should imagine that to roll a cask over the inequalities of a village street in the darkness of night, and to steer it along the narrow paths of a churchyard would not be an easy job at any time, but on Christmas Eve of all nights of the year—well, it would be, I should think, inordinately difficult. And so old George found it. He had been gone from the Wagon and Horses some time, when Bill Muggins, nothing by trade, but poacher by profession, came across him, sitting by the side of the road, clapping the barrel and telling it that he did not intend it should run away—not if he knew it. Now old George saw in Bill Muggins a very present help in time of trouble, although at other times he would not care to be seen in his company, and he called upon him to come to his aid and help him direct the recalcitrant barrel to its proper destination. Between them, or rather, in front of them, for Bill did the pushing and George followed on behind, they eventually established the cask under the stairs. George could not see very well in the dark, so he got Bill to lock up the belfry and deposit the key under the mat in the porch ready for the first corner in the morning.

The inhabitants of the village were aroused, as they expected to be, at six o'clock on Christmas morning with the ringing of the bells. Despite the hour, the ringers were present in force, and, having rung, turned to further herald the day by pledging peace and goodwill to all men in a draught of the 'old.' Old George went behind the door to drive in the tap which he had brought in his pocket. At the first blow of the hammer there was an ominous, hollow sound from the cask, and at the next the tap went home without any of that solid, satisfying feeling which accompanies the final drive into a full barrel. George's misgivings developed into certainty as he carefully lifted the cask. Unquestionably, it was empty, and his chin dropped. The others, waiting on the other side of the door, could not believe the tragic news until about half of them had separately tested the weight of the barrel. And then they held an inquest, at which they formed themselves into coroner and jury combined, with old George as the principal witness. He called on Jim Cowhide to witness that when he left the Wagon and Horses the cask was full, and Jim had to admit that, as he had helped George to get it out of the door of the Wagon, he was quite sure it was full at that time. And George called upon them all to witness that there were no signs of any leakage in the belfry. All the same, it was their money that had been spent, and their throats that were dry, and—well, what was George going to do about it? George didn't know, but he said he would see the landlord of the Wagon at opening time. Meanwhile he could only attribute it to the ghost which was said to haunt the churchyard on Christmas Eve.

Bill Muggins had the merriest Christmas of his life. Old ale only came his way when he called for a drink at someone else's expense.

and that wasn't often. But 'Father Christmas had brought him a nine-gallon barrel of it this year,' he told his family, and his family had learned never to tell tales. Bill told himself that it was not much trouble to fit a bung to an empty cask, and carry it in the dark from the yard of the Wagon and Horses to the church. It was harder work to get the full cask home—but it was worth it.

The Editor has entrusted me with the task of reviewing some of the books recently received from publishers, and I would recommend my readers to add the following to their bookshelves:—

'The Treatment of Bells.'—This is a new handbook on the care and preservation of bells, and I give you a few of the hints which it contains—there are, of course, many more equally as useful—so that you can judge of its value for yourselves:—

'Bells being musical instruments should be treated as such. Do not knock them about with a sledge hammer; they resent it. If they are obstinate, it is best to talk quietly with them, and, if necessary, pat them gently. The most stubborn bells can generally be made to go by kindness.'

'It is useless to attempt to produce sound from bells by blowing into them as you would into a cornet or flute. It is easier to blow the froth off a pint of ale. The best results are obtained from bells if they are struck with the clapper, which is usually provided by the maker for the purpose.'

'Where the tones are harsh, these may sometimes be softened by simmering the bells for a few hours over a gentle heat.'

'Bells will not crack if they are never touched.'

'In cold weather the steeplekeeper should wrap the bells in blankets at night, and, if possible, cover them with an eiderdown quilt. They like it (the bells, not the steeplekeepers), and start up quicker in the morning.'

'Frames with rheumatic joints or which have gone groggy at the knees should be made "tight." This can sometimes best be done by lubricating the ringers.'

This book should be kept in every belfry for ready reference. It costs 2s. 6d., and would be cheaper at half the price.

'Make your own Methods,' by Rasper Raindon.—This is a text book that all ringers should have by them for emergencies. It is prepared in ready reckoner form, so that ringers may compile their own methods and at the same time produce the necessary compositions to obtain peals. To the uninitiated, the procedure for doing this appears to be slightly complex, but the author is confident that anyone can master its intricacies in 25 years. It is cheap at a shilling, and would make a suitable Christmas present for a beginner—if he is a young man.

'Christmas Bells.'—This little book of verse is by Abel Puller, who in his preface says he has gained his inspiration from his actual experience as a ringer. Here is the opening of his first poem, which gives the title to the book:—

The bells on Christmas morning, from out the steeple high,
Spread their sounds across the house tops, beneath the starry sky.
(For as yet the sun is hidden; 'tis the hour before the dawn.)
The children wake with laughter; their parents curse and yawn. . . .

I don't think it is necessary to quote any more of the poem. These lines speak for themselves, and there is plenty more such rot to be found in the volume, if you care to buy it.

'The Missed Sallie.'—Miss Belle Ringer, the author of 'Love in a Belfry,' and 'Eric the Tenorman,' has achieved her greatest success in her new novel, 'The Missed Sallie.' It is a thrilling story of a woman's daring for the man she loved. For poignant treatment and intense drama, we have read nothing to compare with this book—and don't want to!

WHAT IS A 'TWELVE-BELL' PEAL?

To the Editor.

Sir,—I do not think that ever lawyers could equal the amount of verbal quibbling that has amused me ever since the Painswick peal. My own view—as a lawyer—is a very simple one, viz., there are two varieties of twelve-bell peals, one with the tenor covering, the other with the tenor taking part. The Painswick peal was of the former variety, and surpassed in the number of changes any peal in either variety; therefore it is a record in twelve-bell peal ringing. Don't you think this correspondence may now cease? We shall have worries enough in the new year without this one.—Yours faithfully,
Birmingham, J. S. PRITCHETT.

MANCHESTER RINGER'S DEATH.

With much regret we announce the death of ex-P.C. Walter Billinge, of Moss-side, Manchester, which took place on Thursday, December 11th, at the age of 62 years, after a short illness, from pneumonia. The deceased was a member of the City Police band of ringers for many years, until his retirement from the force in June, 1922.

The funeral took place on Monday, December 15th, at the Southern Cemetery.

A plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the grave by P.C. W. Pye, P.C. D. Brown, P.C. F. Page and P.C. W. Robinson, as a token of respect for one who was much respected by all who knew him.

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- 5634278 New Gloucester.
- 3564278 Rutland.
- 2635847 Bristol.
- 3265847 Cambridge or Pudsey.
- 5427386 *Rutland or Method B.
- 3254678 *Rutland or Method B.
- 6532847 Cambridge or Yorkshire.
- 2457683 Rutland, Method C, or Craven's No. 10 Reverse.
- 5264378 London.
- 3652847 Cambridge or Superlative.
- 2467385 London.
- 3624578 London.
- 5236847 Cambridge or Yorkshire.
- 6427583 London.
- 2654378 Rutland, Method C, or Craven's No. 10 Reverse.
- 3526847 Cambridge.
- 6457382 Norfolk.
- 2356847 Cambridge or Superlative.
- 6437285 London or Lindoff's No. 10.
- 2364578 Lindoff's No. 30.
- 5623847 Cambridge.
- 3467582 Norfolk.
- 2563847 Cambridge or Lincolnshire.
- 3457286 London or Method A.
- 5324678 London or Method A.
- 6253847 Cambridge or Lincolnshire.
- 3427685 Lindoff's No. 30.
- 6234578

Repeat four times.

To ensure the truth of the peal the two leads marked * must be rung in the same method.

When method C is rung, method B must also be rung. If Craven's No. 10 Reverse is rung, method A must also be rung, and Lincolnshire must be rung at 7.

From this composition peals may be rung in from seven to sixteen methods. For seven ring London, Cambridge, Bristol, Rutland, New Gloucester, Norfolk and Lindoff's No. 30.

| Method A. | Method B. | Method C. |
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| 64281537 | 42381765 | 24871635 |
| 46825173 | 24837156 | 42786153 |
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| 84265173 | 82347156 | 74826153 |
| 48256713 | 28374516 | 47286513 |
| 84527631 | 82735461 | 74825631 |
| 85426713 | 87253416 | 47826513 |
| 58247631 | 78524361 | 74285631 |
| 85427361 | 75842631 | 72458361 |

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In the panel given below are the 30 lead heads and lead ends of a 720—let us, for this occasion, give it a seasonable name—Yuletide Surprise Minor. It is a method in which 2nd's place is made at a plain lead and, of course, 4th's place at a bob. To facilitate manipulation of the figures, cut out the panel and stick it on a card—a post card will do—and then cut the panel along the lines into 30 sections.

What you have to do is to re-arrange the sections so that the whole of them are used. When this has been done you will have a true extent in the method because all the 720 rows have been utilised. The top line in each section is a 'lead head' and the bottom the corresponding 'lead end,' and every lead head of one section must properly connect with the lead end that precedes it by a 24365 or a 32465 transposition. Thus, 126435 lead end can be succeeded by one of two lead heads only: 124653 (by means of 2nd's place) or 162453 (by means of 4th's place). Here are the alternative connections:—

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| | 136524 | 136524 |
| lead end | 126435 | 126435 |
| lead head | 124653 | 162453 |
| | 154326 | 152364 |

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| 156423 | 156342 | 156234 |
| 126354 | 146253 | 136452 |
| 153246 | 164523 | 162534 |
| 143652 | 124365 | 132465 |
| 135426 | 123456 | 126543 |
| 125634 | 153624 | 146325 |
| 124653 | 134562 | 163254 |
| 154326 | 164235 | 153462 |
| 136264 | 136524 | 134625 |
| 165432 | 126435 | 124536 |
| 142356 | 163542 | 123645 |
| 152643 | 143265 | 143526 |
| 132654 | 164352 | 134256 |
| 152436 | 154263 | 154632 |
| 145236 | 162453 | 125346 |
| 135642 | 152364 | 145623 |
| 163425 | 142635 | 125463 |
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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Denham (8 bells) on Friday, Dec. 26th, at 3 p.m. Tea, at 1s. 3d. per head.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Llandaff on Friday, Dec. 26th (Boxing Day), at 4.30. The Dean will preside. Bells (10) available during the afternoon and evening.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637.)—The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members who have not met twenty times to vote on matters of finance is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on January 1st, 15th, 19th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 8th (8 p.m.), *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 13th, Southwark Cathedral on the 22nd, *St. Giles', Cripplegate, or the Coffee Pot, on the 27th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The annual meeting will be held at headquarters, St. Martin's Hotel, on Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Ringing at St. Martin's from 5 to 6. Business meeting at 6.15 prompt.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The annual meeting will be held at Earl Shilton on Saturday, Jan. 3rd, commencing at 3.30 p.m. Tea in the Schools at 5, followed by business meeting. It is hoped a good attendance will be registered, all ringers being welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting in Cambridge on Saturday, Jan. 3rd, 2.30, St. Andrew the Great. 3.55, Stedman Doubles at St. Benedict. 4, Service. 4.30-5, ringing in Stedman's Tower. 5.15, tea at Dorothy Café. 6.30 p.m., St. Mary the Great. All ringers will be very welcome.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Kempston on Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting for election of officers, etc. Please make an effort to attend.—Percy C. Bonnett, Hon. Dis. Sec., Stagsden, Beds.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Nottingham District will be held at St. Mary's (10 bells), Nottingham, on Jan. 3rd. Tower open 5 p.m. All members are requested to attend. Have an early tea and come and try this hefty lot.—E. C. Gobey, 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. The annual meeting will be held at Devizes on Saturday, Jan. 3rd. The following bells will be available from 3 p.m.: St. John's (8), St. Mary's (6), St. James' (6). Guild service in St. John's Church 4.30. Tea in St. John's Parish Room 5. Business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. — The following branches will hold a joint meeting at Blackburn on Jan. 10th: Blackburn, Preston and Fylde Branches. Bells available from 3 p.m. at Blackburn Cathedral, Holy Trinity and St. Michael's (10; 8, and 8 bells respectively). Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited to attend. Reports to hand.—F. Hindle, Hon. Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Chiswick on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea, etc., arranged as usual. A hearty welcome to all. N.B.—Annual meeting at Isleworth, Feb. 7th.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Annual meeting at Blankney and Metheringham, Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells available: Blankney (6) 2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. (only for those who send names to H. Marcon, 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln). Business afterwards. Metheringham (8) 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at West Malling on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Tower open for ringing 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Subscription for 1931 can be paid at this meeting. All ringers welcome. Please notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The annual meeting for the election of officers for the ensuing year will be held in Derby on Saturday, Jan. 10th. The bells of St. Andrew's (10) will be available from 2.30 p.m. till 4.30 p.m., and the bells of St. Alkmund's (8) from 6 p.m. till 7.30 p.m. The business meeting will be held at St. Andrew's belfry at 4.30 p.m. A good attendance is desired. Tea can be obtained at King's Café, St. Peter's Street.—George Freebrey, Local Hon. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A dinner will be held at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday, Jan. 10th, 1931. Tickets 5s. 6d. each. Only a few tickets are now available. Ringing at Cathedral (8) and S. Nicolas' (10) during the afternoon.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 17th, at St. Mary's Church, Brecon. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided by the Vicar.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec., Belle Vue, Brecon.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS.—The tenth annual dinner will be held at the Grand Hotel, Bristol, Jan. 17th, at 6 p.m. St. Ambrose bells (8) will be available at 1.30 p.m. An afternoon attraction, with tea and bun, is being arranged. Details later. Tickets, 5s. 6d., from Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

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DEATH OF THE REV. C. C. PARKER.

FORMER MASTER OF THE BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

We regret to announce the death of the Rev. Claud Campbell Parker, Rector of Corston, vice-president and formerly Master of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, which, for some years, he represented on the Central Council. The deceased gentleman, who held a Prebendary stall in Wells Cathedral, had been Rector of Corston for 27 years, and during that time many improvements had been carried out in the church and parish through his instrumentality.

Prebendary Parker was the second and last surviving son of the late Joseph R. Parker, C.S.I., of the India Office, by his first wife. Educated at Keble College, Oxford, and Cuddesdon Theological College, he graduated M.A. in 1894, having been ordained priest in the previous year. While at Oxford he was a successful coxswain, and, in addition to being actively interested in the Bath and Wells Association, he was fond of golf and shooting. He was head of the social and athletic, as well as the religious life of the Corston district, and will be greatly missed and mourned throughout the neighbourhood. He had been ill for more than a year. Just before Christmas, 1929, he underwent an operation which, at the time, was successful, and he had been able, with help, to resume his duties since July until about a month ago.

The funeral took place on Monday, when the Archdeacon of Bath officiated at the service at Corston, and in the evening muffled ringing, as a last token of respect, took place at Bath Abbey.

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To the Editor.

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